

Palekar called on Sonowal, discussed Assamese cinemas



By Our Correspondent
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Considering the fact that films are the best means to represent a nation to the world, Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal requested eminent Hindi film actor-director Amol Palekar to use his huge experiences for the promotion of Assam's regional film industry.

Palekar, who called on Sonowal at Brahmaputra guest

house in the city on 15 July, talked on a wide range of issues concerning Assamese cinema, where the chief minister put the history of local film industry before him starting from the release of Joymati by Jyotiprasad Agarwala in 1935. Assam's first movie was a talkie and it was released in a Kolkata cinema hall in March '35. Responding to Sonowal's call for supporting the government in the process of developing the regional film

industry, Palekar remembered immense contributions of Dr Bhupen Hazarika, Jahnur Barua, Seema Biswas etc for national film industry. Palekar, in presence of Assam film finance development corporation Jatin Bora, finally hailed the will and initiative of Sonowal for taking substantial policy decisions for the development of Assamese cinema to enable the people to look at the heritage of the State through cultural lens.

International & National News

Ramesh Powar named Indian women's team interim coach

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Former India off-spinner Ramesh Powar has been appointed the interim coach of the national women's cricket team until the BCCI finds a suitable replacement for Tushar Arothe. Arothe was forced to resign in the wake of differences with senior players who were not happy with the coaching methods of former Baroda all-rounder.

Powar will oversee the women's team camp which begins in Bengaluru from July 25. The BCCI has already invited applications for the full-time coach's job with July 20 being the deadline to apply. "I am happy with the responsibility given and I will try my best to take them (women's team) ahead," Powar told PTI. The 40-year-old played just two Test matches for India, claiming six wickets, while his 31 ODI appearances

fetched him 34 scalps. His first-class career was more prolific and he claimed 470 wickets in 148 games. It has been learnt that Powar got a call from the cricket board yesterday about his interim appointment. Only last week, Mumbai wicket-keeper and batsman Vinayak Samant piped Powar to become coach the senior Mumbai team. Powar reportedly was the first choice for the job but a managing committee

resolution of the Mumbai Cricket Association went against him and that worked in Samant's favour. Powar had quit as the spin bowling coach of the MCA run cricket academy mid-way in February this year and had gone to Australia to train young spinners. According to the guidelines, the new coach should be below 55 years of age and must have experience coaching an international or first-class team.

Two dead as Rajdhani smashes into a car trapped in railway gate in Assam

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A man and his son were killed while his wife suffered grievous wounds after Rajdhani Express train ploughed into their car trapped inside a railway gate in Assam's Dibrugarh district on Sunday

night. The smash-up happened around 9pm in Chabua, an area dotted with tea-gardens. The dead have been identified as Bimal Sharma (65) and his son Arnav Sharma (26). Bimal's wife is undergoing treatment at the Assam Medical College in Dibrugarh.

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MSAD calls for joint mass protest

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The recent arbitrary eviction at Khetri Bengeon, (Awangching) Imphal East is a reflection of Hindutva Biren government of Manipur that is dictated from Delhi, to play a divisive politics of hatred. The eviction drive wiped out an entire village having more than 70 houses, without any rehabilitation plan violating an MoU signed between the CSOs and the government, rendering them homeless. The act from the BJP government is a transplantation of Indian religious politics into Manipur. The *Pangal*, by the mere fact that the indigenous group is adherent of Islam religion, is discriminately treated as Indian Muslim by the venomous Hindutva politics of India. The task is to suit the politics of a single religious political

party that seeks to take advantage of the 2019 election. The Indian BJP aims to divide the social fabric of Manipur on religious and community line. The foundation of the Indian state in Manipur in 1949 is also the foundation on Indian cruelty in Manipur. It is a fact that the policies that continue till the present days remind of utmost atrocities of massacres - Heirangoithong Massacre 1984, Oinam Massacre 1987, Tera Bazaar Massacre 1993, RMC Massacre 1995, Ukhrul massacre 1995, Churachandpur Massacre 1999, Malom Massacre 2000, to name some. The people of Manipur seeks democracy and not the peculiar democracy of this so called largest democracy. We now call for a collective mass protest rally of all the people of Manipur residing in Delhi.

GATE Hospital conducted weekly media OPD clinic

By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, July 16,

The city based GATE Hospital conducted weekly media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club, where Dr Rajib Kr Bokriwal and Dr Ranjan Das (medicine specialists) offered free consultations to the participants earlier this week. Organized for the benefit of press club members along with their dependants, the health camp will also facilitated the participants to check their weight, blood

pressure & sugar. Nurses Joyshri Basumatary and Sima Sikdar and health executive Mintu Ranjan Dutta extended supports in the camp. Till date, the press club initiative has been supported by Down Town Hospitals, GNRC Hospitals, Apollo Hospitals, SIMS Hospital, Medanta Hospital, Manipal Hospital, Fortis Hospital, Dispur Hospital, Ayursundra Super Specialty Hospital, Hayat Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, Health City Hospital, Sun Valley Hospital, Rahman Hospital etc.

TT News
Dimapur, July 16,

The 4th DMSC JK Tyre 2018 Autocross successfully concluded here late on Sunday, with the Meghalaya duo of Babit Lyngdoh and Kamlesh and Delhi's Sandeep Sharma claiming the top honours. Driving through twisty and hairpin turns inside the track in front of delighted crowds, Babit completed a grand double, winning the Open as well as the Above 1.1 Categories. He hit the post in a record-breaking 2:00.47 in the Open category and was equally fast (2:03:81) in the Above 1.1 category. Kamlesh proved to be the star in the SUV category, needing 2:14.13 to emerge the victor.



Sandeep underlined his class, taking the second position in as many as three categories. He took 2:03:22 to finish behind Babit in the Open category, 2:03:91 in the Above 1.1 Category and 2:14:50 in the SUV class for two runner-up places. Local lad Dennis Assumi too

had the distinction of coming third in two races, the Open and the SUV categories. Over 60 drivers from different parts if the country participated in this three-day event organised by the Dimapur Motorsports Club. The winners were rewarded with trophies and cash prizes.

RESULTS

Open Category: 1. Babit Lyngdoh (Meghalaya, 2:00.47); 2. Sandeep Sharma (Delhi, 2:03.22); 3. Dennis Assumi (DMSC, 2:04.28)

Above 1.1 category: 1. Babit Lyngdoh (Meghalaya, 2:03:81); 2. Sandeep Sharma (Delhi, 2:03:91); 3. Obeth (AMAM, 2:04.09)

SUV category: 1. Kamlesh (Meghalaya, 2:14.13); 2. Sandeep Sharma (Delhi, 2:14:50); 3. Denis Assumi (DMSC, 2:18.91)

Below 1.1 cc: Imli Pongen (2:06.50); 2. Atoka Awomi (2:09.78); 3. TomitoShohe (2:09.81)

Rookie: Imli Pongen (2:06.06); 2. Atoka Awomi (2:11.34); 3. Jaki Trang (2:11.41)

Special category (Lady): Phoebe (Meghalaya)

India enters quarterfinals of Asian Juniors; to play Japan Thrash Sri Lanka but falter against clinical Korea in the Group stage matches

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New Delhi, July 16,

Barring Lakshya Sen, none of the Indian could stand up to the clinical Koreans as India went down 1-4 in their last Group C match in the Asian Junior Badminton Championships, being held at Jakarta today. But, having finished second behind Korea in the group, they entered the quarterfinals where they will take on Japan tomorrow. In contrast, the Indian juniors went through the motions against Sri Lanka in the morning and cleaned them up 5-0, stamping their subcontinental authority. They had on Saturday beaten Kazakhstan by the same margin in the opener. India were expected to put up a semblance of fight against

the third-seeded Koreans. But, unfortunately, the resistance came only in the form of Lakshya who revived India's hope with straight sets win of 21-14, 21-13 against Kim Hyeon Jung in the men singles of the mixed team events. Lakshya's start was nice and he built on excellently with his strategy to keep his rival to the back court. And it paid dividends as the Indian not only used his smashes cleverly but also with his forecourt placings surprised the opponent. However, hard the Korean tried to come back, he was unable to do as he hastened the defeat with several unforced errors. But for this wonderful response, the other Indians didn't have any auspicious beginning. The men doubles' pair of Manjit Singh and

Dingku Singh, who faced Ki Dong Ju Ki and Shin Tae Yang, in match opener could only run their opponents close but couldn't stop them from winning the rubber 21-17, 21-11. The Indians mixed well when the Koreans somewhat had a cautious beginning. Understandably, they were caught on the wrong foot at time and it helped the Indian shuttlers some leeway. Yet, the Koreans held the rein and nerves to put their team 1-0 ahead. Akarshi Kashyap, the world No. 11, began really against Park Ga Eun and stretched her before winning the first game 23-21. But the Korean girl packed a lot of power in her forehand shots which brooked little challenge in the second and third as was evident. Park, after dropping

the first game, played brilliantly to win 21-13, 21-13, 21-9, the tie consuming 51 minutes. Then Jang Eun Seo and Lee Eun Ji combined well and disposed on the Indian women doubles pair, Simran Singh and Ritika Thaker, 21-15, 21-9 in 26 minutes to assert themselves. Simran and Ritika could not match the game plan devised by their Korean rivals who were quick on their feet and complimented each other, managing the back and fore courts really well. Having already established a winning lead of 3-1, one thought it should be a mere formality for the Korean mixed duo of Jeong Na Eun and Wang Chan but the Indians were not so disgraces as Srishiti Jupidi and Srikrishna Sai Kumar went

down fighting the last rubber 13-21, 21-18, 21-23. That was, indeed, a gutsy performance from the mixed doubles team which kept the interest alive. **LANKA NO MATCH** Manjit Singh and Dingku Singh beat the Sri Lankan pair of Tharindu N. Ambegoda and Vikum Fernando, winning the tie 21-10, 21-15. Akarshi Kashyap followed it up with a win over Dilmi Dias 21-10, 21-12 and when Priyanshu Rajawat got his chance, as he debuted for India, used the opportunity to his advantage, beating Chamath Dias 21-11, 21-14. With full points in their kitty, Simran and Ritika toyed with Jananuwani Amanda and Anurangi Masakorala (21-18, 21-18) and then finally Srishiti Jupidi and Srikrishna Sai took the mixed doubles beating Chamath and Dilmi 21-10, 21-15.