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1. Assam Governor inaugurates first-ever cow hostel in Tezpur.

Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria inaugurated the first ever 'gau kumbh' organized by Vihangam Yoga institute of Cow Management (A Subsidiary of Vihangam Yoga Sansthan Prayagraj) in association with Rashtriya Gau Dhan Mahasangh at Ghoramari in Tezpur.

Speaking on the occasion, Assam Governor said cows have always been revered in India and they are considered useful and beneficial for humans and the environment.

"Through the manufacture and use of cow-based products, not only the economy will be strengthened but also the environment will be purified," the Governor added.

2. Bhaskar Choudhary conferred with 'Animal Welfare Field Veterinarian Award-2023'.

On World Veterinary Day, since last year, Just Be Friendly (JBF) has been announcing an award, the Animal Welfare Field Veterinarian Award. In the year 2023, Bhaskar Choudhary has been recognized for his outstanding and consistent contribution in the field of Animal Welfare over a long period of time.

The award is a continuation of the 2022 award where Parag Jyoti Deka was recognized for his hard work. This award is honoring the individual veterinarian from North-East India, for their outstanding and consistent contribution in the field of Animal Welfare over a long period of time. The recognition will glorify their efforts, devotion, and compassion of the veterinarian towards the cause.

3. State Govt given priority to Karbi Anglong's development.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma will lay the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 2503.91 crore in Karbi Anglong

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Stating that the occasion will be a 'historic' one, Executive Member (EM) of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), Amarsing Tisso said that the Assam government has given priority



to the development Karbi Anglong by providing good roads, health facilities and by distributing ICDS kits and centres.

4. Assam Chief Minister launches Ayushman Asom-Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Ayushman Asom is a family-floater health assurance scheme designed to provide families in Assam with access to cashless medical treatment up to Rs.5 lakh per year. This progressive step aims to break down financial barriers and ensure that quality healthcare services are available to all residents, irrespective of their economic standing.

The Department of Medical Education & Research, operating under the Government of Assam, assumes the crucial responsibility of implementing Ayushman Asom. This department plays a pivotal role in overseeing the smooth execution and management of the scheme, ensuring its success in reaching the intended beneficiaries.

Ayushman Asom offers an extensive range of healthcare procedures, encompassing a total of 1578 medical treatments within its ambit. During its initial phase, the scheme is expected to cover around 26 lakh beneficiary families, thereby ensuring that a substantial portion of the population gains access to superior healthcare services.

5. Bicentennial year of Assam tea to be marked in grand manner.

Assam Tea, which contributes over 50 per cent of the tea product annually in the country, is celebrating its 200th year. It was first discovered growing in the wild in 1823 by Major Robert Bruce.

Assam Finance Minister Ajanta Neog, in her budget speech for 2023-24, had said roadshows will be held in major cities across the country as well as abroad to promote Assam Tea as a brand and showcase the rich socio-cultural heritage of tea garden communities.



6. North East's 1st Vande Bharat completes trial run between NJP & Assam.

The 17th Vande Bharat Express will connect India's Northeastern state of Assam with West Bengal. This will also be the third Vande Bharat Express to operate in West Bengal after the NJP- Howrah Vande Bharat Express and the Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat Express. The semi-high speed train on Sunday for the first time reached Guwahati during the trial run from New Jalpaiguri.

The train will run between New Jalpaiguri to Guwahati six days in a week, covering around 410 km within 6 hours. The train will depart from New Jalpaiguri in Siliguri and reach Assam's Guwahati.

7. Sourav Ganguly named as brand ambassador of Tripura tourism.

Former India cricket captain and ex-BCCI chief **Sourav Ganguly** was roped in as the brand ambassador for Tripura Tourism.

The Tripura government is confident that Ganguly will be a successful brand ambassador for the state. They believe that his popularity and charisma will help to attract more visitors to Tripura and boost the tourism industry. The announcement came after Tourism Minister Sushanta Chowdhury met Ganguly at his residence in Kolkata along with state officials, and discussed the proposal. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, who had earlier spoken to the former ace cricketer, expressed his confidence that Ganguly's involvement will greatly benefit the tourism sector.

8. Foundation Stone of National Forensic Sciences University laid in Assam.

Assam chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that National Forensic Sciences University in Guwahati is an achievement for Assam and its people.

4 Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah laid the foundation Stone of National Forensic Sciences university, Guwahati.



9. Two Assam mountaineers scale Mt Kanchenjunga

Two mountaineers from Assam scaled the world's third largest peak Mt Kanchenjunga on Thursday.

Bhaskar Baruah and Jayanta Nath, part of a seven-member team, scaled the 8,586 metres high peak at 7:15 am after an arduous climb from the summit camp which began at 6:30 pm on Wednesday

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is the Chef de Mission of the expedition team, congratulated the duo for scaling the third-highest-mountain-peak.

The team had left for the expedition on April 11 and had set up the base camp at 5,200 metres after trekking from Taplejung in Nepal on April 20.

The team members had set up three more camps before reaching the summit camp at a height of 7,500 metres on May 13.

The expedition was sponsored by the state Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare.

10. 59 railway stations of Northeast to be made world-class

Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that Rs 11,000 crores have been allotted for the development projects in the Northeast.

Speaking on the sidelines of flagging off the first Vande Bharat Express of Northeast, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that 59 railway stations of the region will be made world-class.

Keeping in view the concept of 'Virasat Bhi,Vikas Bhi', he informed that 310 old train coaches will be converted to LHB coaches.



11. Assam: Medical oxygen skill lab inaugurated at AMCH

A new medical oxygen skill laboratory was inaugurated at Assam Medical College and Hospital in Dibrugarh.

The Medical Oxygen Skill Lab has been designed to provide hands-on training and skills development in the use of medical oxygen, a critical element in the treatment of patients with respiratory illnesses.

The inaugural function held at the OIL lecture hall auditorium of AMCH was attended by Biswajit Pegu, DC, Dibrugarh, Dr Sanjib Kakoti, Principal, AMCH, Dr Prashanta Dihingia, Superintendent, AMCH and other dignitaries.

12. Assam Govt to introduce Mising, Tiwa, Rabha languages till class V

According to Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Chief Minister of Assam, the Assam government has been obligated by the National Education Policy (NEP) to provide instruction in the Mising, Tiwa, and Rabha languages through Class V.

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and the Mising Autonomous Council (MAK) worked together on this project to create 11 textbooks in the Mising language that are specifically designed for kids in pre-primary and primary school.

This effort demonstrates the Assam government's commitment to putting NEP policies into action in order to increase education in indigenous languages. The state government has contributed significantly to the preservation of these indigenous languages while ensuring a more inclusive and diverse education for kids up to Class V.



13. Bhashar Oja Hemchandra baruah remembered

Smriti Divas of 'Bhasar Oja' Hemchandra Baruah commemorating the death anniversary of one of the doyens of Assamese language was observed on May 1st.

14. Divya Kala Mela organised by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in Guwahati

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) organized a unique event showcasing the products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from across the country, 'Divya Kala Mela' from 11th to 17th May, 2023 at Maniram Dewan Trade centre, Guwahati, Assam.

The event presented an enthralling experience to the visitors as vibrant products from various parts of the country including Jammu and Kashmir, North Eastern states, handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works and packaged food etc. will be seen together.

This is a unique initiative of DEPwD towards the economic empowerment of PwD/Divyangjan. The Divya Kala Mela presents a bigger platform for marketing and showcasing the products and skills of Divyang (PwD). The Divya Kala Mela, Guwahati is the fourth one in a series starting from December 2022 [(i) Delhi, December 2022, (ii) Mumbai, February 2023, (iii) Bhopal, March 2023].

15. Hriday Hazarika, Nancy win first senior World Cup medals with silvers in Baku

Former junior world champion Hriday Hazarika and Haryana's Nancy won their first individual senior World Cup medals, shooting down silver in the men's and women's 10m air rifle competitions.

However, both went down to more accurate shooters on the day. Hriday lost to Hungary's Zalan Pekler who shot 252.4 to the Indian's 251.9, while Nancy, after going into the final two shots with a 0.1 lead over China's Han Jiayu, could not hold on to the cushion to finish with 253.3 to her opponents' 254.0.



16. Sadin-Praditin chairman Jayanta Baruah presented with Yogesh Das memorial award

Sadin-Pratidin Group Chairman and Editor of Asomiya Pratidin, Jayanta Baruah was presented with the Yogesh Das Memorial Award.

The award was presented to Jayanta Baruah at the 53rd Doomdooma Rongali Bihu Sanmilen today. The award included an appreciation letter, a memorabilia, a *Xorai*, a *Paat Phoolam Bihuwan* and a *Seleng Sador*.

On the occasion, Janyanta Baruah was felicitated by several organizations including Doomdooma Regional Students' Union, Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad, Moran Students' Union, Doomdooma Bhojpuri Samaj and Doomdooma Chamber of Commerce.

17. Elephant calf 'Anjan' named after Assam conservationist turns 5 in UK zoo

Born on May 17, 2018, the calf is named after an Assam-based conservationist, Anjan Baruah. On Wednesday (May 17), the elephant calf turned 5 years old and the zoo has been awash with joy. While the calf's father, Aung Bo, is also with him, who was relocated to Chester Zoo from Sevilla Exotic Animals Reserve located in Spain, his mother, Thi Ha Way, died in September 2020 due to arthritis problems.