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# CM exudes confidence of BJP retaining power

*'Kaziranga Elevated Corridor to be milestone in Assam's development journey'*



**KALIABOR, NAGAON Jan 18:** Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said the state had reached a historic milestone in its development journey with the foundation stone laying of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

and the PM had personally come to Kaliabor to present it to the people of Assam. This will give a major boost to Assam's development while prioritising environmental conservation and wildlife protection," Sarma said.

He expressed confidence that the people of Assam would give the BJP another term in the 2026 Assembly elections as a "special gift" to Modi.

Implemented in accordance with directions of the Supreme Court and recommendations of the Wildlife Institute of India, the project will ensure safe movement of wildlife and significantly reduce road accidents and human-animal conflict, Sarma said.

Sarma said the two Amrit Bharat Express trains virtually flagged off by the Prime Minister will significantly (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

*PM performs Bhoomi Pujan for Kaziranga Elevated Corridor, flags off two Amrit Bharat trains*

# People's trust on BJP has multiplied: Modi

**HT Bureau GUWAHATI/NAGAON Jan 18:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday continued his attack on the Congress party and said that the people of India have rejected the opposition party and its politics.

Modi said this after performing the Bhoomi Pujan for the long-awaited Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project at Kaliabor and flagging off two new trains, marking a major push towards environmentally sensitive infrastructure development and improved connectivity in Assam.

Modi said, "Congress has been uprooted from Maharashtra in the recent municipal elections, the opposition party has suffered a huge defeat. The Congress once ruled the western state for a long time; however, the voters have rejected their politics because Congress has no developmental agenda for the people of this country."

The Prime Minister argued that



the trust of the people on the BJP had multiplied in the last one and half years.

"Despite ruling Bihar for 30 years, the voters have once again trusted the BJP with a huge mandate in the recently concluded state elections there. In Kerala, the BJP has done well in the local body polls and now Thiruvantapuram has a mayor from the BJP. This shows people's amplified trust on the governance model of the BJP," he said.

Modi argued that the people want good governance and the BJP has been offering it to the citizens.

He said, "The governance model of the BJP works for devel-

opment along with keeping our age-old traditions intact. We have shown that the economy and ecology can move simultaneously. The ambitious plan of building an elevated corridor by spending around ₹ 6,000 crores will not only protect the wildlife animals but also it will also have a positive impact on the local economy."

Attacking Congress on rhino poaching, the Prime Minister said, "One horned rhinos are the greatest wealth of the country; however, during the rule of Congress in the state, we have witnessed a spike in the cases of rhino poaching. The BJP government when came to power, pledged to stop poaching of one horned rhinos and we have been immensely successful in this. In 2025, Assam recorded zero rhino poaching."

Modi also took a jibe at the Congress party on the infiltration issue and said, "Congress backed the (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## BJP giving 5 times higher rail budget for Assam than Congress: Modi

**HT Bureau GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday strongly criticised previous Congress governments for giving low budget for the railway networks in Assam.

He said, "When Congress in power at the Centre, Assam received only about ₹2,000 crore in the rail budget, whereas under his government this has been increased to nearly ₹10,000 crore annually—five times more."

PM Modi stated that this enhanced investment has led to large-scale infrastructure development, with new rail lines, doubling and electrification boosting railway capacity and passenger facilities.

The Prime Minister announced the launch of three new train services from Kaliabor, marking a significant expansion in Assam's rail connectivity.

He said the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train will connect Guwahati to Kolkata, making long-distance travel more comfortable, while two Amrit Bharat Express trains will cover important stations across Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, directly benefiting lakhs of passengers.

PM Modi underlined that these trains will connect Assam's traders to new markets, provide students easier access to educational opportunities, and simplify travel across different parts of the country.

He remarked that such connectivity expansion builds confidence that the North East is no longer on the margins of development, no longer distant, but close to the heart and close to Delhi.

Modi remarked that the greatest pain of the North East has always been distance—distance of hearts and distance of places.

He said that for decades, people of the region felt that development was happening elsewhere and they were being left behind, which affected not only the economy but also trust.

He highlighted that the BJP, through the Governments at Union and State, have changed this sentiment (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## Skill competition among NE youths to get underway in Guwahati

**GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** A skill competition among youths of all eight North Eastern states in 26 categories will get underway in Guwahati on Monday.

The North East Regional Competition of IndiaSkills 2025-26, from January 19 to 22 at Gauhati University, is being organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

This is the first time a dedicated IndiaSkills competition is being conducted exclusively for the North East region, with participation from all the states, Hena Usman, joint secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said here on Sunday.

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is serving as the knowledge



partner and implementing agency for IndiaSkills Competition 2025-26.

The competition will bring together skilled youth from all eight North East states to compete across 26 skill categories on a national platform celebrating regional talent and excellence, Usman said.

The competition will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary.

"IndiaSkills is the country's premier national skill competition framework, designed to identify, nurture and benchmark India's best vocational

talent against global standards, while creating a structured progression pathway for skilled youth from the grassroots to national and international platforms, including the WorldSkills Competition," the joint secretary said.

The ongoing IndiaSkills Competition 2025-26 cycle has witnessed one of the widest participation footprints to date, with 3.65 lakh candidates registering from 35 states and Union Territories across 63 skill categories, through the Skill India Digital Hub, she added.

The regional competition has been conceptualised to reduce geographic and logistical barriers for participation, strengthen skill ecosystems in the North East region, and identify region-specific strengths and (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## Himanta to attend WEF summit in Davos

*Assam CM to join over 17 meetings*  
**● Important agreements likely to be signed**

**GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** Assam will participate at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Switzerland for the first time with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma presenting the state's investment opportunities in front of the global captains, an official communique said on Sunday.

During his four-day stay at the Alpine resort town of Davos, a number of important agreements are likely to be signed, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a post on X.

"For the first time, Assam steps onto the world stage at the World Economic Forum, @davos 2026. HCM @himantabiswa will represent the State from 19-23 January, showcasing Assam's growing economic confidence and investment potential," it added.

The CMO further said that key MoUs are expected to be signed, placing Assam's future-ready vision before a global audience.

Issuing a statement later, the CM PR Cell said Sarma will use the WEF platform to explain governance reforms, industrial growth plans and technology-driven development shaping Assam's growth.

"It may be noted that the Central govern-

ment has given Assam the opportunity to represent the country at the WEF alongside other leading states of the nation," it added.

In the past, India's developed states usually represented the country at this business summit, while the Centre has extended the opportunity to Assam for the first time this year.

Following the successful conclusion of Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati last year, expectations run high that the CM's participation in the WEF will significantly influence investment and economic prospects in Assam.

"During the conference, Sarma will present various development initiatives focused on inclusive growth and the digital revolution. India's rapid economic growth has drawn global attention, and Assam, being one of the fast-paced and promising states, has earned national and international attention," the statement stressed.

With notable advances in key sectors, the chief minister will seek to highlight Assam's progress on the global stage.

Sarma is scheduled to take part in more than 17 meetings at the (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## CBI arrests 2 proclaimed offenders wanted for over decade

**NEW DELHI, Jan 18:** The CBI has arrested two proclaimed offenders who were on the run for more than a decade in separate cases of financial fraud, officials said Sunday.

Tamanna Chakma alias Tamie May was convicted along with 22 other accused on May 17, 2024 in a 14-year-old case in which the agency had booked UP Mishra, the then zonal manager, NPCC Ltd, Silchar (Assam) and five others, based on a complaint in the matter of alleged misappropriation of compensation bills. The trial went on for nearly 12 years.

"During trial proceedings, the accused Tamanna Chakma failed to appear before the Trial Court and therefore an Arrest Warrant was issued by Ld. Trial Court. Further, persistent and sustained efforts were made to trace the accused during the course of Trial, however, she remained untraceable," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday.

Chakma did not appear before

the trial court even after the pronouncement of the judgment, she said.

Subsequently, based on inputs collected during field verification, physical surveillance and thorough CDR analysis, Chakma was detained by CBI's Shillong team on Saturday from the Geeta Nagar police station area of Guwahati, Assam, she said.

In another case, the CBI caught on Sunday fugitive Tapan Pramanik, who was wanted for 13 years in Tripura chit fund case.

Pramanik, director, MPS Agro-Animal Projects Ltd and others were booked by the CBI in an FIR on October 8, 2013.

"It was alleged that the accused persons, through the agents, fraudulently and dishonestly collected huge amounts to the tune of Rs 3 to 4 crore from the public on the pretext of investment of the collected money and misappropriated the said collected funds/amounts," the spokesperson said in (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## 14 foreigners pushed back

**GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said 14 foreign nationals were nabbed and pushed back after apprehending them in the state.

He, however, did not share details such as where these infiltrators came from or their ethnicity.

"This mission continues as we PUSHED BACK 14 illegal infiltrators in the wee hours today - some fresh explorers while some experienced troublemakers," Sarma said in a post on X.

"You may be hiding in plain sight but we will hunt you down and EXPEL you from India... Committed to a Secure Assam," the CM said.

Assam's Sribhumi, Cachar, Dhubri and South Salmara-Mankachar districts share 267.5 km of (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## Assam will not compromise with Pakistani agents: Himanta

**STAFF REPORTER GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday launched a strong political offensive against Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, declaring that the people of Assam would no longer submit to what he termed "Pakistani agents," while addressing reporters here following the inauguration of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor project in Nagaon district.

The Chief Minister said Assam has undergone a decisive transformation and asserted that the state's residents would not bow before "unknown forces."

His remarks followed reports that Gogoi had opposed the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor project a day earlier.

"Assam has changed. No Assamese will surrender before any Pakistani agent or unknown people. This is a new Assam," Sarma said.

He also expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for flagging off three new train services to the state over the last two days.

Highlighting a renewed sense of cultural pride, the chief minister said nearly 10,000 artistes performed the traditional Bagurumba dance in the Prime Minister's presence, describing the event as a reflection of Assam's growing self-confidence and cultural resurgence.

He further claimed that rhino poaching incidents in Kaziranga National Park have ceased, attributing the achievement to

strengthened conservation and enforcement efforts.

Sarma said the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor, being built at an estimated cost of around Rs 7,000 crore, would reduce travel time by nearly an hour upon completion while ensuring safe wildlife movement across the landscape.

Expressing confidence ahead of the 2026 Assam Assembly elections, the chief minister said several large infrastructure projects once considered improbable — including multiple Brahmaputra bridges, an underwater tunnel, and the Kaziranga corridor — have now materialised.

He asserted that the BJP would return to power in Assam in 2026, calling it a gift to the Prime Minister. (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## Advocates cannot seek information under RTI Act for clients' cases: CIC

**NEW DELHI, Jan 18:** The Central Information Commission (CIC) has ruled that advocates cannot use the Right to Information (RTI) Act to seek details regarding cases they are handling for clients, observing that using the transparency law in this manner fails to advance its core objectives.

Dismissing a second appeal filed by an advocate in a dispute related to the termination of a fruits-and-vegetables supply contract at a Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Haryana, Information Commissioner Sudha Rani Relangi noted that the appellant had sought information "on behalf of his brother, who used to be supplier of vegetables/fruits to the re-



spondent public authority".

The commission said in the absence of any explanation as to why the supplier himself could not seek the information, "it appears that

the appellant has sought information on behalf of his client per se, which is not permissible".

Quoting a Madras High Court order, (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

## Jangphai Jonak was the first Assamese film shot on a high-definition camera

# Ballad To The Winds wins Best Film at 22<sup>nd</sup> Asian Film Festival, Mumbai

**HT Bureau GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** Assamese cinema has begun the year on a high note with Aakash Heno Nodir Naam (Ballad To The Winds), directed by noted filmmaker and actor Sanjib Sabhapandit, winning the Best Film Award in the Indian Cinema category at the 22nd Asian Film Festival held in Mumbai.

The latest honour adds to the film's growing list of accolades on the festival circuit.

Earlier, Sanjib Sabhapandit had received the Best Screenwriter Award for the film at the 8th Saildhar Baruah Film Awards.

The film also won Best Music Director for Dr Saurabh Mahanta and Best Actor for Bishnu Khargharia at the NIR9 International Film Festival 3.0 in Hyderabad.

Ballad To The Winds features



Bishnu Khargharia, Reena Bora, Atul Pachani, Atanu Mahanta and Chanku Niranjani in key roles. Sabhapandit has served as both director and screenwriter, while the film is produced by Utpal Kumar Das under the banner of Canvascope

tensions between tradition, culture and belief systems on one hand, and modern outlooks on the other.

Through its narrative, it examines social and personal conflicts, giving the story a wider and universal resonance.

Sanjib Sabhapandit is a well-known name in Assam's cultural sphere.

He was instrumental in the establishment of Assam Jatiya Bidyalyay at Noonmati, Guwahati, and was also associated with Assam Polyester Mill Limited (APOL), a Government of Assam initiative.

His earlier films include Juye Pora Son, Jatinga Ityadi, Jangphai Jonak, Jiya Juri'r Subas and Dik-chou Bonot Palash. Notably, Jangphai Jonak was the first Assamese film shot on a high-definition camera under (CONTD. ON PAGE 2)

# Classic Legends' new patent reinforces rider-centric, design-led engineering focus

**HT Bureau**

**GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** Classic Legends has secured a new patent, further strengthening its positioning as a design-driven, performance-oriented motorcycle manufacturer.

The patent, covering an adjustable visor and speedometer system first introduced on the 2025 Yezdi Adventure, has been granted for a 20-year term from March 21, 2023 under the Patents Act, 1970.

The innovation enhances the interface between the rider, the motorcycle and the riding environment by allowing riders to adjust the visor and speedometer based on their height and comfort, even during off-road riding.

The company said the development reflects its performance engineering philosophy, where functional rider benefits guide design decisions.

Reviving iconic motorcycling brands, Classic Legends has steadily built a portfolio of intellectual property and industry-first technologies while developing motorcycles for both Indian and global markets.

Earlier, the company won a patent for its Airfilter Multifrequency Resonator used in its 650cc platforms, including the



BSA Gold Star and BSA Scrambler sold in the UK.

Unlike conventional resonators that operate at a single frequency, the patented system suppresses unwanted air-filter noise across the engine's entire rpm range.

Classic Legends was also among the early players to introduce a liquid-cooled 334cc engine in the mid-capacity segment, helping shift the market towards higher performance and better thermal efficiency at a time when air-cooled engines dominated.

This Alpha 2 engine now underpins the company's mid-capacity lineup.

In addition, the manufacturer has been an early adopter of six-speed gearboxes, assist and slipper clutches, traction control and advanced braking systems in the segment, deploying each feature to deliver practical riding advantages rather than cosmetic upgrades.

Commenting on the latest patent, Sushel Sinha, Head of R&D at Classic Legends, said the recognition goes beyond a single innovation.

"This patent solves a specific rider-interface problem, but it represents how we think about motorcycles. Performance engineering for us is not about adding features;

it is about mechanical clarity, durability and how the motorcycle feels over years of use," he said.

The company's design language, it said, continues to be shaped by mechanical function.

On the 2025 Yezdi Adventure, features such as the centrally routed exhaust are aimed at improving thermal efficiency and rider comfort, while the twin headlamps offer both a distinctive identity and wide illumination.

Similarly, the 2025 Yezdi Roadster's adjustable seating, balanced riding triangle and factory-backed customisation options stem from early-stage chassis and structural design decisions.

Beyond the mid-capacity segment, Classic Legends has also demonstrated its engineering ambitions with the BSA Gold Star, one of the largest single-cylinder 650cc motorcycles produced in India, highlighting its capability to develop high-displacement platforms alongside advanced mechanical systems.

The company said its sustained investment in in-house R&D, engineering talent and integrated design has resulted in multiple industry-firsts, with two patents already granted, two more filed, and several innovations in the pipeline, a release stated.

## HDFC Bank Q3 profit rises 11.5% to ₹186.5 billion

**HT Bureau**

**GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** HDFC Bank on Sunday reported an 11.5 per cent year-on-year rise in its standalone net profit to ₹186.5 billion for the quarter ended December 31, 2025, reflecting steady growth across its core banking operations.

The country's largest private sector lender recorded net revenue of ₹458.7 billion during the October-December quarter, up 8.9 per cent from ₹421.1 billion in the corresponding period last year.

Net interest income grew by 6.4 per cent to ₹326.2 billion from ₹306.5 billion a year earlier, while other income stood at ₹132.5 billion for the quarter.

The bank's average deposits during the December 2025 quarter increased 12.2 per cent year-on-year to ₹27,524 billion, compared with ₹24,528 billion in the same quarter of 2024.

On a sequential basis, average deposits rose 1.5 per cent from ₹27,105 billion in the September 2025 quarter.

As of December 31, 2025, HDFC Bank's total balance sheet size expanded to ₹40,890 billion, compared with ₹37,590 billion as on December 31, 2024.

The bank maintained a strong capital position, with its total Capital Adequacy Ratio under Basel III norms at 19.9 per cent, marginally lower than 20.0 per cent a year ago but well above the regulatory requirement of 11.9 per cent.

Net non-performing assets remained contained at 0.42 per cent of net advances.

The bank also continued to expand its physical presence. Its distribution network stood at 9,616 branches and 21,176 ATMs across 4,170 cities and towns as of December 31, 2025, compared with 9,143 branches and 21,049 ATMs across 4,101 locations a year earlier.

About half of the branches are located in semi-urban and rural areas.

On a consolidated basis, HDFC Bank reported net revenue of ₹811.1 billion for the December 2025 quarter.

Consolidated profit after tax rose 12.2 per cent year-on-year to ₹198.1 billion, while consolidated profit after tax for the nine months ended December 31, 2025 stood at ₹556.8 billion.

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## BCCL IPO boosts confidence as Coal India weighs more subsidiary listings: CMD

**KOLKATA, Jan 18:** The strong investor response to the initial public offering of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd has boosted confidence within CIL and provided positive momentum as the company evaluates the listing of its other subsidiaries, Chairman-cum-Managing Director B Sairam said.

The IPO of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCCL), an arm of Coal India Ltd (CIL), got fully subscribed within minutes of opening for bidding on January 9.

"As directed by the government, we would step into the market and look forward to unlock the true potential of our companies. We will closely study and assess the market dynamics for listing the companies," Sairam said in an interview with PTI.

BCCL is slated to list on the bourses on Monday. Referring to the BCCL IPO issue, Sairam said the "response has been encouraging and has reinforced confidence within the miner".

"With an overwhelming response, BCCL's IPO resulted in full subscription within minutes of the opening. The strong investor interest continued unabated till the closure of the offering, with the issue getting subscribed over 146 times. It is a true confidence booster for CIL," the CIL chief told PTI.

Sairam said the experience would be useful as Coal India considers future listings, while underlining that valuation and market conditions would remain key considerations.

"For any company, it is a good idea to look at its market valuation. Stimulated by it (BCCL IPO), we expect a similar response for our other companies as well," he added.

The government has been encouraging Coal India to unlock value through the listing of its subsidiaries as part of the Centre's broader public sector reform agenda.

The coal behemoth has eight wholly owned subsidiaries, of which seven are coal-producing companies. Beyond the listing of its coking coal arm, CIL is accelerating the capital market debut of other key sub-



subsidiaries.

Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd (CMPDI), the consultancy and technical arm of Coal India, has already filed its draft red herring prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

The proposed IPO is an offer for sale of up to 7.14 crore equity shares, representing a 10 per cent stake divestment by CIL, and is expected to be completed by March 2026.

The CIL board has also granted in-principle approval for the listing of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) and South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL), two of its largest production subsidiaries. Their listings are targeted for the 2026-27 financial year, following a specific directive from the Ministry of Coal.

Coal India, which accounts for over 80 per cent of India's domestic coal production, has multiple producing and non-producing subsidiaries.

Meanwhile, the highly anticipated market debut of BCCL, has been rescheduled from its original listing date of January 16 to January 19.

The decision to postpone the listing comes in the wake of municipal corporation elections in Maharashtra, where both the BSE and the National Stock Exchange (NSE) are headquartered. (PTI)

## Kelachandra Coffee bets on climate-resilient Liberica variety to tap speciality segment



**CHIKKAMAGALURU, Jan 18:** Kelachandra Coffee, a privately-held plantation company, is scaling up production of Liberica, a climate-resilient variety with high caffeine content, as demand rises in the speciality segment, according to a senior company official.

The privately held company, which operates 15 estates across 6,500 acres in Karnataka and Kerala, plans to plant 5,000 Liberica saplings annually across its properties as part of a diversification strategy, Ryana Kuruvilla, head of people and culture at Kelachandra, told PTI.

"Liberica coffee, recognised for its climate resilience, is gradually drawing interest within the domestic speciality segment," Kuruvilla said during a visit to the estate.

The company has already secured forward contracts for about 35 per cent of this year's total output, with

interest from niche domestic roasters, she added.

Liberica, native to Liberia in West Africa, was introduced to India by the state-run Coffee Board in the 1970s to protect Arabica and Robusta plants from leaf rust, a fungal disease. The variety has mainly been grown along estate boundaries, but is gaining renewed attention as climate pressures mount.

First-phase plantings could yield up to 10 tonnes of processed coffee annually after a five-year maturation period, with volumes expected to rise as plants age, according to company projections.

Kelachandra currently has 500 mature Liberica plants and planted 10,000 saplings last year that have not yet reached the production stage. Another 10,000 are planned for this year.

The Liberica tree grows signifi-

cantly taller than Arabica and Robusta, requiring ladders for harvest. While harder and more disease-resistant, it produces lower yields than conventional varieties, a Coffee Board official said.

"Picking the cherries requires special skills, especially given India's terroir-based cultivation," Kuruvilla said. "This phased approach permits us to assess the variety's adaptability, agronomic behaviour and processing suitability across multiple microclimates."

Rohan Nachappa, manager at Kelachandra's Garigekhan estate, said the company is focusing on Excelsa, a Liberica sub-variety known for fruity flavour profiles, while standard Liberica offers chocolatey notes.

"Due to climate change and rising diseases in Arabica, Liberica and Excelsa varieties are varieties of the future," Nachappa said.

Liberica contains higher caffeine levels than both Arabica and Robusta, he added.

Export potential will depend on cup quality scores from international buyers, Kuruvilla said.

"We will see how it's doing domestically, and then, if we get good cupping scores, we can explore opportunities in the global market."

Kelachandra produces over 2,000 tonnes of coffee annually, with a 70-30 split between Arabica and Robusta. The company supplies Indian speciality brands and international buyers on a business-to-business basis.

Small-scale growers are also experimenting with Liberica in limited quantities, industry sources said. (PTI)

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## People's trust on

infiltrators to capture land of the indigenous people of Assam but the double engine government of the BJP is working tirelessly to make the state free from infiltrators."

The Prime Minister stated that the people of Bihar have rejected the politics of the Congress party in the last assembly and the opposition party suffered a huge defeat in the eastern state.

"I am sure that Congress will taste Bihar-like results in the upcoming assembly elections in Assam as well," he said. At the same programme, the Prime Minister also flagged off two new Amrit Bharat Express trains, further strengthening rail links between the Northeast and northern India.

The Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project, with an estimated cost of over ₹6,950 crore, involves the four-laning of the Kaliabor-Numaligarh stretch of National Highway-715 across a total length of 86 kilometres.

A key component of the project is a 35-km elevated wildlife corridor passing through Kaziranga National Park, designed to ensure the free movement of animals and significantly reduce human-wildlife conflict along the busy highway. In addition to the elevated corridor, the project includes a 21-km bypass and the widening of around 30 km of the existing two-lane highway into four lanes.

Passing through Nagaon, Karbi Anglong and Golaghat districts, the upgraded corridor is expected to substantially improve road connectivity to Upper Assam, including major commercial and industrial centres such as Dibrugarh and Tinsukia. During the event, Modi also flagged off the Guwahati (Kamakhya)-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and the Dibrugarh-Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) Amrit Bharat Express.

Besides, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union ministers Sarbananda Sonowal and Pabitra Margherita, Assam ministers Chandra Mohan Patowary, Atul Bora, Krishnendu Paul and Keshab Mahanta, MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, BJP state president and MP Dilip Saikia, along with other party leaders and dignitaries, were present at the programme.

## CM exudes confidence

strengthen rail connectivity between the North-East and North India. The Dibrugarh-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express will cover a distance of 1,894 km in about 42 hours, improving connectivity between Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express will cover 1,956 km in about 38 hours, benefiting rail passengers from Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Haryana with safer and faster travel. Sarma pointed out that according to legends, Lord Krishna had rested at Kaliabor while taking Rukmini of Assam to Dwarka in Gujarat. The PM's presence on the sacred land symbolised the reaffirmation of the historic bond between Assam and Gujarat, he added.

Sarma said that a day earlier at Guwahati's Sarusajai Stadium, more than 10,000 artistes showcased the vibrant Bodo culture through Bagurumba dance performance, taking Assam's cultural heritage to the global stage.

"It was under Prime Minister Modi's leadership that the state secured a semiconductor industry, a bio-refinery and one of the country's largest fertiliser plants, besides achieving UNESCO World Heritage Site status for Charaideo, classical language status for Assamese, and installation of a grand statue of Lachit Borphukan, marking the rise of a new and confident Assam," he said.

The chief minister said the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor would reduce travel time between Upper Assam and Guwahati by at least one hour, strengthen connectivity and further reinforce the foundation of a stronger Assam.

"Assam now dreams big, and these will be realised despite opposition and misinformation," he added.

Referring to the flagging off of the country's first Vande Bharat sleeper train between Guwahati and Kolkata a day earlier, Sarma said that with the inauguration of two Amrit Bharat Express services, Assam had received three major rail services in just two days. The CM also noted that projects such as multiple bridges over the Brahmaputra, medical colleges in almost every district, new universities, the Numaligarh-Gohpur tunnel road, the Kaziranga elevated corridor, the ₹22,000 crore Silchar-Guwahati corridor and the Guwahati Ring Road once seemed unimaginable. "Assam has now entered a new horizon of development and would never forget the Prime Minister's contribution in steering the state on the path of progress and taking the Assamese language, Bihu, Jhumoor, Bagurumba and the State's cultural heritage to the world," he said. (PTI and Our Correspondent)

## Himanta to attend

WEF and sign several memoranda of understanding, the CMO said.

"He will engage in several forward-looking discussions on themes like securing a future-ready workforce for the next industrial era, travel and tourism -- a potential 10 trillion dollar destination, health and healthcare, etc.," it added. Sarma will also present Assam's industrial progress, investment opportunities and key success stories as part of India's broader economic transformation. "Assam's participation is expected to open new paths for investment, launch new projects like semiconductor initiatives, and create employment opportunities for the younger generation, thereby benefiting the state across multiple fronts," the release emphasised.

India is set for a power-packed representation at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos that will see the global elite discuss "a spirit of dialogue" in a fragmented world for five days beginning Monday.

From India, at least four Union Ministers -- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Pralhad Joshi and K Ramchandraiah Naidu -- as well as six Chief Ministers are expected to be there, along with over 100 top CEOs from the country. Apart from Sarma, the Chief Ministers are Devendra Fadnavis of Maharashtra, N Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh's Mohan Yadav, Telangana's A Revanthy Reddy and Jharkhand's Hemant Soren. While Reddy is from Congress, Soren from Congress ally Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and Naidu from Telugu Desam Party (an ally of the BJP), the other three CMs are from the BJP. (PTI)

## Skill competition among

high-potential candidates aligned with industry demand and national priorities, Usman said.

This integrated approach ensures strong industry alignment, high-quality competition standards and adherence to national and international benchmarks, she added.

Winners from the North East Regional Competition will advance to the national stage of IndiaSkills Competition 2025-26. (PTI)

## BJP giving 5 times

by prioritising the development of the North East. He noted that work began simultaneously to connect Assam through roadways, railways, airways and waterways. The Prime Minister today performed Bhoomi Pujan of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project (4-Laning of Kaliabor-Numaligarh section of NH-715), worth over ₹6,950 Crore. The 86 km long Kaziranga Elevated Corridor project is an environmentally conscious National Highway project. It will feature 35 km of Elevated Wildlife Corridor that will pass through Kaziranga National Park, 21 km Bypass section and 30 km widening of the existing highway section of NH-715 from two to four lanes.

The project aims to improve regional connectivity while ensuring protection of the park's rich biodiversity.

During the programme, Prime Minister also flagged off 2 New Amrit Bharat Express trains - Guwahati (Kamakhya)-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and Dibrugarh-Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) Amrit Bharat Express. These new train services will strengthen rail connectivity between the Northeast and Northern India, enabling safer and more convenient travel for the people. Governor of Assam, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union Ministers, Sarbananda Sonowal, Pabitra Margherita were present among other dignitaries at the event.

## CBI arrests 2

a statement. The first charge sheet was filed on October 13, 2015 and a supplementary one was filed on May 31, 2019, naming Pramanik and others. "The accused Tapan Pramanik did not join the investigation and charge-sheet/suppl. charge-sheet was filed against him as absconder. Warrant of arrest was issued against him by the Ld. Court but he could not be traced/apprehended," the spokesperson said.

Pramanik was declared a proclaimed offender by the court on January 16, 2023.

The CBI tracked digital footprints and did field verification, physical surveillance and CDR analysis to locate Pramanik in the Nadia district of West Bengal, where he was arrested on Sunday. (PTI)

## 14 foreigners pushed

international border with Bangladesh. There is an Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Sutarkandi in Sribhumi. North-east has a total of three ICPs along the India-Bangladesh border and the other two are at Dawki in Meghalaya and Akhaura in Tripura. There is another ICP in the region at Darranga in Assam along the India-Bhutan border.

Assam Police had earlier said that the state force and BSF would do everything possible to prevent any attempt by non-Indians to enter the country from Bangladesh as per the law after a political turmoil hit the neighbouring nation in 2024. However, all Indian passport holders have been allowed to return from trouble-hit Bangladesh through the entry point in the state. (PTI)

## Assam will not

Earlier, Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone for the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor project, involving the four-laning of the Kaliabor-Numaligarh stretch of NH-715 in Nagaon district at a cost of over ₹6,950 crore. The Prime Minister also flagged off two Amrit Bharat Express trains -- Guwahati (Kamakhya)-Rohtak and Dibrugarh-Lucknow (Gomti Nagar). The 86-km corridor includes a 35-km elevated wildlife stretch through Kaziranga, a 21-km bypass, and the widening of 30 km of NH-715, improving connectivity across Nagaon, Karbi Anglong and Golaghat districts.

## Advocates cannot seek

the CIC underlined that "a practising advocate cannot seek information relating to the cases instituted by him on behalf of his client". The high court had cautioned that otherwise, "every practising advocate would invoke the provisions of the RTI Act for getting information on behalf of his client", which "does not advance the objects of the scheme of the RTI Act". The commission further quoted the ruling to stress that the "laudable objectives of the RTI Act cannot be used for personal ends and should not become a tool in the hands of the advocates for seeking all kinds of information in order to promote his practice".

Taking note of the claims made by the public authority that several records were destroyed in a fire and that personal information was rightly denied under exemptions, the CIC said it found "no infirmity in the reply furnished by the CPIO". The appeal was accordingly disposed of, with a direction to share copies of written submissions with the appellant. (PTI)

## Ballad To The Winds

the Canvascope Production banner. In 2004, Juye Pora Son won the Best Film Award in the Environment Conservation category at the 51st National Film Awards and was also selected for the Indian Panorama.

While global cinema, particularly from Hollywood and Europe, enjoys wide visibility in India, acclaimed Assam films often remain underrepresented. The Asian Film Foundation, through the Third Eye Asian Film Festival, seeks to address this gap by bringing notable Asian cinema to Indian audiences. The recognition of an Assamese film on this platform is being seen as a significant milestone for the state's film industry.

# Nilachal Hospital and Research Centre inaugurated in Kokrajhar

## Hagrama highlights modern healthcare facility and announces Bodo Peace Accord anniversary

**HT Correspondent**  
**KOKRAJHAR, Jan 18:** A new private healthcare facility, Nilachal Hospital and Research Centre was inaugurated on Sunday at Pakhriguri in Kokrajhar town. The modern hospital was formally opened by BTC Chief Executive Member Hagrama Mohilary with a ribbon-cutting and cake-cutting ceremony.



Speaking on the occasion, Hagrama Mohilary said that Kokrajhar, the headquarters of BTC, had long needed a modern medical institution. He added that the hospital, established through the efforts of its owner Dr S C Rabha and his family, fulfilled a long-cherished dream. Though the hospital operates in the private sector, he expressed hope that patients would receive quality medical services.

Hagrama Mohilary also spoke about the historic Bagurumba dance performance held yesterday at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati. He said he felt proud and happy to witness the event and mentioned that the Prime Minister appreciated the performance and personally shook hands with him twice. He described the Prime Minister as an old acquaintance and friend.

Addressing the media, Hagrama Mohilary announced that the Bodo Peace Accord anniversary will be observed on January 27, 2026. He criticised Pramod Boro for not observing the BTC Accord anniversary on February 10 and highlighted BTC's commitment to celebrating the accord signed on January 27, 2020. The inauguration ceremony was attended by BTC Executive Member Dhaneswar Goyary, local MLA Lawrence Islary, BTC health officials, doctors and other dignitaries.

# Leaders call for more train stoppages to boost regional connectivity

## MPs welcome Amrit Bharat Express at Kokrajhar

**HT Correspondent**  
**KOKRAJHAR, Jan 18:** The Indian Railways has started the operation of two state-of-the-art trains named Amrit Bharat Express from Sunday for the people of Assam and the North-East as a whole.



Citizens from various sections of society in Kokrajhar town, the headquarters of BTC, have welcomed this initiative of the Railways.

The Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express, which was formally inaugurated on Sunday from Kamakhya Junction to Rohtak Junction in Haryana, was also welcomed at Kokrajhar Railway Station.

The programme was attended by Kokrajhar Lok Sabha MP Joyanta Basumatary, Rajya Sabha MP Rwngrwa Narzary, Kokrajhar MLA Lawrence Islary, members of the Kokrajhar Railway Station Rail Stoppage Demand Committee, along with officials of the Railways and the district administration.

Rwngrwa Narzary have demanded a halt for the Vande Bharat Sleeper Express at Kokrajhar station.

Apart from the Vande Bharat Sleeper Express, the two MPs stated that discussions have been held with the Railway Minister and senior railway officials to make arrangements for stoppages of several up and down trains connecting different parts of the country at Kokrajhar station.

# 11th Assam Senior Citizens' Conference mid-term session in Hojai on Jan 24

## Over 1,000 delegates expected; free health camp to be organised



**HT Correspondent**  
**HOJAI, Jan 18:** Around 1,000 senior citizens from across Assam are expected to participate in the 11th annual mid-term session of the Assam Senior Citizens' Conference, scheduled to be held on January 24, 2026 (Saturday) in Hojai.

This was informed by Anup Kumar Barthakar, Secretary of the Reception Committee, during a press meet held in Hojai on Sunday afternoon. Barthakar described the event as a landmark occasion, stating that it was a matter of pride that a conference of such magnitude was being hosted in Hojai for the first time.

In conjunction with the conference, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Assam will organise a free health consultation and medicine distribution camp for senior citizens. The camp will begin at 7 AM at B-Block, Hojai Girls' College and will be conducted by specialist physicians from the region. Residents of the district aged 50 years and above have been requested to avail themselves of the free facilities.

Barthakar further informed that the main session of the conference will commence at 2 PM at Sahityarathi Bezbarua Bhawan, New Market, Hojai, under the chairmanship of Baneshwar Khaund, State president of the Assam Senior Citizens' Association. Assam Cabinet Minister Piyush Hazarika will attend as the chief guest, while Tuliram Ronghang, Chief Executive Member of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council will be the special guest. Dr Pradeep Thakuria, president of the Assam Senior Citizens' Welfare Council will deliver the keynote address.

The open session will be inaugurated by Hojai District Commissioner Bidyut Bikash Bhagawati. Other distinguished guests include Prof Manabendra Dutta Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MP of Kaziranga Lok Sabha constituency, Pallav Gopal Jha, IAS, Secretary of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Assam, Ramkrishna Ghosh, MLA of Hojai and Shibu Mishra, MLA of Lumding. Prasanna Kumar Barthakar, General Secretary of the Assam Senior Citizens' Association will also be present.

On the occasion, a souvenir titled "Biyoli Baibhav" will be released. Organisers from the Hojai chapter of the Senior Citizens' Association have appealed to the citizens of Hojai district for wholehearted support and cooperation to ensure the success of the programme.

Notably, during the press meet, Krishna Kumar Sharma, president of the Reception Committee, Dr Samsul Hoque, Working president of the Reception Committee and active member Uma Sankar Goswami were also present.

# Silpi Divas observed with cultural and literary programmes

**HT Correspondent**  
**SIVASAGAR, Jan 18:** The Sivasagar district administration observed Silpi Divas at the District Library premises, commemorating the legendary writer, composer and filmmaker Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, along with the rest of the state on Friday.



The District Commissioner lit the ceremonial lamp and garlanded the statue of the Rupkonwar. In his address, he urged the younger generation to study and work with dedication if they truly wished to honour the great visionary. Additional District Commissioner Lukumani Bora paid rich tributes to the memorable contributions of Rupkonwar in enriching the treasury of Assamese culture.

As part of the programme, a music competition was organised among undergraduate students. Winners in different categories were awarded prizes by the guests at the end of the competition.

The Principal of Dipanali Music College, Ratul Kakati, delivered a profound speech highlighting the life and works of Jyoti Prasad Agarwala. The event was attended by Assistant Commissioners Ganesh Chandra Boro and Bidisha Shaikia, Cultural Development Officer Munni Shyam, playwright Prashant Sharma, poet Prem Gogoi, musician Rikta Dey, cultural worker Trailukya Dutta and other officials of the district administration and various government departments.

Meanwhile, at Gargaon College, the Silpi Divas function was inaugurated by Diganta Konwar, Vice-Principal of the college. The Principal and noted writer Sabyasachi Mahanta delivered an

inspiring speech on the Rupkonwar. Prof Pranob Duwora and Dr Debajani Bokolia also spoke on the life and works of Jyoti Prasad Agarwala.

**Our Morigaon Correspondent adds:** In memory of Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, the Barapujia Sakha Sahitya Sabha observed "Silpi Divas" with enthusiasm at Barapujia. The day-long programme began with the hoisting of the organisation's flag by its president, Dr Pradipt Kr Deka, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and floral tribute at the portrait of the renowned artist by Arabinda Deka, president of the Kuli subcommittee.

A musical programme was organised to mark the occasion, inaugurated by former principal Kanak Ch Bora. Students from Nilutpal Deka Senior Secondary School, Alakapur ME School, Swahid Tilak Deka ME School, Barapujia Higher Secondary School, Barapujia ME School,

Mukti Yodha Lalsing Deka Jatiya Vidyalaya and Niz Mikirgaon Senior Basic School participated in the performances.

District Commissioner Anamika Tewari inaugurated a book of poetry edited by Ajanta Sonawal, president of the Akash subcommittee. The literary body also presented a memento to Junmoni Bora, famed for the 'Surya Kanya' achievement and a world record, in recognition of his contribution.

Senior journalist Bulen Ch Nath of Raha was honoured by the literary body and former chief secretary of Assam Sahitya Sabha, Dr Upendrajit Sarma, for his contribution to journalism. The event was also attended by executive member of Assam Sahitya Sabha Pinakhi Bhusan Mahanta and MZSS secretary Kushal Bora.

The programme concluded with a recitation of poems, reinforcing the message that the new generation must learn the importance of 'Silpi Divas' from the elders.

# 21st Adivasi Mahasabha to be held at Bargolai

**HT Correspondent**  
**MARGHERITA, Jan 18:** The 21st Adivasi Mahasabha, organised by the Central Executive Committee of the All Adivasi Students Association of Assam (AASAA) under the aegis of the AASAA Tinsukia district committee, in association with Adivasi Jani Shakti Sangati and with the cooperation of the residents of Tinsukia district, will be held from January 29 to 31 and February 1 at the Dehing Sports Complex Samannay Khetra, Bargolai, under the 83rd Margherita Legislative Assembly Constituency in Tinsukia district.

Adivasi people residing in Assam and other Northeastern states, along with participants from neighbouring states such as West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, are expected to attend the four-day event.

During the 21st Adivasi Mahasabha, the rich art, culture, food cuisine, traditional attire, language and script of the Adivasi community will be exhibited. Popular Adivasi music groups will also perform various traditional songs and dances, adding to the cultural significance of the event.

On February 1, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren is scheduled to attend the Mahasabha as the chief guest. An estimated gathering of around five lakh people is expected on that day. This was informed to journalists by Albert Orea, president and Jamel Minz, General Secretary of the All Adivasi Students Association of Assam (AASAA), Tinsukia district committee.

# Garco Catholic Sobha concludes peacefully at Jalpara

**HT Correspondent**  
**DONGKAMUKAM, Jan 18:** The 45th edition of the Garco Catholic Sobha under Satgaon Parish, held from January 16 to 19, 2026 at Jalpara (B) village, about four kilometres from Dongkamukam in West Karbi Anglong district, concluded peacefully. On the concluding day, Bishop of Diphu, Most Rev Paul Mattek, attended the programme as the chief guest and celebrated the Holy Mass in front of over five thousand faithful.

In his sermon, the Bishop urged the faithful to focus on hope, peace, charity and prayer and to become beacons of Christ's light. He called upon believers to build bridges, listen daily to God, pray with their hearts and act with love and generosity, especially during the present challenging times. He further appealed to the faithful to become stronger witnesses in spreading the message of Christ and to shed indifference towards suffering while fighting evil.

During the Holy Mass, Fr Abraham Kanattu, Parish Priest of Sojong, Fr Albert Thyrniang, Parish Priest of Satgaon, Assistant Parish Priests Fr Charles Sangma and Fr Daniel Sangma, along with Rev Sister Mary Hasda, Sister Silsila Marak, Sister Sonia Sangma, Sister Christina Sangma and many other Sisters were present.

Earlier, the annual Sobha was inaugurated on Friday at 11 AM by Fr Abraham Kanattu, Parish Priest of Sojong. This was followed by a sermon delivered by Fr Chishtii, Parish Priest of Silchang Parish near Jagiroad.

# Assam Rifles felicitates SSC GD qualified candidates at Lokra

**HT Correspondent**  
**TEZPUR, Jan 18:** Assam Rifles organised a felicitation ceremony at Lokra on January 17 for candidates who successfully qualified the SSC GD examination. The candidates had been trained by Assam Rifles through comprehensive pre-recruitment modules, including written examination coaching, physical training and pre-medical preparation, which played a pivotal role in their success. The programme aimed to

recognise the merit of the candidates, motivate aspirants and reinforce the force's commitment to youth empowerment and nation-building. Candidates currently undergoing training at Lokra were also present, gaining valuable motivation and first-hand insights from successful candidates to prepare with renewed determination for the forthcoming SSC Examination 2026. The initiative was well received by the candidates and further strengthened the bonds be-




tween Assam Rifles and the local community.

### Obituary

Ratna Burathoki, a noted social worker and resident of Samar Dalani, passed away this evening at his residence following a prolonged illness. He was 78.

Burathoki was closely associated with Lakhargarh Samar Dalani VDC and Sri Sri Annapurna Lakhi Bhandar, besides being involved with several other social and community organisations. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a host of relatives.

Representatives of various organisations and individuals paid rich tributes to the departed soul and expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family.



# 22 tea garden model schools take part in district-level talent hunt

## Sur Sangam auditions held in Tinsukia



**HT Bureau**  
**GUWAHATI, Jan 18:** District-level auditions for "Sur Sangam - Tea Garden Student Talent Hunt" were held on January 16 and 17 at Senairam H.S. School in Tinsukia. The programme is a collaborative initiative of the Department of Education (Secondary), Government of Assam and The Hans Foundation, North East, aimed at nurturing musical talent among students from tea garden communities.

A total of 63 students participated in the auditions, representing all 22 tea garden model schools of Tinsukia district. The participants were shortlisted through preliminary school-level selections conducted under a structured music education programme being implemented across tea garden model schools.

"Sur Sangam" is part of The Hans Foundation's Utam Xikhya programme, implemented in part-

nership with the Department of Education (Secondary), Government of Assam. The initiative focuses on strengthening holistic education in model schools located in tea garden areas by integrating formal music education into the school curriculum through dedicated music teachers, enabling students to develop creative skills alongside academic learning.

District-level auditions are being conducted across Sonitpur, Tin-

sukia and Dibrugarh districts. From these auditions, 30 candidates will be selected to advance to the pre-state level competition to be held in Dibrugarh on January 21. From the pre-state round, 15 candidates will be shortlisted for the grand finale scheduled in Guwahati on February 10.

The programme has been conceptualised not merely as a competition but as a sustained talent identification and mentorship platform aimed at building confidence, discipline and self-expression among students from tea garden communities.

Reetam Kr Sarma, Senior Programme Manager at The Hans Foundation, said that Sur Sangam reflects a shared commitment to creating platforms that allow children from tea garden communities to discover and express their musical abilities. He added that the performances at the Tinsukia auditions highlighted the impact of structured music education and reinforced the importance of long-term mentorship and exposure in nurturing young talent.

Mamata Hojai, Director, Department of Education (Secondary), Government of Assam, said that the government remains committed to promoting the holistic

# Science Festival begins in Jorhat

**HT Correspondent**

**JORHAT, Jan 18:** With the aim of promoting scientific temperament and popularising science along with the intellectual development of students, the Jorhat branch of the Assam Science Society has organised the first annual Science Festival with an elaborate three-day programme starting from 19 Jan at the distinguished scientist Dr Jogendra Nath Barua Memorial. The festival will be held at the permanent campus of the Jorhat Science Society located at Borbheta, Jorhat, with the cooperation of the Jorhat District Administration, Assam Pollution Control Board, Assam Science, Technology and Environment Council, Jorhat District Aryabhata Science Centre, Jorhat District National Children's Science Congress, Jorhat Science Centre and Planetarium, Jorhat Environment Forum, Assam Educational Centre and SP-R. Addressing a press conference at the festival venue on Sunday, Organising Committee president Dr Bichitra Kumar Barthakar said that the Assam Science Society has undertaken various programmes to enhance students' intellectual growth and to popularise science. He mentioned that the Jorhat branch has possibly organised the Science Festival for the first time in Assam and sought cooperation from all sections. At the press meet, moderated by Pub-

licity Committee conveners Hemen Kumar Saikia and Abhijit Hazarika, Science Society Secretary Ramen Gogoi and Organising Committee Secretary Dandeshwar Dutta explained the progress of the festival preparations.

Among those present were Science Society adviser Dr Ramesh Chandra Barua, Assistant Secretaries Dr Prashanta Hazarika and Dharendra Kumar Gogoi, along with Dr Bimala Prasad Barua, Rajiv Lochan Goswami, Dr Ishwar Prasad Barua, Dr Pulakjyoti Bhuyan and others. The festival flag will be hoisted by adviser Umesh Chandra Bora and president Dr Bichitra Kumar Barthakar. This will be followed by the inauguration of the science arena by MLA Hitendra Nath Goswami, while the festival will be formally inaugurated by Dr Arup Kumar Mishra, Chairman of the Assam Pollution Control Board.

The inaugural programme will be attended by District Commissioner Jay Shivani, scientist Dr Choudhury Nath Saikia and Dr Manas Pratim Barua. On the occasion, Dr Jaydeep Barua, Director of ASTEC, will release the souvenir, while Dr V M Tiwari, Director of NEIST, will inaugurate the exhibition.

The first technical session of the festival, organised by the Assam Pollution Control Board, will be conducted by its Member Secre-

tary Dr Gautam Krishna Mishra. On the first day, science model and extempore speech competitions will be inaugurated by School Inspector Buli Gogoi Bhuyan. The cultural evening will be inaugurated by playwright Prashanta Kumar Das and sky observation will be conducted by Purabi Devi, Education Officer of the Jorhat Science Centre.

On the second day, the technical session organised by the Assam Science Society will be conducted by adviser Dr Ramesh Chandra Barua, while another technical session organised by the Central Eri and Muga Research Centre will be conducted by Dr Venkatesan Selvaraj, Director of the Tocklai Tea Research Centre. This will be followed by quiz and on-the-spot news writing competitions. The final technical session of the day, organised by the Assam Science Society, will be conducted by agricultural scientist Dr Kushal Kumar Barua. In the evening, science programmes will be presented in an entertaining format. On the final day, the "Meet the Scientist" programme will be conducted by Mouchak Mama Shantanu Tamuli. This will be followed by a career counselling session led by Dr Prashanta Kumar Bordoloi, vice-president of the Assam Educational Centre and a robotics demonstration by Dr Dushyanta Dutta of the Jorhat Science Centre.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*The power to question is the basis of all human progress. - Indira Gandhi*

## Crucial WEF meet at Davos

US President Donald Trump will be addressing the World Economic Forum (WEF) meet at Davos during its session on January 19 to 23 elaborating his programme for 2026 and his evolving steps regarding the eco-political relationship with the European nations. Last year, Trump as the second time President addressed the Forum through video creating a big furor among the participants from the EU. This year also, Trump's address is being eagerly awaited by the WEF delegates. A record 400 top political leaders, including close to 65 heads of state and government – with six G7 leaders expected – nearly 850 of the world's top CEOs and chairs, and almost 100 leading unicorns and technology pioneers will convene in Davos-Klosters for one of the highest-level gatherings in the Annual Meeting's history. Held under the theme of A Spirit of Dialogue, the 56th Annual Meeting will provide a platform for close to 3,000 participants from over 130 countries to navigate the major economic, geopolitical and technological forces reshaping the global landscape. A major focus will be on the unprecedented speed of innovation and technological advancement with key voices from industry and academia present.

As the WEF sees it, amid the most complex geopolitical backdrop in decades – marked by rising fragmentation and rapid technological change – the need for an impartial platform that brings together diverse and sometimes diverging voices across industries, regions, and generations is urgent. Building on the Forum's long-standing tradition of providing a trusted space for dialogue and public-private collaboration, the Annual Meeting 2026 will enable an open exchange of ideas and perspectives on the issues that matter most to people, economies and the planet, turning shared understanding into action. "Dialogue is not a luxury in times of uncertainty; it is an urgent necessity," said Borge Brende, President and CEO, World Economic Forum. As the World Economic Forum enters its next chapter, this year's Annual Meeting is bringing together a record number of global leaders from government, business, and non-governmental organizations at a moment when dialogue matters more than ever," said Larry Fink, Interim Co-Chair, World Economic Forum.

Understanding different perspectives is essential to driving economic progress and ensuring prosperity is more broadly shared. Around 1,700 business leaders, including close to 850 of the world's top CEOs and chairpersons from the World Economic Forum's Members and Partners, will also participate, alongside almost 100 CEOs and chairpersons of Unicorn companies and Tech Pioneers who are transforming industries and shaping the future of technology worldwide. Close to 200 leaders from civil society and the social sector – including labour unions, non-governmental and faith-based organizations, as well as experts and heads of the world's leading universities, research institutions and think tanks – will also participate in the meeting.

## What a visa policy shift reveals about a changing Asia

By: Prabir Kumar Talukdar

China's Spring Festival is around the corner. This year, it falls on February 17. In the weeks leading up to it, millions of Chinese will travel back to their hometowns for family reunions, home-cooked meals, and long-awaited catch-ups, turning the season into the world's largest annual domestic migration. The Spring Festival, also known as the Chinese New Year, is also one of the biggest moments for outbound travel, when hundreds of thousands of Chinese tourists seek nearby and affordable destinations. This year, one of the more politically loaded responses to this momentous travel surge has come from Manila. The Philippines has announced 14-day visa-free entry for Chinese nationals, only through Manila and Cebu airports, effective January 16, 2026. The entry is strictly non-extendable and cannot be converted into any other Philippine visa category.

The timing and design of this policy are revealing. The Philippines is not opening its doors unconditionally. The policy comes with a tightly controlled window. Yet even this limited gesture feels surprising against the backdrop of continuing frictions between Beijing and Manila in the South China Sea.

For years, securing a Philippine visa has been difficult for Chinese tourists. The country's attractive white sand beaches and scintillating hospitality had to remain high and dry because of higher entry barriers for any Chinese individual to visit. So what has changed now? The real question to look into is: Why did the Philippine government, under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., introduce this visa policy despite his more assertive approach toward China? It would be a mistake to read this as a sudden geopolitical U-turn. The move can be better understood as a symptom of a larger regional reality where the United States remains powerful, but less reliably centred in every crisis. In such a climate, even minor adjustments in visa policies can become strategic signals.

For decades, the Indo-Pacific's security order has been built on a system that political scientists often term the "hub-and-spokes" model, with the United States acting as the hub

and its Asian allies and partners as spokes. Unlike NATO's multilateral logic, Asia's architecture relied on bilateral security ties that were calibrated to each country's needs. The real advantage the model brings in is stable and predictable behaviour, along with deterrence. For many Asian capitals, American presence reduced the cost of insecurity. States could maintain strategic reassurance without turning every dispute into an existential contest. It created room for economic openness, diplomatic flexibility, and domestic development. That confidence, however, is being tested in the current geopolitical situation. The United States' attention is increasingly stretched across theatres. Europe's prolonged security crisis, unresolved instability in West Asia, and domestic political flux inside the United States suggest considerable bandwidth constraints. In such circumstances, allies start asking uncomfortable questions. Will Washington remain consistent with its promises when multiple emergencies unfold? And will domestic political shifts in the United States make long-term security promises less dependable?

Tourism is a fast-moving economic lever. It can inject capital without long negotiations, large infrastructure deals, or treaty commitments. That is what makes the Philippines' visa waiver significant. For Manila, easing entry rules for Chinese visitors can be defended as a practical measure: broadening revenue streams, rapid recovery in the tourism business, more people-to-people exchanges, and reducing the spillover costs of regional tension on ordinary sectors. Equally important are the restrictions. A 14-day stay that is non-extendable and non-convertible signals caution. It is a controlled opening, designed to capture economic benefit while also limiting long-term residency and administrative exposure. This dual-track approach, security firmness combined with economic openness, is becoming more common across Asia. States resist coercion at sea, invest in deterrence, and strengthen partnerships, while trade and tourism remain unaffected. For policymakers managing real constraints, this dual-track approach is a way of

staying afloat. The question that runs now is what if the hub-and-spokes system weakens? Will it collapse dramatically? It will not. However, what emerges first is what can be called micro-hedging, which are small, reversible decisions that widen diplomatic room without changing security fundamentals. A visa waiver is exactly such a move. It is visible enough to be noticed, but modest enough to be rolled back. It signals that Manila is seeking economic breathing space even while remaining engaged in maritime competition in the South China Sea. The deeper reason such micro-hedging is spreading is that many Asian states increasingly regard U.S. commitment as strong but not limitless. One can easily infer from the activities of the current Trump administration that the United States can still deter, still deploy, and still influence, but whether it can guarantee that it will remain the constant manager of every regional escalation is highly doubtful. When regional capitals sense that Washington's attention can be uneven, the rational response is to broaden their options, discretely.

What Venezuela tells Asia about American priority drift

The relevance of Venezuela here is that it illustrates how quickly U.S. focus can tilt toward nearer theatres when pressure builds. In periods of global strain, Washington often returns to consolidating control in its immediate neighbourhood and prioritising issues in the Western Hemisphere as urgent security concerns.

For Asian states, the message is loud and clear. Strategic priorities can reorder rapidly, and that even allies may find themselves competing with other theatres for American bandwidth and political capital. Recent U.S. strategic messaging has emphasised the idea that domestic resilience and hemispheric concerns are core issues. So, if hub-and-spoke loses coherence, Asia will be naturally pushed towards something it has often struggled to build: strong lateral cooperation among the spokes themselves. More joint patrols, coast guard coordination, intelligence sharing, crisis hotlines, supply-chain resilience, and unilateral partnerships will be

## Pradip Baruah: Architect of Prantik's timeless dignity

The passing of Pradip Baruah on January 14, 2026, at the age of 88, after a prolonged illness, has left an irreplaceable void in the intellectual and cultural landscape of Assam. As the founder, publisher, and later editor of the fortnightly magazine Prantik, Baruah did not merely run a publication; he shaped it into a living institution of dignity, reason, and linguistic excellence that has endured for more than four decades. Born on September 3, 1938, in Dibrugarh, the youngest son of Dabra Govinda Baruah—the legendary founder of The Assam Tribune—Pradip Baruah chose a path of quiet independence. Educated at Don Bosco School and Cotton College in Guwahati, he declined to remain within the established fold of his father's media empire and instead launched Prantik on December 1, 1981, with the renowned litterateur and filmmaker Dr Bhabendra Nath Saikia as its first chief editor. What began as a bold experiment in a time of turmoil grew into a symbol of intellectual resilience under Baruah's unwavering leadership.

The early 1980s were among the darkest and most divisive years in Assam's modern history. The Assam Agitation (1979–1985) had swept across the Brahmaputra Valley like a storm, fueled by demands for the identification and deportation of illegal foreigners. Protests, processions, slogans, and sporadic violence created an atmosphere thick with emotion and uncertainty. Rational discourse was frequently drowned out by passion, and reflective thought became a rare luxury. It was precisely in this restless and explosive climate that Assamese society desperately needed a medium capable of restoring balance—something that could restrain emotion, guide public reasoning, and provide light amid darkness. Pradip Baruah recognised this urgent need and responded with vision and resolve. Prantik was born not as another newspaper chasing headlines, but as a deliberate intellectual intervention, a space for calm, compre-

hensive, and constructive dialogue.

From its very first issue, Prantik distinguished itself by breaking away from the conventional patterns of Assamese journalism. Baruah and Dr. Saikia shared a profound conviction that mere political reporting, slogans, or accounts of conflict could not build a nation. True progress required the cultivation of deep thought and a holistic perspective. The magazine therefore gave equal importance to literature, culture, science, economy, and social issues, always striving for balance and impartiality. Where others amplified excitement, Prantik chose seriousness; where others stirred commotion, it practiced restraint; where others described problems, it sought to explore solutions, theoretically and practically. This approach was not only courageous but revolutionary in the context of the time. Baruah often said that a magazine should apply balm to society's wounds, never salt. That guiding principle defined Prantik's character and earned it a reputation for maturity and depth unmatched in contemporary regional-language journalism in India.

One of the most enduring aspects of Prantik's identity has been its uncompromising commitment to the purity and dignity of the Assamese language. Baruah treated linguistic standards as a sacred national responsibility. Every article underwent rigorous scrutiny for spelling, grammar,

## DEGREE OF THOUGHT

By: Himangshu Ranjan Bhuyan

punctuation, sentence structure, and stylistic elegance. This meticulous care gave rise to an informal yet universally respected benchmark popularly known as "Prantik's spelling" or "Prantik's language." In an age when rapid modernization and media haste frequently led to distortion—including indiscriminate borrowing from English—Prantik stood as a vigilant guardian. It promoted the rich native vocabulary while allowing judicious acceptance of new terms, always preserving the

language's inherent idioms, expressions, and grammatical features. Teachers, journalists, writers, and students across Assam began turning to Prantik more often than dictionaries for orthographic guidance. Baruah's deep love for the mother tongue helped give modern Assamese prose a powerful, dignified, and disciplined form—an achievement that will remain etched in the history of the language for generations.

Prantik also achieved a rare and beautiful harmony between literature and journalism. Most publications tend to lean heavily toward either sensational news or pure literary expression, leaving a gap in comprehensive coverage. Prantik bridged this divide masterfully. It offered short stories, poems, travelogues, serialized novels, and light essays alongside well-researched articles on burning social, economic, and political questions. Baruah and Dr Saikia adopted a strikingly liberal attitude toward new talent. Rather than pursuing famous names for commercial advantage, they actively sought out promising writers from remote villages, small towns, hills, and plains, providing them with encouragement, editorial guidance, and a dignified platform. Many of today's most respected Assamese short-story writers, novelists, and poets trace the roots of their literary journey to the pages of Prantik. Baruah personally nurtured these voices, polishing their work with care and conviction, understanding that the vitality of literature depends on the continuous arrival of fresh ideas and new blood rooted in social reality.

Equally significant was Prantik's quiet but powerful campaign to promote scientific temper and rational thinking. Baruah recognised that superstition, irrational beliefs, and unscientific attitudes had long held sway in Assamese society. To prepare the community for the challenges of the twenty-first century, he made the dissemination of scientific knowledge a central mission. Specialists contributed articles on subjects ranging from medical science and

space research to environmental issues, agricultural technology, and computers. These pieces were written in remarkably simple, clear, and homely Assamese, making complex ideas accessible even to minimally educated readers in villages. The impact was profound: Prantik not only enriched Assamese scientific literature but also helped cultivate a healthier, more rational outlook among ordinary people. Under Baruah's visionary leadership, the magazine transcended its identity as a literary periodical and became a vast, living repository of knowledge—often described as a modern encyclopaedia of the Assamese mind.

Behind this extraordinary achievement stood Pradip Baruah's own character: reserved, publicity-shy, and deeply committed. He never sought personal acclaim, content to work quietly behind towering figures like Dr. Saikia in the early years. When Saikia passed away and many feared for Prantik's future, Baruah stepped forward with courage and quiet confidence, assuming full editorial responsibility. His editorials were sharp, fearless, and uncompromising, yet always constructive and reasoned. He criticised injustice, corruption, political hypocrisy, and social decay without ever descending into malice or personal attack. This impartiality and integrity made Prantik a credible voice respected across political lines. His pen, sharper than any sword, was wielded only in the service of truth.

Baruah's business acumen and administrative discipline ensured Prantik's remarkable longevity. While many quality Assamese magazines closed due to financial pressures, Prantik survived and thrived for over four decades with dignity. Baruah rejected sensationalism, rumours, and vulgarity, firmly believing that high-quality content and genuine reader commitment would sustain the publication. His faith was vindicated: a large, conscious, and loyal readership eagerly awaited every issue on the 1st and 16th of each fortnight. Even during the severe distributions of the COVID-19 pandemic, publication and distri-

bution continued without interruption—a testament to his indomitable will and lifelong devotion. For Baruah, Prantik was never just a business; it was an emotion, a meditation, and a sacred duty that ran through his veins.

Prantik also earned a special place in Assamese homes as a true family magazine. In an era dominated by negative news and crude entertainment, it remained wholesome, tasteful, and suitable for readers of all ages—from children to elders. Baruah carefully curated content on travel, cuisine, health, career guidance, and more, ensuring nothing compromised family values or social decency. This approach made Prantik an indispensable companion in households across Assam, quietly preserving traditional values while embracing modernity. His legendary punctuality became a hallmark. Publication dates were observed with military precision, instilling in readers the unshakable confidence that Prantik would arrive on time, come what may—floods, bandhs, storms, or hartals. He lived and breathed the magazine, finding profound meaning in the smell of printing ink and the rustle of paper.

Pradip Baruah was far more than an editor or publisher. He was the architect of Prantik's timeless dignity, a silent sentinel of Assamese intellectual life, and a mirror of conscience in an age of eroding values. His quiet, steadfast work demonstrated that lasting contributions to society are made not through noise, but through integrity, discipline, and unwavering commitment to quality. As the Assamese nation mourns his loss, the pages of Prantik continue to carry his vision forward. The greatest tribute to his memory will be to keep alive the standards, the thought process, and the culture of excellence he so painstakingly built. May Prantik, standing on the solid foundation he laid, continue to illuminate the paths of knowledge, reason, and dignity for generations to come. (The author is the recipient of the 'Yuba Lekhak Sanman - 2025' from the Government of Assam)

## The decline of meritocracy and the paradox of the 'world leader'

By: Dr Satyavan Saurabh

The direction in which the world is moving is no secret. In the twentieth century, the power of nations was determined by war and geography, but in the twenty-first century, power is now measured by knowledge, science, and innovation. Russia is investing in relentless research on cures for deadly diseases like cancer. The United States has redefined the future economy and even war strategy through artificial intelligence. China's disciplined approach to infrastructure and technical education has made it a center of both production and innovation.

Amidst these global efforts, India claims to be a "Vishwaguru." This aspiration is not bad—every nation wants to elevate its role. The problem lies not in this claim, but in the widening gap that is growing between our slogan and our reality.

The facts that have emerged in recent months regarding the admissions process for medical education have further highlighted this gap. If it is true that candidates with negative scores are still gaining opportunities to become doctors, this is not just an academic error—it raises a serious alarm about the safety of public health. Doctors are not just a profession, but a bridge between life and death. A decline in their qualifications directly impacts the vitality of society as a whole.

It's true that the shortage of doctors in India is a serious challenge. The number of doctors per thousand population in India is still lower than the global average. But this crisis cannot be solved by lowering the qualification threshold. It's like reducing the quality of construction materials to address the shortage of bridges. The bridge may be built, but one day it will collapse, injuring the very people it was built to help.

The concept of social justice is an integral value of Indian democracy. Reservation and inclusiveness aim to ensure equality of opportunity, not to eliminate the criterion of merit. Social background may determine opportunity, but compromising on marks and efficiency when handing the knife to a surgeon would be a self-defeating step. A student's struggle may be a matter of sympathy, but a mistake on the operating table could cost someone's life. That is why medicine, aviation, nuclear science, or other high-risk fields require training and support, not concessions.

There's a satire going around these days: "The new method of population control is a doctor with minus marks." It may sound exaggerated, but the underlying fear is real. The introduction of incompetence into medicine is an attack on the collective security of the nation. When a doctor's mistake costs someone their life, it's not just a policy failure, it's a moral crime.

The irony is that while India boasts global recognition for its knowledge and leadership, it simultaneously weakens its own professional standards. No country becomes great through slogans. It becomes great through the discipline and transparency of its institutions. Education, health, and research—these are the backbones of any civilized society. Without these, no one can become a "world leader," no matter how many speeches are delivered on stage.

The most tragic aspect of this situation is that the very communities in whose name many concessions are granted are the ones who suffer the most. The poor and marginalized depend on government

hospitals. If unqualified doctors reach them, the very goal of social justice will be subverted. Inequality will not decrease, but will deepen. This question is also important because when formulating policy, we often assume the intention is sufficient, but ignore the impact of the outcome.

The growing influence of private medical colleges has further complicated this problem. When education is transformed from a service to a business, merit is overshadowed by money. High fees, management quotas, and the exchange of seats have altered the nature of medical education. This situation also weakens the trust between doctor and patient. When a doctor begins to view a degree as an investment, not an achievement, their primary goal becomes recovery, not treatment. This inevitably leads to a decline in the ethics of the profession.

If this trend continues, in the coming years, the face of India's medical system will be one where quality will be a matter of how much is paid, not how efficiently the treatment is delivered. This would be a profound irony for a nation that calls itself a life-giving civilisation.

The only way out of this situation is to restructure the entire educational structure. The problem will be solved not by lowering admission standards, but by strengthening the foundation of education. We must ensure that rural or disadvantaged students receive the facilities, training, and teachers at the elementary level that enable them to compete. Investments in scholarships, coaching support, and scientific methods of education must be increased. Cultivating merit is difficult, but there is no alternative.

India must now clearly define its priorities. Do we want to remain a mere rhetoric or truly become a society of global quality? China has earned global respect through its education policy, Japan through its discipline, and Korea through innovation. The same is possible in India—if we make merit and honesty the norm.

A nation's true identity is not determined by its leaders, but by its professional class. Doctors, teachers, scientists, and engineers—these are the pillars that shape society. If their talent begins to decline, no highway, no campaign, or no vision document can make that nation a world leader.

It's time for India to introspect. Do we want to reach a point where the world trusts our doctors, or do we want to live in complacency where the term "world leader" has become a mere consolation?

The answer is simple. If we reinstate transparency and the value of merit in our education, examinations, recruitment, and administration, the dream of "Vishwaguru" can transform from a mere slogan into a concrete achievement. A nation's rise is not driven by any single class, ideology, or power; it is driven by the efforts of every citizen who is determined to achieve excellence in their field. The Indian tradition said centuries ago, "Na hi jnana sadrisham pavitramih vidyate." Nothing is more sacred than knowledge. This thought can take us forward.

The path to becoming a world leader lies not through slogans or symbols; it lies through education, discipline, and institutional integrity. We must decide whether we want to follow this path.

Because the truth is—  
Before becoming a world leader,  
We have to make ability our guru. (Dr. Satyavan Saurabh, PhD (Political Science), is a poet and social thinker.)

# Avian Influenza: A one health imperative for Global Health governance

By: Lakshmy Ramakrishnan

Avian influenza or bird flu (caused by the H5N1 virus) is a contagious viral disease affecting domestic and wild birds and, less frequently, mammals. Authorities confirmed an outbreak in Kerala in late December, impacting poultry farms. While birds are the natural reservoir for this category of influenza viruses, transmission to humans occurs through contact with infected birds or contaminated settings such as poultry farms and markets where birds are sold. Human-to-human transmission of H5N1 has not yet been reported. However, over the past several years, scientists have warned of its potential to cross the species barrier — from infecting birds to humans — triggering a global health crisis. This threat underscores the urgency of understanding and addressing diseases that emerge at the human-animal interface and the significance of a 'One Health' approach to global health governance.

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## Flu Through the Ages

The flu has been a public health



threat for centuries, with the first documented influenza pandemic having occurred as early as 1510. The World Health Organization (WHO) approximates that the flu infects 1 billion indi-

viduals every year, leaving 3-5 million with severe illness, of which hundreds of thousands are fatal. Belonging to the family of viruses known as orthomyxoviruses, several different subtypes of influenza viruses exist, with influenza A and B posing significant threats to humans. Notably, influenza A has caused 4 pandemics since the beginning of the 20th century, influenza B has never caused a pandemic, influenza C causes mild diseases, and influenza D does not infect humans. The 1918 Spanish Flu was caused by an influenza A strain, H1N1, which affected a third of the world's population at the time and caused 50 million deaths globally. Each year, different influenza A and B strains emerge, causing seasonal flu. For instance, in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that the 2024-2025 flu was caused primarily by H1N1 and H3N2 strains.

## Avian Influenza

Meanwhile, bird flu infections — another influenza A subtype (H5N1) — have been rising globally over the past several years, following the first reported case in China in 1996. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), between 2003 and 2024, 900 human H5N1 cases were reported, with a fatality rate of 48 percent. A genetically related H1N1 virus, commonly

known as swine flu, caused a pandemic in 2009, with global deaths estimated between 151,700 and 575,400. The current H5N1 outbreak began in 2021 in North America and has affected over

180 million birds. In addition, 1,000 dairy herds have been affected since H5N1 was first detected in dairy cows in March 2024. Seventy cases of H5N1 have been reported in humans in the US, including one death. Closer to home, H5N1 was detected last month in Kerala after a large number of ducks and chickens died unexpectedly. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) immediately implemented biosecurity protocols comprising culling operations and the destruction of eggs and poultry feed.

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**Impact of Avian Influenza**

The World Health Organization (WHO) places the public health risk posed by H5N1 as low for the general population and low to moderate for individuals exposed through occupational factors. There are no commercially available H5N1 vaccines for humans, as infections remain comparatively rare, indicating that population-level vaccination is not considered necessary. Moreover, seasonal flu vaccines are not designed to protect against avian influenza.

Avian influenza not only affects animal health and causes animal mortality, but it also impacts food security, global food supply chains, and disturbs biodiversity. For instance, the current outbreak in the US triggered egg shortages and price escalation, and caused a decline in overall milk yield, as H5N1 reduces milk production in dairy cattle. Collectively, this demonstrates how avian influenza outbreaks have the potential to create food security and economic challenges that extend beyond the human and animal health sector, impacting trade and global supply chains.

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## Viral Genome Reassortment

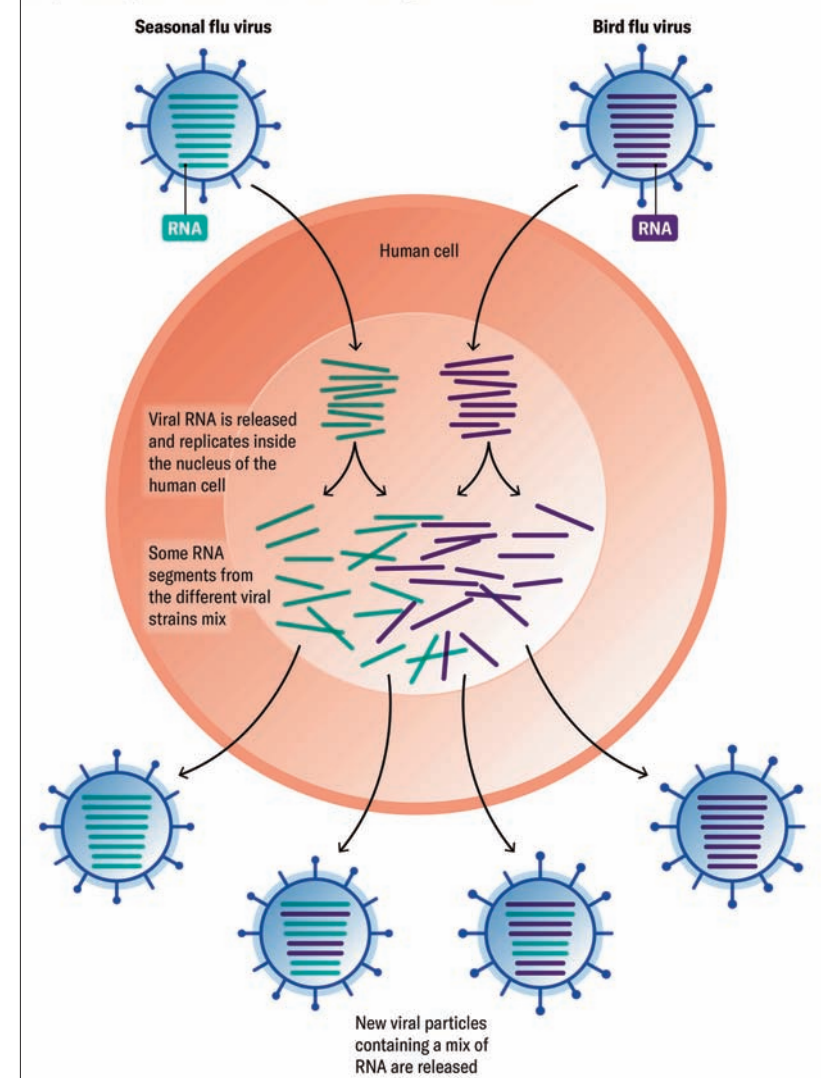
Presently, the main concern highlighted by scientists is the potential for an avian influenza strain to undergo significant genetic changes that would allow it to cross the species barrier and directly infect humans. Influenza viruses are RNA viruses that tend to accumulate mutations or minor genetic changes on a regular basis. These changes may alter their infectivity or pathogenicity and form the basis for why new flu vaccines are needed almost every year. Larger genetic changes may enable them to jump from infecting one species to another. This occurs in influenza viruses through genetic reassortment or the swapping of genetic material between flu strains and can occur when a human or animal cell is infected with two kinds of virus simultaneously. Figure 1 illustrates how a potential genetic reassortment could occur if a human cell were to be infected by an avian flu virus and a seasonal flu virus simultaneously, resulting in a novel strain with unknown pathogenicity and no existing vaccine, capable of infecting humans.

While this is very rare, reassortment was responsible for all but one of the human flu pandemics, including the 2009 swine flu pandemic, where genetic reassortment of human, swine, and bird influenza viruses occurred. Reassortment between avian influenza strains is relatively common and has been occurring with increasing frequency since 2020. Scientists are concerned that since numerous H5N1 strains are circulating in poultry, wild birds, and dairy cows, concomitant with seasonal flu strains, it may only be a matter of time before a new strain emerges. A recent modelling study by Indian researchers demonstrated that in the case of H5N1, sustained human-to-human transmission will likely occur after 2-10 individuals are infected. The study highlights how narrow the window is between a zoonotic spillover event and sustained transmission amongst humans. While reassortments are infrequent, monitoring of potential changes requires continual surveillance across human, animal, and environmental systems.

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## How Flu Virus Reassortment Works

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## Pandemic Agreement

Globally, there have been no cases of H5N1 transmission between humans. Nevertheless, viral spread across species and geographies, exacerbated by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic underscore the need for a 'One Health' approach to controlling disease. In May 2025, the World Health Assembly adopted the landmark Pandemic Agreement, which includes One Health, acknowledging that previous frameworks struggled to address zoonotic diseases effectively. A part of the agreement — the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) mechanism — that deals with the sharing of pathogen information with pandemic potential and the development of medical countermeasures to tackle disease is still being negotiated.

The Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) that works on the draft text will reconvene this month to deliberate over the operationalisation as-

pects of PABS, including the effective implementation of a One Health approach. This includes global coordination and implementation at national levels to ensure that surveillance, reporting, and data-sharing occur across public health, veterinary, agricultural, food, and environmental sectors and engage with local communities and high-risk populations like poultry farmers.

## Conclusion

The next global health crisis could very well be of zoonotic origin. The widespread nature of the ongoing H5N1 outbreak impacts not only animal and human health but also endangers species diversity and the supply of animal-sourced foods. The occurrence of infection (and fatalities) in mammals underscores the virus's ability to infect multiple species, including humans. Effectively operationalising a One Health approach to emerging global health challenges within a global governance framework is now of utmost importance. (Courtesy: ORF)

# Is ChatGPT the future of AI medical advice? Expert explains pros and cons

By: Peter Morales-Brown

Open AI recently introduced ChatGPT Health, a new feature within ChatGPT designed to support health and wellness questions. The launch is in response to the AI chatbot reportedly receiving millions of health-related questions each day, highlighting a growing public interest in AI-powered medical information.

According to OpenAI, ChatGPT Health aims to provide users with a more focused experience for navigating health concerns, wellness topics, and medical questions.

Clearly, there is an increasing demand for accessible and conversational health information. However, while the tools may increase access to information, ensuring accuracy, equity, and responsible use remains a critical challenge.

Speaking to Medical News Today, David Liebovitz, MD, an expert in artificial intelligence in clinical medicine at Northwestern University, shares his thoughts on how ChatGPT Health may affect the patient-doctor relationship, and how healthcare professionals (HCPs) can safely guide appropriate use of AI health tools.

**Will this tool be beneficial for HCPs and help to improve patient care and interaction?**

Liebovitz: Yes, with important caveats. ChatGPT Health can help patients arrive better prepared with lab trends summarized, questions organized, and care gaps identified.

That is a step up from patients bringing fragmented Google results or no preparation at all. For HCPs, this could mean more productive visit time spent understanding a patient's values and preferences to support shared decision-making and more rapid gap closure.

The risk is overconfidence. Patients may assume AI-synthesized information is equivalent to clinical judgment or a thorough review. HCPs will need to develop new skills: validating what patients bring, correcting AI-generated misconceptions, and recognizing when the tool has missed context that changes the clinical picture entirely.

**What advice would you give to HCPs when discussing ChatGPT with patients?**

Liebovitz: Acknowledge the tool's value while establishing appropriate expectations.

I'd suggest framing like: "It's helpful for organizing your questions and understanding basic concepts, but it does not know things only I can assess, such as your physical exam, your tone during conversation, or how you have responded to treatments before."

It is important not to dismiss patients who use it. That signals we are not listening (and these tools are getting better). Instead, ask what they found and what concerns it raised. Use it as a springboard. If they bring something incorrect, treat it as a teaching moment rather than a correction.

**How can HCPs advise patients to use AI health tools safely and appropriately?**

Liebovitz: Three principles:

Preparation, not diagnosis

Use it to organize and propose questions, understand terminology, or track patterns.

Proposing helpful topics or questions for discussion at the visit is then fair game, but please do not use it to conclude what is wrong, what will happen in the future, or decide on specific treatments.

For those scenarios, it will not have all the information it needs, yet will often still provide guidance that is often erroneous or needlessly anxiety-inducing.

## Always verify

Anything that changes a medical decision should be considered a soft suggestion from an incomplete AI source that needs confirmation from your care team.

With that said, gaps in care are common, and there very well may be useful guidance given 2026 diagnosis and treatment complexity, but please realize that truly helpful guidance that impacts decisions may not always be present or may be buried in noisy, inappropriate suggestions, too.

## Understand privacy trade-offs

Health data shared with ChatGPT is not protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Unlike conversations with physicians or therapists, there is no legal privilege. For sensitive matters such as reproductive health, mental health, substance use or other personal concerns, please understand the privacy loss before using the tool.

**How can HCPs help to reduce misunderstanding when using AI-generated health advice?**

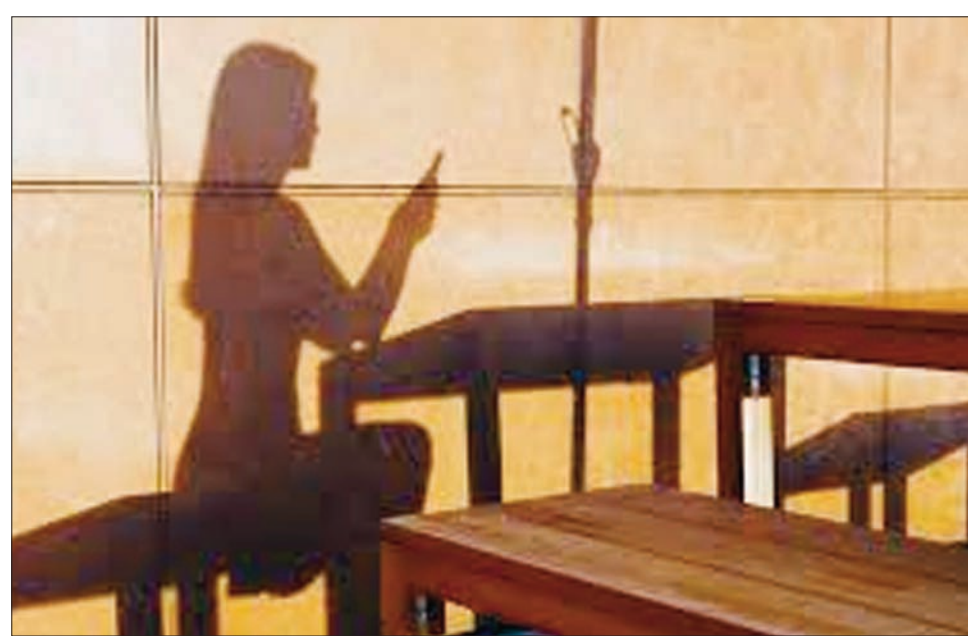
Liebovitz: The biggest misunderstanding is that AI-generated information is equivalent to a second opinion from a clinician. It is not.

Large language models (LLMs), such as ChatGPT, predict plausible text; they do not verify truth or weigh clinical context the way a trained professional does. HCPs can help by being explicit: "ChatGPT can summarize information and identify patterns, but it can hallucinate, miss nuance, and lacks access to your exam, your history with me, and the things you have not told it."

The AI tools also do not weigh evidence while providing customized guidance according to a specific patient's preferences the way a skilled clinician does. Confidence from an AI tool does not mean correct. Responses appear with equal authority, whether it is accurate or dangerously wrong.

**Looking ahead 5 years, how do you think AI will change the patient-doctor relationship?**

Liebovitz: I expect AI will become an established layer in most care (and behind-the-scenes) interactions, such as handling



documentation, surfacing relevant history, or flagging potential issues.

For patients, tools like ChatGPT Health will increasingly serve as a persistent health assistant/companion that helps them track, interpret, and prepare (including gap identification for discussion and helpful behavioral nudging according to a patient's preferences).

The core of the relationship with a clinician, that is, trust, judgment, shared decision making, will not be automated.

AI-assisted physicians who learn to work with AI-assisted patients, rather than against them, will have deeper conversations in less time. The ones who avoid use of AI personally and by their patients will find patients going elsewhere, or simply not telling them what the AI said.

**Why is OpenAI's launch of ChatGPT Health significant right now, given how patients already search for health information online?**

Liebovitz: Because it formalizes what was already happening informally.

Apparently, 40 million people a day were already asking ChatGPT questions, including uploading lab results, describing symptoms, seeking explanations. OpenAI is now building dedicated infrastructure around that behavior: encrypted spaces, connected medical records, and explicit guardrails.

The 21st Century Cures Act/Trusted Source requires health systems to give patients access to their records via standardized APIs. ChatGPT Health is an early major consumer tool to aggregate that access at scale. Whether physicians like it or not, this changes the information asymmetry that has defined the patient-provider relationship for decades and thereby accelerates healthcare democratization.

**You have said this is a 'significant step forward from Google searches.' What specifically makes it better, and where does it still fall short?**

## What makes it better

Liebovitz: ChatGPT synthesizes across sources and personalizes to the user-patient's context.

Instead of 10 blue links with conflicting information, patients get a coherent explanation grounded in their own data, including lab trends over time, possible medication interactions, appointment preparation specific to their situation.

## Where it falls short

Liebovitz: It can still hallucinate. Citations are not reliable. It lacks access to the physical exam, the clinical gestalt, the social context a skilled clinician gathers in 5 minutes of conversation.

LLM outputs optimize for plausibility, not accuracy. This makes wrong answers often sound more confident than correct ones. Critical details that a long-time physician knows about a patient may be missing. Our data systems are not fully integrated, and it is also likely that ChatGPT will have less access to full charts than physicians do.

## The biggest gap

Liebovitz: No accountability. When I am wrong, there are mechanisms, including peer review, malpractice, licensing boards, my professional reputation. When ChatGPT is wrong, you can file a thumbs-down.

**How do you realistically see patients using ChatGPT Health?**

Liebovitz: I see five high-value scenarios:

- Pre-visit preparation: "Help me understand my recent labs and organize questions for my appointment. Pay attention to any gaps or over-

due items."

- Post-visit clarification: "My doctor mentioned X. Please explain again what that means and what I should watch for."

- Check-ins: "Please remind me weekly if there is anything on my health to-do list or any specific healthy behaviors I should make note of based on my history."

- System navigation: "Compare my insurance options for this procedure" or "Help me appeal this coverage denial."

- Health basics questions: If sufficiently grounded in base medical topics, potential for enhanced question/answering about general medical topics although current symptoms should be then referred to clinical care given limits noted above.

**You've raised concerns about HIPAA protections. What do most patients misunderstand about privacy when they use AI health tools?**

Liebovitz: The main misconception is that any conversation about health is protected like a conversation with their doctor. It is not.

HIPAA only covers "covered entities," which means health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and healthcare providers who transmit health information electronically. Consumer AI tools are not covered entities.

Therefore, when you share health information with ChatGPT, that data could theoretically be subpoenaed, accessed through legal processes, or, despite OpenAI's stated policies, used in ways you did not anticipate.

There is nothing like patient-physician privilege. For sensitive health matters, particularly reproductive or mental health concerns in the current legal environment, that distinction matters.

**Are there particular areas of health, such as mental health or reproductive care, where you would urge extra caution?**

Liebovitz: Absolutely. Mental health carries unique risks: AI chatbots have been implicated in multiple suicide cases where they validated harmful ideation rather than escalating appropriately. The Brown University study published last year documented systematic ethical violations, including reinforcing negative beliefs, creating false empathy, mishandling crisis situations. LLMs are not designed to recognize decompensation.

Reproductive care carries legal risk in addition to clinical risk. In states with abortion restrictions, any digital record of reproductive health questions becomes potential evidence.

Unlike conversations with your physician, ChatGPT conversations are not protected by legal privilege. I would also add: substance use, HIV status, genetic information, anything involving legal proceedings. The common thread is linking scenarios where disclosure, even inadvertent, carries consequences beyond clinical care. (Courtesy: MNT)

# India readies power-packed presence at WEF before global elite

**DAVOS, Jan 18:** India is set for a power-packed representation at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in this Alpine resort town that will see the global elite discuss "a spirit of dialogue" in a fragmented world for five days beginning Monday.

US President Donald Trump will be the biggest star among over 3,000 global leaders from government, business, academia, multi-lateral bodies, civil society, and labour unions.

Trump is coming with his five cabinet members, and the city has got a USA House for the first time in over five decades, it has hosted the annual WEF summit. The WEF said that at least 64 heads of government or state would be present, while six out of seven G-7 countries would be represented by their top leadership. China and Pakistan will also have big delegations attending the event.

Pakistan will also host for the first time a 'Sufi Night' where it will also serve 'Indus Valley' delicacies.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will also be present, WEF President and CEO Borge Brende

said at an online press conference, asserting that the five-day annual meeting beginning January 18 will have a hard look at Ukraine, Gaza and Latin America, including Venezuela.

He said a big bipartisan delegation from the US Congress and state governors would also attend the meeting, being held under a theme of "a spirit of dialogue".

President Trump will bring along the largest-ever US delegation to Davos, including at least five secretaries. Those expected include Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent, Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, and also US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

Brende said the world is probably facing the most complex geopolitical situation since 1945, and dialogue is not a luxury in times of uncertainty, but an urgent necessity today. Brende said the WEF Annual Meeting will have a historic participation of more than 3,000 world leaders from over 130 countries this year, including over 1,700 business leaders, half of

whom are CEOs or chairpersons.

There would be a record number of 400 top political leaders from across the globe, including a strong Latin American presence.

The meeting will also be attended by more than 30 foreign ministers, over 60 finance ministers and central bank governors and more than 30 trade ministers.

Top political leaders taking part include Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, French President Emmanuel Macron, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Chinese Vice-Premier He Lifeng, and Swiss President Guy Parmelin.

They also include presidents of Argentina, Indonesia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Finland, Mozambique, Poland, Serbia, Singapore, Israel, and Syria, alongside prime ministers of Spain, Belgium, Greece, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Palestinian National Authority, and Qatar.

Close to 200 leaders from civil society and the social sector, including labour unions, non-governmental and



faith-based organisations, as well as experts and heads of the world's leading universities, research institutions and think tanks, will also participate in the meeting.

From India, at least four Union ministers — Ashwini Vaishnaw, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Pralhad Joshi, and K Ramamohan Naidu — as well as six chief ministers are expected to be there, along with over 100 top CEOs from the country.

The chief ministers are Devendra Fadnavis of Maharashtra, N Chan-

drababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh, Assam's Himanta Biswa Sarma, Madhya Pradesh's Mohan Yadav, Telangana's A Revanth Reddy, and Jharkhand's Hemant Soren. While Reddy is from Congress, Soren from Congress ally Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and Naidu from Telugu Desam Party (an ally of the BJP), the other three CMs are from the BJP.

Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar (from Congress) was also expected to be there, but has dropped out due to his engagements

back home.

Among Union ministers, Naidu is from TDP, while the other four are from BJP.

Besides, Gujarat's Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Rameshbhai Sanghavi (from the BJP) and high-level delegations from Uttar Pradesh and Kerala will also visit Davos.

Indian leaders are expected to participate in several panel discussions, including one on 'Can India become the third largest economy in the world' during the summit.

Business leaders from India expected include Reliance Industries chief Mukesh Ambani, Tata group's N Chandrasekaran, Bajaj Group's Sanjiv Bajaj, Jubilant Bhartiya Group's Hari S Bhartiya, TVS Motor's Sudarshan Venu and Mahindra Group's Anish Shah.

Other Indian corporate leaders expected to be there are Axis Bank's Amitabh Chaudhry, Godrej Industries Group's Nadir Godrej, JSW Group's Sajjan Jindal, Zerodha's Nikhil Kamath, Bharti group's Sunil Bharti Mittal, Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, Infosys CEO Salil S

Parekh, Wipro's Rishad Premji, Essar CEO Prashant Ruita, Paytm's Vijay Shekhar Sharma and ReNew CEO Sumant Sinha.

Former Union minister Smriti Zubin Irani will also be there as founder and chairperson of Alliance for Global Good: Gender Equity and Equality, which was founded a few years ago in Davos itself.

Global leaders attending the summit include United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, World Bank President Ajay S Banga, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, UNESCO Director-General Khalid el-Enany, WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

From Pakistan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will also be there. (PTI)

## 8 EU countries to face 10% tariff for opposing US control of Greenland

**WEST PALM BEACH (FLORIDA), Jan 18:** President Donald Trump said Saturday that he would charge a 10 per cent import tax starting in February on goods from eight European nations because of their opposition to American control of Greenland, setting up a potentially dangerous test of US partnerships in Europe.

Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Finland would face the tariff, Trump said in a social media post while at his golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida. The rate would climb to 25 per cent on June 1 if no deal was in place for "the Complete and Total purchase of Greenland" by the United States, he said.

The Republican president appeared to indicate that he was using the tariffs as leverage to force talks with Denmark and other European countries over the status of Greenland, a semi-autonomous territory of NATO ally Denmark that he regards as critical to US national security.

"The United States of America is immediately open to negotiation with Denmark and/or any of these Countries that have put so much at



risk, despite all that we have done for them," Trump said on Truth Social.

The tariff threat could mark a problematic rupture between Trump and America's longtime NATO partners, further straining an alliance that dates to 1949 and provides a collective degree of security to Europe and North America. Trump has repeatedly tried to use trade penalties to bend allies and rivals alike to his will, generating investment commitments from some nations and pushback from others, notably China.

Trump is scheduled to travel on

Tuesday to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where he likely will run into the European leaders he just threatened with tariffs that would start in little more than two weeks.

Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen said Trump's move was a "surprise" given the "constructive meeting" with top US officials this week in Washington.

The European Commission's president, Ursula von der Leyen, and the head of the European Council, Antonio Costa, said in a joint statement that tariffs "would undermine transatlantic relations and risk

a dangerous downward spiral." They said Europe would remain "committed to upholding its sovereignty."

There are immediate questions about how the White House could try to implement the tariffs because the EU is a single economic zone in terms of trading, according to a European diplomat who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity. It was unclear, too, how Trump could act under US law, though he could cite emergency economic powers that are currently subject to a US Supreme Court challenge.

Trump has long said he thinks the U.S. should own the strategically located and mineral-rich island, which has a population of about 57,000 and whose defense is provided by Denmark. He intensified his calls a day after the military operation to oust Venezuela's Nicolás Maduro earlier this month.

The president indicated the tariffs were retaliation for what appeared to be the deployment of symbolic levels of troops from the European countries to Greenland, which he has said was essential for the "Golden Dome" missile defense

system for the US. He also has argued that Russia and China might try to take over the island.

The US already has access to Greenland under a 1951 defense agreement. Since 1945, the American military presence in Greenland has decreased from thousands of soldiers over 17 bases and installations to 200 at the remote Pituffik Space Base in the northwest of the island, the Danish foreign minister has said. That base supports missile warning, missile defense and space surveillance operations for the US and NATO.

Resistance has steadily built in Europe to Trump's ambitions even as several countries on the continent agreed to his 15 per cent tariffs last year in order to preserve an economic and security relationship with Washington.

French President Emmanuel Macron, in a social media post, seemed to equate the tariff threat to Russian leader Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine.

"No intimidation or threats will influence us, whether in Ukraine, Greenland or anywhere else in the world when we are faced with such situations," Macron said in a translated post on X. (AP)

## Iraqi army fully takes over key base following US withdrawal

**BAGHDAD, Jan 18:** US forces have fully withdrawn from an air base in western Iraq in implementation of an agreement with the Iraqi government, Iraqi officials said Saturday.

Washington and Baghdad agreed in 2024 to wind down a US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group in Iraq by September 2025, with US forces departing bases where they had been stationed.

However, a small unit of US military advisers and support personnel remained. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani in October told journalists that the agreement originally stipulated a full pullout of US forces from the Ain al-Asad air base in western Iraq by September. But "developments in Syria" since then required maintaining a "small unit" of between 250 and 350 advisers and security personnel at the base. Now all US personnel have departed.

Iraqi Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Abdul Amir Rashid Yarallah oversaw the assignment of tasks and duties to various military units at the base on Saturday following the withdrawal of US forces and the Iraqi Army's full assumption of control over the base, the military said in a statement.

The statement added that Yarallah "instructed relevant authorities to intensify efforts, enhance joint work, and coordinate between all units stationed at the base, while making full use of its capabilities and strategic location."

A Ministry of Defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to comment publicly confirmed that all US forces had departed the base and had also removed all American equipment from it. There was no statement from the US military on the withdrawal. US forces have retained a presence in the semi-autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq and in neighboring Syria.

The departure of US forces may strengthen the hand of the government in discussions around disarmament of non-state armed groups in the country, some of which have used the presence of US troops as justification for keeping their own weapons. Al-Sudani said in a July interview with The Associated Press that once the coalition withdrawal is complete, "there will be no need or no justification for any group to carry weapons outside the scope of the state." (AP)

## Hindu businessman beaten to death in Bangladesh over bananas, 3 detained

**DHAKA, Jan 18:** A Hindu businessman was beaten to death in Bangladesh's Gazipur by three members of a family following a dispute over bananas, local media reported.

It has not been confirmed whether the incident that occurred on Saturday in the Kaliganj area of Gazipur district is related to the recent spate of violence against Hindus in Bangladesh.

The deceased, Liton Chandra Ghosh, 55, was the owner of 'Baishakhi Sweets and Hotel', The Daily Star reported.

According to Zakir Hossain, Officer-in-Charge of Kaliganj Police Station, three members of a family — Swapan Mia, 55, his wife Majeda Khatun, 45, and their son Masum Mia, 28 — have been detained for their suspected involvement in the killing.

Police stated that Masum owns a banana plantation, and a bunch of bananas went missing from it. He spotted the bananas in Liton's hotel while searching, and an argument started between the two parties over this.

"The accused punched and kicked Liton, causing him to fall to the ground and die on the spot," police said.

Liton's family said Masum came to the hotel around 11:00 am. At that time, he had an argument with a hotel employee over a trivial incident. Later, Masum's father and mother came to the spot and got into a fight.

Police are investigating the incident, the report said. (PTI)

## UK PM Starmer protests Trump's 'completely wrong' Greenland tariffs

**LONDON, Jan 18:** British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has dubbed the additional tariffs threatened by US President Donald Trump over European countries opposed to his Greenland takeover as "completely wrong".

Starmer joined other European allies on Saturday night to object to the proposed move after Trump posted about the plan on his Truth Social platform.

He has threatened to impose 10 per cent tariffs on goods imported to the US from the UK, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Finland from February 1.

This could rise even further to 25 per cent until a deal over Greenland, an autonomous island in the Arctic, is reached.

"Our position on Greenland is very clear — it is part of the Kingdom of Denmark, and its future is a matter for the Greenlanders and the Danes," said Starmer, in a statement released by 10 Downing Street in London.

"We have also made clear that Arctic Security matters for the whole of NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organisation] and allies



should all do more together to address the threat from Russia across different parts of the Arctic.

"Applying tariffs on allies for pursuing the collective security of NATO allies is completely wrong. We will, of course, be pursuing this directly with the US administration," he said.

French President Emmanuel Macron described Trump's threat as "unacceptable", even as thousands took to the streets in Greenland and Denmark to protest a forced American takeover.

"We will not be swayed by any intimidation," said Macron.

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson stressed that European allies won't be "blackmailed".

"Sweden is currently having intensive discussions with other EU

[European Union] countries, Norway and the United Kingdom to find a joint response," he said.

Meanwhile, in a post on X, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, said territorial integrity and sovereignty are fundamental principles of international law.

"Tariffs would undermine transatlantic relations and risk a dangerous downward spiral," she warned.

Next week, Trump is set to meet Von der Leyen and other European leaders at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, when Greenland will dominate the agenda.

In his Truth Social post on Saturday, Trump said it was time for "Denmark to give back" as "world peace is at stake". It followed European countries, including the UK, taking part in a NATO training exercise in Greenland last week.

He said his administration was "immediately open to negotiation" with the countries involved, adding that the tariffs would only end when "a deal is reached for the complete and total purchase of Greenland".

(PTI)

## Pro- and anti-ICE demonstrators face off during Minneapolis immigration crackdown

**MINNEAPOLIS, Jan 18:** Protesters for and against the Trump administration's latest immigration crackdown clashed in Minneapolis on Saturday as the governor's office announced that National Guard troops had been mobilized and stood ready to assist state law enforcement, though they were not yet deployed to city streets.

There have been protests every day since the Department of Homeland Security ramped up immigration enforcement in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St Paul by bringing in more than 2,000 federal officers.

A large group of protesters turned out in downtown Minneapolis and confronted a much smaller group of people attending an anti-Somali and pro-Immigration and Customs Enforcement rally. They chased the pro-ICE group away and forced at least one member to take off a shirt they deemed objectionable.

Jake Lang, who organised the anti-Islam and pro-ICE demonstration, appeared to be injured as he left the scene, with bruises and scrapes on his head. He said via social media beforehand that he intended to "burn a Quran" on the steps of City Hall, but it was not clear if he carried out that plan.

Lang was previously charged with assaulting an officer with a baseball bat, civil disorder and other crimes before receiving clemency as part of President Donald Trump's sweeping act of clemency for January 6 defendants last year. Lang recently announced that he is running for US Senate in Florida.

In Minneapolis, snowballs and water balloons

were also thrown before an armoured police van and heavily equipped city police arrived.

"We're out here to show Nazis and ICE and DHS and MAGA you are not welcome in Minneapolis," protester Luke Rimington said. "Stay out of our city, stay out of our state. Go home."

**National Guard staged and ready**  
The state guard said in a statement that it had been "mobilized" by Democratic Governor Tim Walz to support the Minnesota State Patrol "to assist in providing traffic support to protect life, preserve property, and support the rights of all Minnesotans to assemble peacefully."

Major Andrea Tsuchiya, a spokesperson for the guard, said it was "staged and ready" but yet to be deployed.

The announcement came more than a week after Walz, a frequent critic and target of Trump, told the guard to be ready to support law enforcement in the state.

During the daily protests, demonstrators have rallied against masked immigration officers pulling people from homes and cars and other aggressive tactics. The operation in the deeply liberal Twin Cities has claimed at least one life: Renee Good, a US citizen and mother of three, was shot by an ICE officer during a January 7 confrontation.

On Friday a federal judge ruled that immigration officers cannot detain or tear gas peaceful protesters who are not obstructing authorities, including while observing officers during the Minnesota crackdown. (AP)

## Indians lead Sri Lanka tourists' arrival in 2025

**COLOMBO, Jan 18:** Sri Lanka received a total of 2.3 million tourists in 2025, with Indian travellers accounting for the largest share, according to figures released by the tourism authority.

"India remains the undisputed leading source market, contributing 531,511 arrivals, more than double the next highest country. This reflects a remarkable year-on-year increase of over 114,000 visitors," an official statement issued by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) said on Saturday. It was a year-on-year growth of over 15 per cent, it added.

The UK solidifies its position as the second-highest market with 21,277 arrivals.

The Indian arrivals averaged over 23 per cent per month, with December being the highest number of 56,715 arrivals. February was the lowest with 35,000 Indians travelling.

The cumulative arrivals in De-

ember, 2,58,928, were the highest for the year. "This confirms the country's established appeal as a vacation destination," it said.

Europe and the Asia Pacific account for the dominant 92.7 per cent of all arrivals, with Europe alone contributing 51.3 per cent, which the tourism authority said establishes Sri Lanka's appeal as a winter sun destination.

A total of 1,31,898 tourists have already visited the country during the first 15 days of 2026, according to the SLTDA.

The highest number of arrivals in a single day was recorded on January 15, with 10,483 tourists arriving in the country that day, Ada Derana reported.

During this period, India accounted for the largest number of arrivals, with 23,786 visitors, followed by Russia with 14,785 tourists, the United Kingdom with 12,166 travellers, and Germany with 9,260 visitors. (PTI)

## Pak says Trump invited PM Sharif to join Board of Peace for Gaza

**ISLAMABAD, Jan 18:** Pakistan on Sunday said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has been invited by President Donald Trump to join the Board of Peace for Gaza.

The White House released a list of appointed members to the founding Executive Board of the Board of Peace on Friday as the country moved to the second phase of Trump's 20-point peace plan for Gaza.

President Trump has already declared himself as the chair of the body.

In response to media queries, the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tahir Andrabi confirmed that Pakistan did get a formal invitation.

"The Prime Minister of Pakistan has received the invitation from the President of the United States to join the Board of Peace on Gaza," Andrabi said in a statement. "Pakistan will remain engaged with international efforts for peace and security in Gaza, leading to a lasting solution to the Palestine issue in accordance with United Nations resolutions," he added.

He, however, did not elaborate on the issue.

The White House said the Board of Peace comprises leaders with "experience across diplomacy, development, infrastructure, and economic strategy" as it invited the heads of around 60 states, including those of Turkey, Egypt, Argentina, Indonesia, Italy, Morocco, the UK, Germany, Canada and Australia to join the peace body. (PTI)

## Thousands rally in Serbia as students vow to continue fight against corruption

**NOVI SAD, Jan 18:** Thousands of people rallied Saturday in Serbia as university students announced a new stage in their struggle against President Aleksandar Vucic's tenure. They have led more than a year of mass demonstrations that shook his autocratic government in the Balkan country.

Protesters in Novi Sad, chanting "thieves," accused the government of rampant corruption that they believe also led to a November 2024 train station disaster in the northern city that killed 16 people and triggered the nationwide movement for change.

Vucic has refused to schedule an immediate early election that students have demanded. Hundreds of people have been detained, or reported losing their jobs or facing pressure for op-



posing the government.

University students told the crowd in Novi Sad on Saturday that after last year's protests, they will now offer a plan on how to rid Serbia of corruption and restore the rule of law. They

proposed banning corrupt officials from politics and investigating their wealth as first steps for the post-Vucic government.

The protest was dubbed "What victory will mean." Last month, students said that they

collected around 400,000 signatures in support of their election bid.

The next protest rally is planned for January 27 in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, organizers said.

Vucic came to power more than a decade ago, promising to take Serbia into the European Union. But he has since strengthened ties with Russia and China, while facing accusations of curbing democratic freedoms in Serbia and allowing corruption and organized crime to flourish.

The student movement has garnered big support among Serbs who are largely disillusioned with mainstream politicians. Vucic has accused the students of working under unspecified Western orders to "destroy Serbia." (AP)

# APCC warns against dilution of workers' rights Cong seeks rollback of MGNREGA renaming

**ITANAGAR, Jan 18:** Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Bosiram Siram on Sunday demanded immediate rollback of the Centre's decision to rename and restructure MGNREGA, alleging that the move dilutes the scheme's rights-based character and undermines rural workers' entitlements.

Addressing the MGNREGA Bachao Sangram outreach programme at Roing in Lower Dibang Valley district, Siram said the renaming of the scheme as VB-G-RAM-G was "political, ideological and dangerous," and aimed at erasing the legacy associated with Mahatma Gandhi.

He asserted that MGNREGA was enacted by Parliament as a rights-based law and is not the personal property of any government to rename at will, a party statement said here.

The APCC chief claimed that changes in the scheme's structure have weakened its legal guarantee.

"Earlier, every worker had a legally guaranteed right to demand 100 days of employment. Now everything depends on budgetary allocations. Where is the guarantee? Where is the right?" he asked.

Siram also criticised the introduction of a 60-day monsoon pause, saying the monsoon season is a period of hardship for farmers and tribal communities and suspending work during this time was unjustified.

He further raised concerns over AI-based monitoring, biometric attendance and geo-tagging, arguing that such measures exclude poor labourers in remote areas rather than empowering them.

"Technology must be a facilitator, not an instrument of harassment and exclusion," he said. Reiterating the Congress party's stand, Siram called for the restoration of MGNREGA in its original form. "Rollback VB-G-RAM-G. Restore MGNREGA. Reinstate its original legal strength," he said. (PTI)



## Two militants arrested in Manipur's Bishnupur

**IMPHAL, Jan 18:** Security forces arrested two militants belonging to proscribed outfits in Manipur, police said on Sunday.

An active cadre of the banned People's Liberation Army was apprehended from his residence at Ningthoukhong Kha Khunou in Bishnupur district on Saturday, they said. At Chairel Abhallin in the district, a member of the outlawed PREPAK (Pro) was arrested on Saturday, a police officer said.

"Security forces continue to conduct search operations and area domination in fringe and vulnerable areas across districts," he said.

Meanwhile, during a week-long drive from January 12 to January 17 at various locations under Saikul police station limits in Kangpokpi district, security personnel destroyed 306 acres of illicit poppy cultivation, the officer added. (PTI)

## VVP road reaches Hakpuk village: MLA Jikke Tako joins celebration



Earlier in the morning, the MLA visited Hakpuk Village, where he joined a celebration organised by the villagers under Paye Circle of Kra Daadi district. The villagers gave a warm reception to MLA Jikke Tako, jubilant as the village got connected through the VVP road development programme of the Government of India, marking the first time the road reached Hakpuk Village.

Later, MLA Tako inspected the VVP road at Hobak and attended bumi pujas at Rikmum to commence infrastructure development in Rikmum Riango, including government quarters and offices.

Speaking to the villagers, MLA Tako said, "Today, I was accompanied by local leaders and officers of the circle and have joined in celebrating the day, rejoicing that the road has reached this village. It's a happy moment for every villager here."

He added, "We will not stop here and will work hard to ensure connectivity in the form of roads, power supply, water supply lines, education and health services reaches every village of the Tali Assembly constituency."

He was accompanied by Pipsorang ZPM Langpu Yakia Maru, Tali Mandal president Sorang Tagung and Pipsorang Yumlam Pulu.

# Tripura CM, BJP will not be able to defeat Tipra Motha in TTAADC polls: Pradyot

**AGARTALA, Jan 18:** Tipra Motha Party (TMP) supremo Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma on Sunday claimed Chief Minister Manik Saha and the BJP will not be able to defeat his party in the coming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) elections.

The TMP, an ally of the BJP-led coalition government in the state is in power at TTAADC. Elections are due in TTAADC by the second week of April.

Addressing a programme of Hrangkhaw community at Jampujala in Sepahijala district, he said the chief minister will not be able to defeat the TMP in the 2026 TTAADC elections even as the BJP makes all-out efforts.

"We are not going to concede defeat because the party (TMP) is fighting for the 'dofa' (community) while he (CM) is fighting to make the BJP winner. We will not bow down for the cause of land, rights and language of indigenous people," Debbarma said.

Attacking the BJP, Debbarma asserted that the Tiprasa (indigenous) people will vote for the future of their children and electors who have believed in political parties will not be influenced by



money power this time.

The TMP contested the tribal council's elections independently in 2021 and won the election by bagging 18 seats in the 28-member tribal council. The ruling party (BJP), which fought the election with its ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), had suffered a crushing defeat in the electoral battle.

Targeting the BJP, the TMP chief alleged they speak of communal hatred, such as Hindus, Muslims and Christians instead of all-round development, clothes, food habits, language and future of

the Tiprasa people. "If any attempts are made to suppress our voice, we will give a befitting reply (in the election) with a smile. We will be the winner because we are not wrong, as the almighty, who is looking down at us, always supports the truth," he said.

Claiming that he speaks for Tiprasa people's pain and sufferings in Delhi, Debbarma said he (CM) goes to Delhi, returns and acts at the behest of Delhi. "We don't need a postman. We stand by the cause of the Tiprasa people. For us, community is more important than politics," he said. (PTI)

## Assam labourer dies at illegal coal mine in Meghalaya



**SHILLONG, Jan 18:** A labourer from Assam has died at an illegal coal mine in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district, police said on Sunday.

The victim collapsed while working at the mining site at Umthe village on January 14, SP Vikash Kumar said.

Police have sealed the illegal mine and ordered a probe.

The deceased has been identified as Mosaad Ali (48), a resident of Jamuna Moudanga in Assam's Hojai district.

According to the SP, Ali was rushed to Sutnga community health centre, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Meanwhile, Justice (Retd) BP Katakey, appointed by the Meghalaya High Court to monitor illegal coal mining and transportation in the state, has demanded a detailed police report into the incident.

Despite National Green Tribunal's ban on rat-hole coal mining, incidents such as these indicate that illegal mining and transportation are rampant in the state, social worker Agnes Kharshing told PTI. (PTI)

## Tokhan Sahu concludes two-day visit to Manipur

**IMPHAL, Jan 18:** Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Tokhan Sahu, concluded his two-day visit to Manipur on Sunday.

On the second day of his visit, the minister inspected houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) at Ward Number 7 under the Kakching Municipal Council. He also visited Salam Project Pukhri Achouba, rejuvenated under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0. Tokhan Sahu later interacted with members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) near Leibaklei Gas and inspected the Moramba Solid Waste Management SBM site at Kakching Moramba under the Kakching Municipal Council.

The minister also visited Kakching District Hospital and stalls set up by Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, displaying crocheted dolls and sanitary pads made by the IDPs. Tree saplings were planted at the DC Office Complex by Tokhan Sahu, along with Deputy Commissioner Uppuluri Chaitanya (IAS), SP Priyadarshini Laishram (IPS) and Kakching Forest officials. (NNN)

## Alumni to engage in tree plantation, cultural programmes and awareness drives on environmental conservation GHSS Yazali 1994-96 batch alumni hold three-day reunion

**HT Correspondent YAZALI, Jan 18:** The Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Yazali Alumni of the 1994-96 batch are hosting a three-day reunion from January 18 to 20, 2026, featuring programmes of public importance and awareness.

The reunion aims to reconnect former classmates while promoting alumni involvement in education, cultural heritage and environmental conservation, giving back to the community and society. The first day's events are held at Luhu Spot, Yazali, beginning with an inaugural session featuring cultural performances and an outline of planned activities. The day will conclude with a cultural programme and a bonfire karaoke session.

On January 19, the alumni will visit GHSS Yazali for a tree plantation drive, a campus tour and interactions with teachers and students. The itinerary also includes visits to PWM Puttu (Eagles Mountain) at Yachuli, the Chinese Bamboo Orchard and Chulyu Village, known for its



emerging eco-tourism initiatives. These visits will include local interactions and awareness programmes on environmental protection and preservation of flora and fauna. The organisers said the event is expected to strengthen alumni bonds and encourage meaningful contributions to education, cultural preservation and environmental awareness in the Keyi Panyor district and surrounding region.

## Centre's irresponsible handling of Manipur in last 5 years affected economy, security: Congress

**IMPHAL, Jan 18:** The Congress on Sunday alleged that the BJP-led Centre has handled Manipur irresponsibly during the last five years, and it affected the state's security and economy.

This was stated by AICC in-charge of Manipur Christopher Tilak, who came to the ethnic violence-affected northeastern state to take part in the party's 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' campaign. "What has happened in Manipur is very unfortunate. For the last five years, they (Central government) have irresponsibly handled the state. The economy is in a big disaster, and now security, including that of the border, is a problem," Tilak told reporters at the airport here. At least 260 people were killed and thousands became homeless in clashes between two communities -- the valley-based Meiteis and Kukis of the hills -- since May 2023.

Manipur, a state bordering Myanmar, has been under President's Rule since February 2025, days after N Biren Singh resigned as the chief minister. The BJP leader became the CM first in 2017 and again after the 2022 assembly

election. Alleging that the Centre is not serious with Manipur, Tilak said that during his last visit to the state, underground groups observed a bandh despite the President's Rule. The Congress leader said that during his week-long stay in the state, he will be travelling in both hills and valley areas, leading the 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' campaign.

The Congress on January 3 announced the nationwide campaign from January 10 to February 25 to demand the withdrawal of the VB-G-RAM-G Act, restoration of MGNREGA as a rights-based law, the right to work, and the authority of panchayats. "We protest the change of MGNREGA's name and other structural alterations in the scheme. I have come to take the protest across all assembly constituencies in Manipur. During my week-long stay, I will be travelling in both hill and valley areas," Tilak said.

The UPA government had brought the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in 2005 for empowering the poor, especially women, across the country, the Congress leader said. (PTI)

# Historic Ahom sites, artefacts examined; scope for heritage development explored Padma Shri Prof Phukan undertakes heritage tour of Tirap

**HT Correspondent TIRAP, Jan 18:** Wangki Lowang, Minister for Environment & Forest, Geology, Mining and Minerals and DoTCL, hosted Padma Shri awardee and eminent Assamese historian Professor Jogen Nath Phukan on a three-day heritage tour of Tirap district from January 15 to 18. Professor Phukan, aged 94, was accompanied by his research team members Dhiraj Phukan and Dipak Phukan.

On January 16, the delegation visited Sumsi village to examine a site believed to be the burial place of the Rajmao (the king's mother) of the 20th Ahom king, Jayadhwaj Singha. The visit coincided with the eve of January 17, the date traditionally associated with the Rajmao's death in 1662. According to the translated Ahom Buranjis by historian Surya Kumar Bhuyan (Rai Bahadur, MBE), Jayadhwaj Singha fled Garhaon during the Mughal invasion led by Mir Jumla in 1662 and took refuge with his

mother in the Namsang hills, where she later died of fever.

At Sumsi, the team observed a large isolated earthen mound locally known as Chopha Mangrup, traditionally regarded as sacred and believed to be a royal Mайдam. Minister Lowang assured that archaeological experts would be engaged to scientifically assess the site in consultation with Professor Phukan. If confirmed, the site may be developed as a heritage and tourism destination.

On the second day of the tour, January 17, the delegation visited Namsang and Subang villages. At Namsang, Professor Phukan and his team examined five ancient scripted earthen pots known locally as Ngolo or Kolo. Each pot is about two feet tall and weighs around 14 to 15 kg. One inscription was deciphered as "Mo-hong", meaning salt in the Tai Ahom language, indicating their use in traditional salt storage or production. Although the pots were first documented in 2020 by

Nocte Digest, the inscriptions remained undeciphered until this visit. The team also visited the old Namghar at Namsang.

At Subang village, the delegation inspected the historic salt well Moran Sum, which was developed for tourism in 2019. Historically, Nocte salt was widely traded with the Ahoms and neighbouring tribes and control over salt resources often led to conflicts. These disputes came to an end between 1696 and 1714 during the reign of Ahom king Rudra Singha, when Hote (Latha Khunbao), Chief of Namsang, Borduria and Laptang, embraced Vaishnavism after initiation by Ram Ata at Merbil Bareghar Satra in present-day Sasoni, Assam and was renamed Narotam.

The tour concluded with a dinner hosted at the Minister's residence on January 17, attended by the ADC Deomali, AC Deomali, ZPMs of Deomali and Soha blocks, the Executive Engineer (Power) and other dignitaries.



**Recruitment of L.P. Teacher**  
**Schedule for Physical Verification of Original Documents and Oral Test**

Venue: Office of the DPEO, PED, KAAC, Diphu.

Time: From 10 A.M.

Sl. No.	Name of Candidates	TET ROLL NO.	Group	Date
1	ROBIN RONGHANG	6th Schedule TET 601398	A	20-01-2026
2	ANAND SINGAR	0501655 (6th Schedule)	A	20-01-2026
3	KAUSHALYA KUMAR GOUR	108025396 (CTET)	A	20-01-2026
4	NIKUMONI BORDOLOI	6th Schedule TET 0502843	A	20-01-2026
5	LEAH TERANGPI	6th Schedule TET 0500594	A	20-01-2026
6	THUIET INGTIPI	6th Schedule TET 0600794	A	20-01-2026
7	RAJA DEB	6th Schedule TET 0502238	A	20-01-2026
8	SUCHITRA PAUL	ATET 2002540	A	20-01-2026
9	PUJA KUMARI RAJBHAR	6th Schedule TET 0600518	A	20-01-2026
10	KRISHNA CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0601144	A	20-01-2026
11	KABITA DAS	0600238 (6th Schedule)	A	20-01-2026
12	NAND LAL CHAUHAN	1601702-ATET	A	20-01-2026
13	ANALI DEY	6th Schedule TET 0500031	A	20-01-2026
14	DHRUBAJYOTI DAS	0501855 (6th Schedule)	A	20-01-2026
15	JAHNAVI GUPTA	0500406 (6th Schedule)	A	20-01-2026
16	RUMI BEYPI	6th Schedule TET 0501264	A	20-01-2026
17	SOMJEET KUSHWAHA	6th Schedule TET 0601479	A	20-01-2026
18	DHARITRI D. BASUMATARY	6th Schedule TET 0500254	A	20-01-2026
19	LARSHIM ENGTIPI	6th Schedule TET 0500588	A	20-01-2026
20	SANJITA BISWAS	CTET 108019221	A	20-01-2026
21	DURGA UPADHYAY	6th Schedule TET 0501883	A	20-01-2026
22	FREEWELYN PHANGHOPI	6th Schedule TET 0601613	A	20-01-2026
23	PROMILA ENGTIPI	CTET 108110875	A	20-01-2026
24	KANGBURA RONGPHAR	6th Schedule TET 0503239	A	20-01-2026
25	NAZNEEN ARA ANSARI	6th Schedule TET 0500877	A	20-01-2026
26	SHANTI KILINGPI	6th Schedule TET 0503043	B	20-01-2026
27	JINTU NATH	6th Schedule TET 0501973	B	20-01-2026
28	BIJOY KUMAR HARIJAN	CTET 10814263	B	20-01-2026
29	JITUMONI DAS	6th Schedule TET 0501983	B	20-01-2026
30	AJANTA RAKSHIT	6th Schedule TET Roll No 0500007	B	20-01-2026
31	UTTOM ENGHI	ATET Roll No 2002062	B	20-01-2026
32	RAKHI SHYAM	6th Schedule TET Roll No 0501127	B	20-01-2026
33	BAPPI DAS	6th Schedule TET 0600899	B	20-01-2026
34	FORMTILIS WARJRI	CTET 178000918	B	20-01-2026
35	KHORSING MILLIKI	ATET 2000788	B	20-01-2026
36	NIMI BAGLARY	6th Schedule TET 0500902	B	20-01-2026
37	BINA TERONPI	6th Schedule TET 0500155	B	20-01-2026
38	PREMA LAMA	0501022 6th Sched. TET	B	20-01-2026
39	SANJOY PHANGGHO	0502382 6th Sched. TET	B	20-01-2026
40	DIVYA LAKRA	0500281 6th Sched. TET	B	20-01-2026
41	RASHMI REKHA HAGJER	6th Schedule TET 0501144	B	20-01-2026
42	GURUDEV PANDIT	6th Schedule TET 0601066	B	20-01-2026
43	MANAI TERANGPI	6th Schedule TET 0500674	B	20-01-2026
44	HANNAH HEMBU RENGMA	6th Schedule TET 0500341	B	20-01-2026
45	ANUP KRO	6th Schedule TET 0600871	B	20-01-2026
46	ANINDITA TIMUNGPI	6th Schedule TET 0500042	B	20-01-2026
47	PONKHEY KALITA	6th Schedule TET 0500991	B	20-01-2026
48	BITU KUMAR SINGH	6th Schedule TET 0503397	B	20-01-2026
49	AGNES A. MARAK	6th Schedule TET 0601570	B	20-01-2026
50	KHETRA KOCH	6th Schedule TET 050213	B	20-01-2026
51	INDIRA RONGHANGPI	6th Schedule TET 0500400	C	20-01-2026
52	DIPESH DAS	6th Schedule TET 0501879	C	20-01-2026
53	KUSHUM CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0600280	C	20-01-2026
54	MAMPI DAS	ATET 1601353	C	20-01-2026
55	LAL BAHADUR CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0601152	C	20-01-2026
56	SHIVJEE YADAV	CTET 108106507	C	20-01-2026
57	RASINGJA ENGTI KATHARPI	6th Schedule TET 0501149	C	20-01-2026
58	DIL KUMARI	6th Schedule TET 0600140	C	20-01-2026
59	JEETENDAR KUMAR CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0601101	C	20-01-2026
60	PRITY PHANGHOPI	0601734 (A-TET)	C	20-01-2026
61	BIDANGSRI BRAHMA	0500145 (A-TET)	C	20-01-2026
62	ALBERT MARAK	0600832 (6th Schedule TET)	C	20-01-2026
63	RAJENDRA SAH	1602226 (A-TET)	C	20-01-2026
64	KASANG BEYPI	6th Schedule TET 06502731	C	20-01-2026
65	DIMI HANSEPI	6th Schedule TET 0500262	C	20-01-2026
66	MATHEW SANGMA	6th Schedule TET 0502086	C	20-01-2026
67	DURMI ENGHIPI	6th Schedule TET 0500289	C	20-01-2026
68	BHUPEN ENGLENG	6th Schedule TET 0501718	C	20-01-2026
69	DALEN CH. BASUMATARY	6th Schedule TET	C	20-01-2026
70	SHMRITI MARAK	6th Schedule TET 0503050	C	20-01-2026
71	SAGORIK BORA	ATET 2001679	C	20-01-2026
72	SANJOY SAHOO	6th Schedule TET 0502383	C	20-01-2026
73	GLORISHA TAROPI	6th Schedule TET 0500335	C	20-01-2026
74	BIREN SING ENGTI	6th Schedule TET 0501763	C	20-01-2026
75	SU PARNA PANDIT	6th Schedule TET 0501531	C	20-01-2026
76	BASILIAN RONGHANGPI	6th Schedule TET 0500129	D	20-01-2026
77	MITHUN KUMAR CHOUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0601199	D	20-01-2026
78	MALKIT SINGH	6th Schedule TET 0502060	D	20-01-2026
79	DILIP TERON	6TH SCHEDULE TET 0503189	D	20-01-2026
80	SHABNAM BHARALI	CTET 108109784	D	20-01-2026
81	RAJEN BEY	6th Schedule TET 0502242	D	20-01-2026
82	GRACELYN SINGNARPI	6th Schedule TET 0601618	D	20-01-2026
83	PRATAP SARKAR	A-TET 3300545	D	20-01-2026
84	SERDIHUN HANSEPI	6th Schedule TET 0501392	D	20-01-2026
85	MUNMUN BISWAS	6th Schedule TET 0500856	D	20-01-2026
86	WILLIAM H. SHARMA	6th Schedule TET 0602124	D	20-01-2026
87	KAILASH CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0500126	D	20-01-2026
88	KUMAR BISWAKARMA	6th Schedule TET 0601992	D	20-01-2026
89	LIBBON TERONPI	6th Schedule TET 0500611	D	20-01-2026
90	PREETY DEVI	CTET 108012343	D	20-01-2026
91	DEOMATI DEVI	CTET 108024533	D	20-01-2026
92	DILIP BORO	6th Schedule TET 0501863	D	20-01-2026
93	SARASWATI RAI	6th Schedule TET 0501373	D	20-01-2026
94	DHARMENDRA CHAUHAN	A.TET 3300181	D	20-01-2026
95	JOHNSON BRAHMA	6th Schedule TET 0501989	D	20-01-2026
96	TINKU MAJUMDER	6th Schedule TET 0502504	D	20-01-2026
97	SIMEON RALSUN	6th Schedule TET 0502431	D	20-01-2026
98	ROBITA TOKBIPI	6th Schedule TET 0600605	D	20-01-2026
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102	RAJU YADAV	6th Schedule TET 0601361	E	20-01-2026
103	REEMA INGTIPI	0562937 (6th Schedule)	E	20-01-2026
104	DHARAM TIMUNG	0501843 (6th Schedule)	E	20-01-2026
105	ANITA SHAH	ATET 0502554	E	20-01-2026
106	DHIRAJ CHAUHAN	0601014 (6th Schedule)	E	20-01-2026
107	ANISHA CHAUHAN	0600021 (6th Schedule)	E	20-01-2026
108	BINOD CHAUHAN	3300117 (A-TET)	E	20-01-2026
109	ROSHAN CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0601468	E	20-01-2026
110	AJAY TOKBI	6th Schedule TET 0501627	E	20-01-2026
111	BINOD KUMAR CHAUHAN	CTET 108025103	E	20-01-2026
112	CHANDA CHAUHAN	CTET 108014289	E	20-01-2026
113	SABITA KUMARI CHAUHAN	108011607 (CTET)	E	20-01-2026
114	PREM LATA KUMARI CHOUHAN	108011644 (CTET)	E	20-01-2026
115	HARI NARAYAN CHAUHAN	6TH SCHEDULE TET 0601071	E	20-01-2026
116	KHUSBU KUMARI CHAUHAN	6TH SCHEDULE TET 0600257	E	20-01-2026
117	PREETY TOKBIPI	6TH SCHEDULE TET 0600484	E	20-01-2026
118	PRONITA BAGCHI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501071	E	20-01-2026
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122	SERDIHUN TIMUNGPI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501396	E	20-01-2026
123	LALITA KUMARI CHAUHAN	(CTET) 108114801	E	20-01-2026
124	BIDUSING RONGHANG	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501724	E	20-01-2026
125	ANG TANG KRO	6th SCHEDULE TET 0601888	E	20-01-2026
126	JITENDAR CHAUHAN	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501979	F	20-01-2026
127	BASANTI CHAUHAN	(CTET) 108113622	F	20-01-2026
128	RUPMILI RONGPHARPI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501299	F	20-01-2026
129	BIJAY CHAUHAN	6th SCHEDULE TET 0600917	F	20-01-2026
130	SUKH TIMUNG	6th SCHEDULE TET 0601491	F	20-01-2026
131	GLORIA RONGPIPI NARZARY	6th SCHEDULE TET 0500334	F	20-01-2026
132	AMRITA SINGH	(CTET) 108105774	F	20-01-2026
133	SARLONGKI TERON	6th SCHEDULE TET 0602099	F	20-01-2026
134	RENGJITA ENGHIPI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501174	F	20-01-2026
135	SARASWATI RAI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501373	F	20-01-2026
136	MILON BISWAS	6th SCHEDULE TET 0601192	F	20-01-2026
137	BALWANT CHAUHAN	CTET 108026085	F	20-01-2026

138	MONGAL SING ENGHEE	6th SCHEDULE TET 0601211	F	20-01-2026
139	BULA DEBNATH	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501799	F	20-01-2026
140	PALLABI DAS	6th SCHEDULE TET 0500933	F	20-01-2026
141	KARONG RONGPIPI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0500530	F	20-01-2026
142	WELCOME KRO	6th SCHEDULE TET 0502521	F	20-01-2026
143	BULTI DEY	6th SCHEDULE TET 2000328	F	20-01-2026
144	ALVA KACHE RONGPHARPI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0502548	F	20-01-2026
145	BABULI NATH	6th SCHEDULE TET 0501700	F	20-01-2026
146	RAJESH SINGH	6th TET 0601346	F	20-01-2026
147	SUNAINA CHOWDHURY	CTET 220223004030043	F	20-01-2026
148	BIRENDRA SINGH	6th TET 0600953	F	20-01-2026
149	BEYASH YADAV	6th TET 0600905	F	20-01-2026
150	SAVIO KATHAR	6th TET 0602102	F	20-01-2026
151	MADHUSMITA RAJBONGSHI	6th (TET) 0600311	G	20-01-2026
152	RAISUMAI BASUMATARY	6th (TET) 0501121	G	20-01-2026
153	DEEPANKAR MAZUMDER	6th (TET) 0501836	G	20-01-2026
154	THUNGREE BASUMATARY	6th (TET) 0502503	G	20-01-2026
155	MARY MASLAI	(TET) 220211706090220	G	20-01-2026
156	SAMUEL ENGTI KATHAR	0601420 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
157	RAJESH KUMAR DAS	0502250 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
158	SABITA BASUMATARY	0501325 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
159	SAMUEL TIMUNG	0601421 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
160	PRECILA TOKBIPI	0501018 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
161	RUSTOM BEY	0502338 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
162	LARLIN TERANGPI	0500585 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
163	SARKIRI TERON	0502400 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
164	SHASHI KALA NISHAD	108115333 (CTET)	G	20-01-2026
165	RASMI REKHA BORAH	0501151 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
166	SANGEETA CHAUHAN	0503014 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
167	RAJEN HANSE	0503301 (6th TET)	G	20-01-2026
168	ABHISEK CHAUHAN	CTET 221220800030207	G	20-01-2026
169	AMRIT CHAUHAN	6th TET 0600853	G	20-01-2026
170	VERSHA CHAUHAN	6th TET 0600808	G	20-01-2026
171	SIMA KUMARI SHARMA	6th TET 0600724	G	20-01-2026
172	NEHA CHAUHAN	6th TET 0600416	G	20-01-2026
173	SUDHIR SINGH KUSHWAHA	6th TET 0601489	G	20-01-2026
174	BISHWAKARMA CHAUHAN	6th TET 0600963	G	20-01-2026
175	AMLAN JYOTI NATH	6th TET 0501647	G	20-01-2026
176	VISHAL SINGH	6th TET 108024737	H	20-01-2026
177	SOMIKHYA SAIKIA	6th TET 2001863	H	20-01-2026
178	RITA DEVI	CTET 214003254	H	20-01-2026
179	ABHISHEK SINGH CHAUHAN	6TH TET 0501621	H	20-01-2026
180	RINGKJI DEVI	6th TET 0600590	H	20-01-2026
181	MADHU GOND	6th TET 0600309	H	20-01-2026
182	FINNY LALSANGLIEN HMAR	6th TET 0501893	H	20-01-2026
183	HUNMILI TOKBIPI	6th TET 0600186	H	20-01-2026
184	MONIKA TASHA	6th TET 500809	H	20-01-2026
185	BIRBOL RONGPI	6th TET 0501761	H	20-01-2026
186	DIBYAMONI BORO	6th TET 0600138	H	20-01-2026
187	MINAKSHI D. LANGTH	6th TET 0500746	H	20-01-2026
188	ALILA TERONPI	6th TET 0502545	H	20-01-2026
189	ASHA BORDOLOI	6th TET 0600051	H	20-01-2026
190	ANAND BEY (10/03/89)	6th TET 0501652	H	20-01-2026
191	BISHAL SHARMA	6th TET 0600958	H	20-01-2026
192	MUKUT SINGNAR	6th TET 0502120	H	20-01-2026
193	HOMTARA TERANGPI	6th TET 0600183	H	20-01-2026
194	MOUSUMI DAS	CTET 108111473	H	20-01-2026
195	NONGEH SINGNAR	6th TET 0500926	H	20-01-2026
196	ASHOK CHAU			

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281	BIKASH MAHATO	CTET 108026221	C	21-01-2026	427	SRI DILIP KUMAR SINGH	214001356 CTET 2021	I	21-01-2026
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283	SUMAN CHAUHAN	CTET 108014238	C	21-01-2026	429	SMT AKHAMONI MOSORONG	0600007 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
284	INDRA KHADKA	6th Schedule TET 0601090	C	21-01-2026	430	SRI SANJIB DERA	0602094 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
285	NEETA CHOUDHURY	0600415 (6th Schedule)	C	21-01-2026	431	SMT TULUMONI DUTTA	0501590 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
286	MERIJIM BEYPI	6th Schedule TET 0500724	C	21-01-2026	432	SRI BHAKTA MAGOR	0501710 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
287	JIMI PATOR	2602378	C	21-01-2026	433	SRI HILSON RONGPI	0503208 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
288	MRINMOY DAS	6th Schedule TET 0601215	C	21-01-2026	434	SMT PRIYA DEVI	0501035 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
289	AJOLI SEB RENGMA	6th Schedule TET 0500008	C	21-01-2026	435	SMT SERLIKA TIMUNGPI	0501400 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
290	HUNMILI TERANGPI	6th Schedule 0500389	C	21-01-2026	436	SMT MONIKHA MECH	0500812 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
291	JONAKI KUMARI CHAUHAN	CTET 108024605	C	21-01-2026	437	SRI BIRSON HANSE	0501731 6th STET 2023	I	21-01-2026
292	SUSHMA SARKAR	CTET 108011740	C	21-01-2026	438	NILAM ADHIKARI	6th Schedule TET 0600423	I	21-01-2026
293	DEEPAK CHAUHAN	CTET no- 22022401030043	C	21-01-2026	439	MANIKA MALAKAR	ATET 1601379	I	21-01-2026
294	JAMUNA KUMARI CHAUHAN	CTET- 108024723	C	21-01-2026	440	MUKESH KUMAR CHAUHAN	6th Schedule 0501219	I	21-01-2026
295	SANGEETA MAZUMDAR	6th Schedule TET 0501850	C	21-01-2026	441	BITINA REMA MARAK	6th Schedule TET 0600095	I	21-01-2026
296	SAROJ CHAUHAN	CTET- 231220800030435	C	21-01-2026	442	DILIP KR. LEKTHE	6th Schedule TET 0501864	I	21-01-2026
297	PAOTINLIEN HAOKIP	6th Schedule TET 0502171	C	21-01-2026	443	DURGA DHIMAL	0600151 (6th Schedule TET)	I	21-01-2026
298	PRATIMA DEVI	6th Schedule TET 0600480	C	21-01-2026	444	INDRAJEET KRO	6th Schedule TET 0501943	I	21-01-2026
299	NILAM YADAV	CTET 107003790	C	21-01-2026	445	WILLIAM H. SHARMA	6th Schedule TET 0602124	I	21-01-2026
300	JYOTI KUMARI	CTET 108010553	C	21-01-2026	446	KIRON THAPA	6th SCHEDULE TET 0600263	I	21-01-2026
301	AMARESH CHAUHAN	6th Schedule 0501644	D	21-01-2026	447	SONTOSH BASNET	6th SCHEDULE TET 0601482	I	21-01-2026
302	BALINDAR CHAUHAN	3302077	D	21-01-2026	448	CHANDRAWATI SHARMA	CTET 162281232310015	I	21-01-2026
303	DIPAK KUMAR THAKURIA	6th Schedule TET 0501871	D	21-01-2026	449	MADAN RAI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0601167	I	21-01-2026
304	SITA KUMARI CHAUHAN	CTET 214003664	D	21-01-2026	450	DURGA MAYA DEVI	6th SCHEDULE TET 0600153	I	21-01-2026
305	JANGGILA BRAHMA	6th Schedule TET 0501958	D	21-01-2026	451	SRI SARJEE KRAMESA	0602098 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
306	REBECCA ENGTIPI	6th Schedule TET 0502935	D	21-01-2026	452	SRI JITENDRA CHAUHAN	0601109 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
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308	GITAMANI SAIKIA	6th Schedule TET 0500328	D	21-01-2026	454	SMT. PALLABI DUTTA	0500934 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
309	SARMON TERANG	6th Schedule TET 0502403	D	21-01-2026	455	SRI DAOGACHARD NARZARY	0501820 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
310	MAKARDHAJ CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0601172	D	21-01-2026	456	SMT. ELIZABETH HANSEPI	0502640 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
311	AKASH CHETRY	6th Schedule TET 0501637	D	21-01-2026	457	SMT. RUPTA ENGIPI	0501309 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
312	HARIMAYA SHARMA	6th Schedule TET 0500345	D	21-01-2026	458	SMT. JNALI TERONPI	0500464 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
313	HUNMILI RONGPIPI	6th Schedule TET 0500382	D	21-01-2026	459	SMT. SERDIHUN SINGNARPI	0503034 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
314	KACHIMPI TERANGPI	6th Schedule TET 0500518	D	21-01-2026	460	SMT. UMRMILA BASUMATARY	6TH Schedule TET 0503100	A	22-01-2026
315	MILINA KRAMSAPI	6th Schedule TET 0500740	D	21-01-2026	461	SRI PINKU RONGHANG	0601276 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
316	RAMESH CHAUHAN	2001458	D	21-01-2026	462	SRI MAHANANDA SWARGIARY	0502058 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
317	NOBIN TIMUNG	6th Schedule TET 0502150	D	21-01-2026	463	SMT. KASO TERONPI	0500535 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
318	ENERSON TIMUNG	6th Schedule TET 0501890	D	21-01-2026	464	SMT. ANJALI BEYPI	0600035 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
319	HUKURSING RONGHANG	6th Schedule TET 0501942	D	21-01-2026	465	SRI SAMUEL HMAR	0502352 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
320	SONA SING TERON	6th Schedule TET 0502436	D	21-01-2026	466	SMT. NABANITA DEVI	0600406 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
321	TANUJA SINGHA	1402157	D	21-01-2026	467	SRI SANJAY CHAUHAN	0601423 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
322	JACOB SHARMA	6th Schedule TET 0501948	D	21-01-2026	468	SRI MUKESH CHAUHAN	220211706060092 CTET 2022	A	22-01-2026
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324	TADO ENGTIPI	6th Schedule TET 0501561	D	21-01-2026	470	SMT PRIYANKA SINGNARPI	0501043 STET 2023 6th	A	22-01-2026
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327	ANKITA PANIKA	CTET 108018699	E	21-01-2026	473	SMT RUMA DEBNATH	0502981 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
328	SUMITRA PATAR	6th Schedule TET 0600752	E	21-01-2026	474	SMT PROTIKA RONGPHARPI	0600512 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
329	JINTUMONI BORA	6th Schedule TET 0501974	E	21-01-2026	475	SMT POPY BHUYAN	0501002 6th STET 2023	A	22-01-2026
330	SANJAY YADAV	CTET 220222401058062	E	21-01-2026	476	SMT CHANCHALA MALAKAR	108114350 CTET 2024	B	22-01-2026
331	RAVI KUMAR SAHU	6th Schedule TET 0503321	E	21-01-2026	477	SRI ROBINSON INGTI	0602077 6th STET 2023	B	22-01-2026
332	SANDIP SINGH	6th Schedule TET 0502359	E	21-01-2026	478	SMT. DIMPI CHETIA	108108399CTET 2024	B	22-01-2026
333	SABNAM BEGUM	6th Schedule TET 0503041	E	21-01-2026	479	SRI KISHUN CHAUHAN	108010313CTET 2023	B	22-01-2026
334	PURNA BASUMATARY	6th Schedule TET 0502227	E	21-01-2026	480	SRI BISWAJIT BEY	0501778 6th STET 2023	B	22-01-2026
335	SAMAR NATH	6th Schedule TET 0502349	E	21-01-2026	481	SRI SUBASH RAJBHAR	105060354CTET 2019	B	22-01-2026
336	HIMADRI CHOWHAN	6th Schedule TET 0500362	E	21-01-2026	482	SMT. NIOMI LEKTHEPI	0500905 6thSTET 2023	B	22-01-2026
337	GYANTI KUMARI CHAUHAN	6th Schedule TET 0600175	E	21-01-2026	483	SMT. DANSHREE BORO	0500234 6thSTET 2023	B	22-01-2026
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339	TRISHNA SAIKIA	6th Schedule TET 0501588	E	21-01-2026	485	SMT. MAMITA KUMARI SINGH	108025514CTET 2024	B	22-01-2026
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343	LITON BISWAS	6th Schedule TET 0502039	E	21-01-2026	489	SERBIN BEYPI	0601841	B	22-01-2026
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346	BHOBANI TERANGPI	6th Schedule TET 0502893	E	21-01-2026	492	ROSEMARY TISSOPI	0501240	B	22-01-2026
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361	JAYMASHI SORENG	TET - 0501963	F	21-01-2026	507	SUSMITA KEMPRAI	0501547	C	22-01-2026
362	SRI BABU PHANGCHO	0501694,6TH,STET,2023	F	21-01-2026	508	SMITA MARAK	0600730	C	22-01-2026
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365	SMT ANIMA TERONPI	0600020,6TH,STET,2023	F	21-01-2026	511	MONIKA RONGPIPI	0500808	C	22-01-2026
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367	SMT JUNAKI PHANGGHOPI	0500459,6TH,STET,2023	F	21-01-2026	513	MIRKASIM TIMUNGPI	0500767	C	22-01-2026
368	SMT MINAKHI TALUKDER	0600369,6TH,STET,2023	F	21-01-2026	514	NIHA TERONPI	108105777	C	22-01-2026
369	SRI ANURAG CHAUHAN	CTET,108000893	F	21-01-2026	515	RUPALI ENGLENG	0601818	C	22-01-2026
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371	SMT NANGSENG SHYAM	0502835,6TH,STET,2023	F	21-01-2026	517	SEWALI DAIMARY	0503040	C	22-01-2026
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374	SRI JAGDISH CHAUHAN	CTET,220211702060080	F	21-01-2026	520	BONMILI HANSEPI	0500173	C	22-01-2026
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377	SMT SABITA PHONGLOSA	0501330,6TH,STET,2023	G	21-01-2026	523	MARVELYN TIMUNGPI	0600348	C	22-01-2026
378	SRI DHANAJAY KUMAR	CTET,103017560	G	21-01-2026	524	HARSING TERANG	0601078	C	22-01-2026
379	SRI RAMAKAN CHOUDHAN	ATET,1602285	G	21-01-2026	525	SERLINDA BEYPI	0501404	C	22-01-2026
380	SRI HRISIKESH CHAUHAN	0601087,6TH,STET,2023	G	21-01-2026	526	KIRTI PRABHA YADAW	22021180 / 11220174	D	22-01-2026
381	SMT PRIYANKA NATH	0502892,6TH,STET	G	21-01-2026	527	RUMIR LEKTHEPI	0600629	D	22-01-2026

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566	KHUDRA BASUMATARY	0502015	E	22-01-2026	709	ERICSON TERANG	0501891 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
567	BISWAJIT NATH	0501786	E	22-01-2026	710	ANITA CHAUHAN	0600023 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
568	PREM KUMARI DEVI	108010650	E	22-01-2026	711	SUMA BOSE	0501494 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
569	SUNITA KUMARI	0600767	E	22-01-2026	712	NEHA GUPTA	0500880 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
570	HAMIKA NUNISA	0500339	E	22-01-2026	713	RON JOHN BEY	0602080 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
571	SABITA SUNAR	0501331	E	22-01-2026	714	CHARLISH SINGNAR	0501808 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
572	PRIYANKA NATH	0501056	E	22-01-2026	715	BISHNU NATH SHARMA	0600961 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
573	MONDIRA BORO	0600383	E	22-01-2026	716	RUPALI GOHAIN	0501282 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
574	LEENA GOGOI	0500597	E	22-01-2026	717	PAOTINLIEN HAOKIP	6th Schedule TET 0502171	B	23-01-2026
575	HARI KHAREL	0501926	E	22-01-2026	718	SRI L. JONAH HAOKIP	0503247 (6th STET 2023)	B	23-01-2026
576	MONIKA DAS	2001056	F	22-01-2026	719	SRI BIJAY TAMANG	0503070 6th STET 2023	B	23-01-2026
577	SUBHAM DEBNATH	0502450	F	22-01-2026	720	SISY GÜITE	0501449	B	23-01-2026
578	KAMLA CHAUHAN	0600247	F	22-01-2026	721	RUTH BHUYAN	0501318 6th SCHEDULE	B	23-01-2026
579	ARTI CHETRY	0500094	F	22-01-2026	722	JOHN KHONGSAI	0503224 6th SCHEDULE TET	B	23-01-2026
580	MUNMUNI TERONPI	0500857	F	22-01-2026	723	KAM MINTHANG	0502003 6th SCHEDULE TET	B	23-01-2026
581	RIMBI HANSEPI	0600584	F	22-01-2026	724	NEHLALSON SINGSON	0502134 6th SCHEDULE TET	B	23-01-2026
582	AMELA BASUMATARY	214003645	F	22-01-2026	725	MINTHANG DOUNGEL	0502091 6th SCHEDULE TET	B	23-01-2026
583	HITLER DUNGDUY	0501938	F	22-01-2026	726	BICKY HORO	0501720 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
584	MANITA CHAUHAN	0600333	F	22-01-2026	727	LOTICHARI RONGPIPI	0500624 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
585	MANISHA CHAUHAN	0500685	F	22-01-2026	728	SERLIN TERONPI	0503547 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
586	DHONSING BEY	0601947	F	22-01-2026	729	MAMATA SINGH	108017635 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
587	MOHAN SHARMA	0601947	F	22-01-2026	730	PALLABI SAHU	0500936 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
588	BHANITA TALUKDAR	0600077	F	22-01-2026	731	JYOTI GUPTA	0600229 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
589	MANTU LAL CHOUHAN	0502080 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	732	LAXMI CHAUHAN	136016142 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
590	NANDESWAR TERON	106103819 CTET	F	22-01-2026	733	AMRITA CHAUHAN	0500028 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
591	MONGAL SING TIMUNG	0601210 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	734	BHUPEN TIMUNG	0600910 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
592	PROBIN TIMUNG	0601298 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	735	BISHNU TERON	0501774 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
593	TRIBHUWAN KUMAR GUPTA	2002032 ATET	F	22-01-2026	736	TAHAR CHAUHAN	0601509 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
594	DURGA MAYA DEVI	0600154 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	737	RANJAN CHAUHAN	0502291 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
595	RUPIN RONGPIPI	0601821 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	738	NARAYAN DAHAL	0601239 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
596	REGINA TERONPI	0601786 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	739	NILAM KUMARI CHAUHAN	0600424 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
597	FLORENCE RONGPHARPI	0500303 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	740	JUDY LALHNEHZOVI FANAI	0502692 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
598	THEJANO NGULLIE LOTH	0501577 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	741	BABU RONGPHAR	05016956th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
599	ROSHAN TERON	0502329 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	742	ACFARENO TERON	0501623 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
600	MIRA KUMARI RAM	0600371 6th SCHEDULE TET	F	22-01-2026	743	SEEMA BORA	0501382 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
601	LONGWEL TERON	0601164 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	744	NIBHA DEVI	05008876th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
602	KUSUM CHAUHAN	3300365 ATET	G	22-01-2026	745	INDRAJEET CHAUHAN	220211706090222 CTET	C	23-01-2026
603	POOJA NATH	0500994 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	746	BHASKAR BASUMATARY	108012895 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
604	PINKI KUMARI GUPTA	0500967 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	747	BIPLOB MAZUMDER	0501758 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
605	RAJEN KILLING	0502243 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	748	NAKUL SHARMA	0601234 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
606	MITHUN CHANDRA DAS	0502096 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	749	KAMAL NATH	2000756 ATET	C	23-01-2026
607	LAKHI SAKOTA CHETRY	108025784 CTET	G	22-01-2026	750	RTU DEVI	0600270 6th SCHEDULE	C	23-01-2026
608	PINKU KUMARI	0600595 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	751	SANJAY CHAUHAN	108011036 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
609	PUJA KUMARI SINGH	0600520 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	752	CHHOTI LAL CHAUHAN	108025464 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
610	MANOJ KUMAR THAKUR	3300425 ATET	G	22-01-2026	753	RUPSHIKHA NATH	0501307 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
611	LALRINGLIEN LUNGTU	0503248 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	754	ROZILEN RONGPHARPI	0501255 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
612	ASHMITA BARUAH	0502571 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	755	SHIWI CHAUHAN	108106644 CTET	D	23-01-2026
613	SUBHAM DEBNATH	0502450 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	756	VIKASH CHAUHAN	1604435 TET	D	23-01-2026
614	SAGORIKA BORA	2001679 ATET	G	22-01-2026	757	FARITA BATHARI	0500300 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
615	RANJIT MAZUMDAR	0502300 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	758	NILONG CHAUHAN	214003715 CTET	D	23-01-2026
616	SANGITA DAS	0501356 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	759	JOY PRAKASH RAY	0503214 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
617	PUNAM GUPTA	0501086 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	760	PRYA BEYPI	0501033 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
618	SHAYAMA DED NATH	0501415 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	761	RUPALI SHAH	0501285 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
619	SEROPHINA TOPPO	0501408 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	762	SARITA SINGH	214003197 CTET	D	23-01-2026
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621	PURNIMA KARMAKAR	0501101 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	764	SANDHYA CHETRY	0501347 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
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625	BEMOLSING BEY	0600903 6th SCHEDULE TET	G	22-01-2026	768	ROSHAN CHAUHAN	0601407 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
626	POOJA KUMARI SHAH	0500993 6th SCHEDULE TET	H	22-01-2026	769	KANGHON JOHAN LEKTHE	0502006 6th SCHEDULE	D	23-01-2026
627	SANGTIA CHAUHAN	220211706050174 CTET	H	22-01-2026	770	SARLONGKI RONGCHEHON	0502402 6th SCHEDULE TET	D	23-01-2026
628	ANIRUDH CHAUHAN	0600861 6th SCHEDULE TET	H	22-01-2026	771	CHAMPA TERANGPI	0500204 6th SCHEDULE TET	D	23-01-2026
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# Mitchell, Phillips hundreds lift New Zealand to 337 for 8 despite Arshdeep, Harshit early blows

**INDORE, Jan 18:** Daryl Mitchell's second consecutive hundred and Glenn Phillips' blistering century powered New Zealand to a competitive 337 for eight despite early jolts from India's pace attack in the series-deciding third ODI here on Sunday.

Mitchell (137) and Phillips (106) stitched together a 219-run partnership for the fourth wicket that turned the innings on its head.

Calm and authoritative, Mitchell anchored the stand while Phillips provided the momentum, allowing New Zealand to shift gears after a cautious start.

India were controlling the innings at one stage, having reduced the visitors to 58 for three but Mitchell and Phillips made it a contest.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, brought in for Prasad Krishna, made an immediate impact by removing Henry Nicholls (0) with a beauty in the opening over.

Coming closer to the off-stump, Arshdeep (3/63) shaped the ball away to perfection as Nicholls, caught in two minds, withdrew his bat late and saw the delivery take the inside edge and crash into the leg-stump.

Arshdeep and fellow seamer Harshit Rana (3/84) hit the deck hard and extracted just enough movement to keep the New Zealand batters under check early on. The visitors managed only 47 runs in the first 10 overs, losing both openers cheaply. Harshit dismissed Devon Conway (5) for the third straight time, inducing an edge with a back-of-a-length deliv-



ery that was safely taken in the slips.

Will Young (30) attempted to break the shackles with a six over deep backward point off Harshit but the bowler had the last laugh.

Harshit broke the 53-run stand between Young and Mitchell when the former cut firmly to the right of Ravindra Jadeja at backward point, where the Indian all-rounder took a comfortable catch.

Mitchell once again set the tone for New Zealand's recovery by taking on Kuldeep Yadav early, launching the left-arm wrist-spinner for a towering six.

Kuldeep adjusted well thereafter, flattening his trajectory and pulling back his length to apply the

brakes. Mitchell brought up his half-century with a boundary off Kuldeep when the spinner strayed down the leg side.

With the ball getting softer after the 34th over, stroke-making became harder, but the short boundaries at the Holkar Stadium encouraged risk-taking.

Mitchell continued to counter-attack, hitting Nitish Kumar Reddy for a flat six, while Phillips also took on the medium-pacer, surviving a chance when Harshit could not get close enough to a ballooned edge.

Phillips later pulled Mohammed Siraj (1/43) for a boundary and launched Arshdeep straight down the ground for a six.

Mitchell completed his hundred with a single off Jadeja, his second on the trot in the series, before Phillips went after the left-arm spinner, creaming him for a six, with Mitchell adding a four in the same 40th over for New Zealand surged to 237 for three.

India clawed their way back late with a cluster of wickets.

Siraj removed Mitchell for a well-made 137, while Arshdeep accounted for Phillips (106) and Zak Foulkes. Kuldeep chipped in by trapping Mitchell Hay lbw as New Zealand lost four wickets in quick succession. Michael Bracewell's (28 not out) late flourish ensured the visitors crossed the 330-run mark. (PTI)

# Lin Chun-Yi and An Se Young clinch men's and women's singles titles at India Open

**NEW DELHI, Jan 18:** Chinese Taipei's Lin Chun-Yi claimed his maiden Super 750 title in men's singles, while world number one An Se Young of South Korea underlined her supremacy by securing the women's singles crown at the USD 950,000 India Open here on Sunday.

The 26-year-old Lin, currently ranked 12, completed a sharp turnaround from an early exit at last week's Malaysia Open Super 1000, powering his way to the men's singles title with a 21-10, 21-18 win over third seed Jonatan Christie in the final.

In women's singles, top seed and defending champion An Se Young was once again in control as she defeated China's world number two Wang Zhiyi 21-13, 21-11 to claim her second title of the season.

In doubles, China's top-seeded women's pair of Liu Shengshu and Tan Ning secured the title with a 21-11, 21-18 victory over Japan's fifth-seeded Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Matsumoto in a 58-minute final. The mixed doubles crown went to Thailand's third-seeded Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Supissara Paewsampran, who edged Denmark's Mathias Christiansen and Alexandra Boje 19-21, 25-23, 21-18.

**Lin vs Jonatan**

Lin, who had come close to winning a super 750 title at China Masters in September, arrived in India nursing a muscle strain sustained in Kuala Lumpur, which had initially made walking difficult, but chose to compete and made the most of the opportunity.

The left-handed shuttler produced an attacking game, troubling Jonatan with his pace. The Indonesian also failed to negotiate the drift in the hall as he missed his touch, allowing the left-handed Taiwanese to go on a rampage, opening up an 11-5 lead and then reeling off another seven points to run away with the opening game. In the second game, Jonatan put up a better fight and had leads of 6-4, 9-7 and 18-15 but Lin was always breathing down his neck and wrestled back the momentum in the final stages with six straight points to seal the issue.

"I think I played pretty well today. I didn't feel much pressure and I felt like I was playing happily," Lin said. "I didn't feel very good in Malaysia, but in India I felt freer on court."

The Chinese Taipei shuttler, who comes from a farming family, said the title had boosted his confidence.

"I'm very happy to win my first Super 750 title. It shows that I can stand on my own feet. My goal is to be in the top 10 in the world this year. Perseverance is the key, whether I win or lose," he said.

Away from badminton, Lin said competitive video games help him unwind.

"I like games where there are two sides attacking and defending each other, like PUBG or Counter-Strike," he added.

**An vs Wang**

In the women's singles final, An was never under serious pressure as she cruised to her 18th win in 22 meetings against China's Wang Zhiyi, including all nine finals the two have contested in 2025.

An moved effortlessly around the court, repeatedly pushing Wang onto the back foot with her control and precision to race to a 7-1 lead before stretching it to 15-9. Wang briefly recovered to 13-15 but An reeled off the final six points to pocket the opening game.

The second game followed a similar script as An stayed composed and built a steady 11-7 advantage. Wang struggled with consistency, frequently finding the net or missing the lines, allowing the contest to wrap up quickly.

"I'm really glad I won. The last two weeks have been very tiring, but I'm a winner and I'm very happy." An said while acknowledging the sizeable crowd. "I know it was going to be a difficult match, but I tried to endure everything."

Asked about her sustained success, An said she remains focused on her attacking play.

"I know every player will try their best to beat me, but I'll also do my best not to lose. I try to focus on attacking and giving my best."

Korea's singles coach Hyunil Lee said An has consciously worked towards becoming more aggressive on court. "She wants to play a more attacking game, so we train accordingly. We focus on power and weight management," Lee said, adding that An has also been working with a mental trainer.

"She has taken up consultancy to improve the mental side of her game. It's based on her needs."

Asked about An's approach to coaching, Lee said her commitment stands out.

"It's not just about listening to the coach. She wants to do her best, so she tries everything the coaches suggest. That's how she maintains her level." (PTI)

# Tata Steel Masters: Erigaisi beats Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh draws with Sindarov

**WIJK AAN ZEE (THE NETHERLANDS) Jan 18:** Top seed Arjun Erigaisi scored a convincing victory over compatriot R Praggnanandhaa, while World Champion D Gukesh played out a hard-fought draw against World Cup winner Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan in the first round of the Tata Steel Masters here.

After a delayed start caused by environmental activists' protest, the world's oldest running super tournament finally took off and the first round had enough excitement to keep the chess buffs glued to their screens for nearly five hours.

The first victory of the event was scored by Hans Moke Niemann of the United States, who was pleasantly surprised to notice an optical blunder by Slovenian Vladimir Fedoseev early in the middle game.

Niemann pounced on the opportunity like a hawk and Fedoseev resigned as early as on move 16 when material loss was inevitable.

German Vincent Keymer was the other winner of the day as he scored at the expense of Dutch star Anish Giri. Erigaisi, Keymer and Niemann share the lead on a full point, a half point ahead of Gukesh and seven others. It turned out to be an exciting start from Erigaisi after he faced the Queen's Gambit accepted against his friend Praggnanandhaa. Praggnanandhaa erred early in the middle game as his King got stuck in the centre and Erigaisi calculated precisely to cause a huge damage to an already weakened king. The game was

over in just 32 moves. Gukesh came close but could not convert his advantage in to a victory over Sindarov who played white. The Queen's gambit declined, has been in Gukesh's arsenal for quite some time now, and he came up with a stylish queen sacrifice that should have sealed the game on another day.

However, Sindarov was quite resourceful and kept providing resistance even though it looked that his king was in mortal danger. The longest game of the day's contest was drawn after 78 moves. The other Indian in fray, Aravindh Chithambaram also started off with a draw against Matthias Bluebaum of Germany. Bluebaum, who will be part of the forthcoming Candidates tournament, remained solid and tricky for major part of the Catalan opening game and drew after 41 moves. In other results, Yagiz Kaan Erdogmus of Turkey drew with Nodirbek Yakubov of Uzbekistan while Jordan van Foreest of Holland signed peace with Thai Dai Van Nguyen of Czech Republic.

Results after round 1 (Indians unless specified): Javokhir Sindarov (UZB) drew with D Gukesh; Arjun Erigaisi beat R Praggnanandhaa; Aravindh Chithambaram drew with Matthias Bluebaum (GER); Hans Moke Niemann (USA) beat Vladimir Fedoseev (SLO); Vincent Keymer (GER) beat Anish Giri (NED); Jordan van Foreest (NED) drew with Thai Dai Van Nguyen (CZE); Yagiz Kaan Erdogmus (TUR) drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (UZB). (PTI)

# BWF to continue its 25-second time clock trials to curb delays; players, coaches divided

**NEW DELHI, Jan 18:** The Badminton World Federation (BWF) will test its 25-second time clock at the Indonesia Masters next week, continuing trials to select World Tour tournaments to curb tactical delays and standardise match flow, a move that has drawn mixed reactions from players and coaches.

Under the system, the clock starts once the umpire updates the score, with both server and receiver required to be ready to serve and receive before 25 seconds expire.

China's world number two Wang Zi Yi welcomed the move, saying the players would adapt if the rule was enforced uniformly. "If the rule is going to apply, players will adjust to it. It will address the issue of delay by players," Wang told PTI.

Denmark's Mathias Christiansen, however, expressed scepticism, questioning whether the clock will address the root of the problem.

"I must say I'm a little bit sceptical about it. If the umpires are taking good care of the match and make it smooth, I don't think there is any problem," he said after reaching the India Open final. "I don't think it will address tactical delays."

Players may towel off, drink water or apply cold spray without seeking permission, provided they are ready within the allotted time. Umpires retain discretion to allow longer breaks in exceptional circumstances

such as medical intervention or extensive court mopping.

Tokyo Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei said adjusting after physically demanding rallies could be challenging. "I think when we finish long rallies, I feel 20-25 seconds is not enough but we can try," she said after finishing at the semifinal.

The BWF said analysis of hundreds of Major Championship and World Tour matches showed that, in rallies without interruptions, the average time between points was 22 seconds compared to nine seconds of actual rally time, leading the federation to conclude that 25 seconds struck the right balance between recovery and match flow. Not all stakeholders agree.

Korean singles coach Hyunil Lee termed the allotted time excessive.

"Twenty-five seconds is very long. It should be enough, maybe even less," he said.

Approved by the BWF Council at its meeting on August 29 last year, the rules came into effect at the Australia Open Super 500 from November 18 to 23 as part of the federation's initiative to improve sport presentation and ensure continuous play.

Former India doubles player and current coach B Sumeeth Reddy said standardising the rule was necessary but cautioned that practicality must be factored in.

"In general, standardising the norms is always better so that a set rule is in place," said Reddy,



who works closely with former world number one Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty.

"Some matches finish fast because players don't take breaks, while some last forever because of repeated pauses. From a spectator's point of view, that becomes boring," he said.

Reddy said tactical delays and subjective umpiring that had long existed in the sport.

"I give credit to players who are able to take that extra break and convince the umpire. That's an art in itself," he said, adding that the time clock could help cut undue delays.

However, he warned against rigid enforcement after physically draining rallies.

"After a 100 or 150-shot rally, you cannot expect a player to be ready in 20 to 25 seconds. That buffer has to be there," he said.

"I think 25 seconds is a decent amount of time, especially in doubles where rallies are shorter, but sensibility has to come into play." Former India player Arvind Bhat backed the move, saying the lack of clarity around time between rallies had allowed gamesmanship to persist.

"Right now it's very haphazard. It depends on your relationship with the umpire," said Bhat, a 2014 German Open champion.

"With a time clock, that is ruled out. It becomes fair for both players."

The BWF has conducted preliminary system tests without enforcement and plans further trials in the coming months alongside consultations with member associations, coaches and players before deciding on permanent adoption of the system. (PTI)

# World T20: England's Pak origin players receive visas, others to get soon

**NEW DELHI, Jan 18:** The International Cricket Council has stepped in to facilitate visa formalities for all 42 players and officials of Pakistan origin bound for the T20 World Cup in India.

In the England squad, cricketers of Pakistan lineage include spinners Adil Rashid, Rehan Ahmed and pacer Saqib Mahmood. USA will be represented by Ali Khan and Shayan Jahangir while the Netherlands have Zulfiqar Saqib to name a few.

PTI has learned that visas have already been cleared for England players Rashid, Rehan and Saqib.

Members of the Netherlands squad have also received their visas. Canada staff member Shah Saleem Zafar has been granted clearance as well. Visa arrangements are currently underway for players and officials of Pakistani nationality or origin who are part of teams from United Arab Emirates, the United States of America, Italy, Bangladesh and Canada.

For these teams, visa appointments have already been scheduled for early next week, indicating that the process is moving into its final phase. The deadline for visa issuance for participants is January 31.

These clearances are seen as an important early step, given the diverse representation of players of Pakistani descent across associate and full-member nations.

The ICC exercise covers cricketers, officials and standby personnel across multiple teams, underlining the governing body's attempt to pre-empt any last-minute complications ahead of the global event.

The ICC, which is overseeing the coordination process, has remained in constant communication with Indian High Commissions in multiple cities across continents.

The aim has been to ensure that visa applications for the remaining players and officials are handled efficiently and without procedural delays. (PTI)

# Mumbai-born USA pacer Netravalkar awaits emotional reconnect with Wankhede

**NEW DELHI, Jan 18:** Mumbai-born USA pacer Saurabh Netravalkar has visualised his full circle moment when he takes the field for his side's T20 World Cup opener against India at the Wankhede Stadium on February 7, a ground where it all began for him as a cricketer before leaving 'home' for an alternate career.

The 34-year-old played a first-class game for Mumbai alongside the likes of Suryakumar Yadav and Shardul Thakur back in 2013 but he was not able to graduate to the Indian team after representing the country in the 2010 U-19 World Cup.

Netravalkar eventually decided to pursue higher studies in the United States after getting an offer from the reputed Cornell University for a master's degree in computer science in 2015.

Considering the path he chose for himself, playing cricket again was not even a thought in Netravalkar's mind but fate ensured that he reunited with the sport that he started playing on the busy streets of Mumbai. Now an integral part of the USA squad and a star of their 2024 T20 World Cup campaign, Netravalkar reckons emotions might get the better of him when he steps on to the revered turf of Wankhede.

"I wouldn't know how I would react

there. But it is an emotional moment, for sure. Kind of like a full circle moment because I started playing cricket in Mumbai and gave up on the sport and moved to the US and never even expected to play cricket again. International (cricket) wasn't even a thought," he told PTI from Colombo where the USA squad is training. "So, it's like a second innings, that cricket gave me that chance and brought me back to Mumbai. So, in that sense, it's nostalgic and emotional, but it's not playing on my mind per se."

Has he visualised playing at the venue in front of his family and friends?

"Kind of, yes. I wouldn't say in this particular way, but as a kid, obviously, growing up in Mumbai, I have always, since I started playing cricket, dreamt about playing for the country and hopefully at Wankhede. We've been training at Wankhede since our under-15 days."

"Very grateful that this opportunity has come about whilst playing for the USA. My family and friends will be there. So yeah, I am looking forward to giving my best effort," said the left-arm pacer, who continues to juggle between cricket and his coding job at IT giant Oracle.

**Need to have multiple plans in India**  
Batting friendly conditions in the sub-



continent make the job much tougher for the bowlers. In the previous edition held in the USA and Caribbean, the bowlers had it slightly easier because of the conditions. Netravalkar, who is known for generating swing with the new ball and yorkers in the death overs, has got his plans ready for the

three group games in India and one against Pakistan in Colombo.

"On flatter wickets, more than the skills, obviously, you have your weapons and you keep developing different kinds of slower balls and hope that the ball swings with the new ball. That is unre-

dictable as well. It depends on the conditions. If you're playing under lights, dew becomes a factor here. So, we also need to practice bowling with the wetter ball.

"Yeah, and then you just have your plan A, plan B ready. So, I think we picked a good location to train at (three weeks in Sri Lanka). We also have two warm-up games at D.Y. Patil before we play the opening game of the World Cup. So, we will have exposure to flatter wickets and yeah, it will be a different challenge for me especially," said Netravalkar.

**Graph of USA cricket has gone up since 2024 success**  
Having stunned Pakistan in their maiden World Cup, USA exceeded expectations by qualifying for the Super 8 stage in 2024. Considering that stellar run, expectations are higher this time from a squad made up mainly of Indian and Pakistan origin cricketers.

Though there is still a long way to go in terms of having world-class cricketing infrastructure all around the US, Netravalkar is pleased with the upward graph of the game in the country.

"I think we've gone up, you could say for sure. You can see eight or nine or even more of our cricketers are getting gigs in

franchise leagues around the world. So, that is a good benchmark to sort of evaluate that our skills are being appreciated.

"Major league cricket as well, a lot of local players were in the top run getters, top wicket takers. We have 19, 20, 21-year-olds also making the team. So I think the system is slowly forming. I would still say we have a long way to go (in terms of building infrastructure throughout the USA). But definitely, we can see the progress since the last World Cup," he added.

**Netravalkar on his vegan lifestyle**  
Netravalkar's remarkable clarity of thought can be linked to his lifestyle. He has been vegan for a while and that made a positive impact on his cricket and more importantly life in general.

"As a person, it's been transformative. I'm trying to become a better person and that is unrelated to cricket. Just trying to learn more, delve deep into philosophy, spirituality, good habits, sustainability, climate change."

"Trying to do the best of what is expected of us as a human being, firstly. And it automatically, I mean, if you're healthy and you're fit and you train hard, it's going to obviously affect your skills and it's going to get better," he added. (PTI)