

World Malaria Day observed in Sonitpur district

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TEZPUR, April 26: The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and District Vector Borne Control Programme (DVBCP) Sonitpur observed the World Malaria Day 2017 with a day-long programme at the School of Nursing Complex here on Tuesday.

Marking the day, an awareness rally was taken out throughout the town with the participation of the students and the staff of the Nursing School, Tezpur, Health Department, Kanaklata Civil Hospital, NGOs, social workers besides the common public. The rally

was flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur Manoj Kr Deka. It was followed by an awareness meeting at the School of Nursing Complex. The meet was presided over by Dr Durlav Saikia.

In his speech, Dr Saikia said that malaria is a major public health problem and it can be controlled by the joint efforts of the Government and the public. The District Surveillance Officer, Sonitpur in his speech also said that the World Malaria Day has been observed across the world since April 25, 2008 as per the decision of Roll Back Malaria partnership with various

themes. Giving an overview, he said that as per the 1946 Bhore Committee Report, 75% of global malaria cases and 0.8% death cases have been reported in India. "On the basis of Bhore Committee Report, the Government in 1953 launched the National Malaria Control Programme to bring down malaria cases.

Following some success stories in 1958, the National Malaria Eradication Programme was launched to eradicate malaria within seven-nine years. But due to the failure of the programme in 1977, the Government launched a modified plan of operation for ma-

laria to reduce malarial deaths and malaria morbidity. In 1994, the Government of India formulated the Malaria Action Plan and again, in 1999, the Malaria Eradication Programme was renamed as National Anti Malaria Programme. In 2004, five vector borne diseases – malaria, kala-azar, filaria, Japanese encephalitis and dengue came under one umbrella and the programme was renamed as National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. In 2008, the Government introduced National Drug Policy for Malaria and streamlined malaria treatment.



Teachers under the banner of Assam State Primary Teachers' Association staging a demonstration at the BEEO of Tihu-Barama Block office in Baksa district on Tuesday. – UB Photos

Bohagi utsab at Pakowa from today

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TIHU, April 26: Like in the previous years, this year also the people of greater Pakowa area of Nalbari district will celebrate the 10th Bohagi utsab with fanfare at the premises of Tatipara Primary School with a two-day programme from April 27.

In this connection, a strong celebration committee was

the cultural nite on April 28 will be Pranjali Parasar and Priyanka Kashyap.

It may be mentioned here that the day-night volleyball tourney to be held on April 27 will be attended by several sports persons like Manoj Choudhury, Utpal Deka, Hemadra Mahanta, Nilima Devi, Gopinath Das, Chandana Haloi and many others.

Alumni meet: "The re-

an Sarma and Jatiram Haloi expressed their views in such a way at meeting held recently at the school premises.

The function held on the occasion was chaired by Hareswar Dutta and was anchored by Nabadwip Bharali. All the alumni reminisced the days of their past and felt nostalgic.

Workshop held at Barama College: The internal quality assurance cell of Barama College

pal of the college explained the importance of the workshop in the function which was chaired by Dr Tiken Das, principal of the college.

About 100 students from Barama Girls High School, Barjar High School, Kadamtola High School and Kharua Milan High School participated in the workshop. Hitesh Deka, assistant teacher of Raikadamtal High School, and

Talukdar, Karina Kt Kalita, Mahesh Ch Sarma, Dr Surajit Barman, Banibilash Sarma, Dharendra Nath Bayon, Chanakya Charan Kalita, Pankaj Bezbaruah, Ajit Kr Sarma, Hemen Rajbongshi, Rama Dutta Raychoudhury, Sunil Pawan Pathak and Chandan Deka felicitated three persons of Tihu namely Somnath Deka, Gadadhar Pathak and Hiranmoy Barchowdhury at their

AASU celebrates Rongali Bihu at Golakganj

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GAURIPUR, April 26: The Golakganj unit of the All Assam Students' Union celebrated Rongali Bihu on the premises of Golakganj Development Block with a two-day colourful programmed on April 22-23 last.

hoisted the Bihu flag and was followed by smriti tarpan by Debajit Prodhani, Samir Rava, Krishna Kanta Ray and Dhruva Dutta. Bihu Maina, Bihu Kanya, Rajbongshi Maina, Rajbongshi Kanya competitions held on the occasion attracted a large number of people. The Mukoli Bihu programme was

and Bishandai. It was inaugurated by Chayanika Thakuria, Circle officer, Golakganj. The Gauripur, Bahalpur and Golakganj troupes were awarded the first, second and third positions respectively. The prize distribution meeting and the cultural evening held on the occasion on the second day saw the

der National Skill Qualification Framework for the academic year 2017-2018, a note stated.

The APA has been providing skill-based employment generated quality education for last 14 years with its dynamic and pragmatic approach. It has also successfully conducting different courses under government schemes like PMKVY and NIELIT for the students of North East India. APA, an ISO 9001:2008 is a certified organisation and also an empanelled project institute under the Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana.



Flood waters of Singra river overtopping a road at Nowboicha, on Tuesday. – UB Photos

Weekly exclusively for Dhubri district launched

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DHUBRI, April 26: The Dhubri Subdivision Journalists Association has come up with an Assamese weekly newspaper exclusively for highlighting all the kinds of issues of the district, named *Dhubri Barta* that was launched by Golakganj MLA Aswini Roy Sarkar on Monday.

In the programme presided

over by Abdur Rahman, a former school principal and author, the Golakganj MLA said that this newspaper will not only fulfill the long-standing demand of a media that will highlight all kinds of small and big issues of the people of the district but will also act as their voice. Sarkar also said, "With all the senior journalists of the district associated with this newspaper, we are sure that it

will be an eye opener for the administration and politicians".

Describing the need of such a paper in the district, a senior journalist and chief editor of *Dhubri Barta*, Pronabashis Roy said, "Although there are a few newspaper or magazines, published from various palaces of the district but there has always been lack of media especially for the people of this area." He also added that

the journalist fraternity of the district has always felt the need of such a newspaper.

The programme was also attended by the District Information and Public Relations Officer Bikash Sharma, BJP district president Dipak Kumar Saha, author Sultana Selima Ahmed, senior journalist Jotirmoyee Roy along with a host of other dignitaries.

Kaliabor College in the memory of Bimal Ch Bora and Prafulla Ch Rajkhowa. The topic of the debate was 'the regional political parties are losing popularity in India due to the failure in fulfillment of regional aspirations.'

Altogether 12 teams participated in the competition. The winners were: first – Priyanka Hazarika, NE Institute of Media Service Guwahati; second – Abhisekh Kabra, JB College, Jorhat and third – Pinaj P Bhattacharjee, DKD College, Dergaon. Tezpur Law College was declared the best team.

Dr Bhuban Chandra Borua, Principal, Tezpur Law College was the Speaker while Dr Pranjit Hazarika, HoD, Political Science, Tezpur College and Dr Ranjit Kr Majinder, Head of the Department, Political Science, Nowgong College and Dr R Pokhrel, Associate Professor, Kaliabor College were the judges. The competition was organised by the Political Science Department, Kaliabor College.

Registrar Dr Jagat Singh Daiman, Dr Ashwani Sethi, Deputy Director, Dr GS Brar, Dean Engineering and other technical faculty of GKU were felicitated. The programme was entirely managed and moderated by Mokibur Husain Mazumder, Asstt Professor, Department of Computer Science Engineering, GKU.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr Col BS Dhaliw-

gance, traditional dance of Arunachal Pradesh, fashion show presenting different dresses of North-East such as Assamese, Mising, Bodo, Rabha, Arunachali, Manipuri, Tripuri, Mizo etc., and other performances. All the senior faculties of GKU present on the occasion congratulated the Assamese and other students from the north-eastern region for their participation.

Disaster preparedness training

GUWAHATI, April 26: Bosco Reach Out, a social development wing of Don Bosco Society organised a one day demonstration programme on disaster preparedness for task forces at Lengopara in Goalpara district on April 23 in collaboration with the Fire and Emergency Services and volunteer of Civil Defence Force, Goalpara under the Project 'Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness,' a press release stated.

The demonstration was conducted for four village task forces and was mostly based on improvised methods where the villages can use the available material at the times of disaster. Bosco Reach Out has formed 30 task forces in seven districts and eight regions of Assam where each task force comprises 15-20 members.

The resource persons of the programme were the Associate Director of Bosco Reach Out Fr. Jayaprakash, Mr. Ezekiel, Project Coordinator on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Sanjay Basumatary, the Station Officer, Goalpara and his team members and from the civil defence unit. The programme was attended by 160 men and women from four village cluster level task force committees.

KALIABOR, April 26: Mahendra Hazarika a retired teacher and an inhabitant of Kuwaritol died here on April 20 at his residence due to old-age ailments. He was 87.

He was closely associated with various social and cultural organisations of Kaliabor and took active part in the Assam Agitation. He was the ex-student of the first founder batch of Kaliabor College and also the first general secretary of Kaliabor College students' Union. An active member of the AGP, he was loved and respected by all for his amiable behaviour.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, three daughters and many relatives.

Kushum Nath

GUWAHATI, April 26: Kushum Nath, wife of Late Kamdev Nath of Sukreswar, Panbazar passed away on April 23 at the GMCH. She was 68.

A soft-spoken, kind-hearted, religious-minded woman, Late Nath was associated with many organisations of the area like Harisabha, Balichanda Sangha etc.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and many grandchildren.