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**WEATHER GUWAHATI**  
**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
 Partly cloudy sky to generally cloudy sky. Light rain is likely to occur in some areas. Minimum temperature is most likely to be 12°C on Sunday.  
**TEMPERATURE:**  
 Max 27.3°C  
 Min 13.2°C



A cultural procession being taken out to mark the inauguration of the Brahmaputra Literary Festival in Guwahati on Saturday. - AT photo

**Seminar in GU**  
**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: The Departments of Assamese and Bengali, Gauhati University, and Renaissance Universal (RU), the intellectual forum of Ananda Marga Prasarak Samigra, Kolkata, are jointly organising the two-day 53rd national seminar on Shri Shri Anandamurti ji's (Shri Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar's) contribution to philosophy, language, literature, music, economics and science' at the conference hall, Department of Assamese, GU, on January 30 and 31.

The first session will feature the inauguration programme. Prof Hari Prasad Sharma, Rector, Gauhati University, will inaugurate the seminar, a press release said.

In the second session, Prof Anilendu Chakraborty, Dean, Faculty of Arts, GU, will be the chairperson. Prof Ranunath Jha, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU, New Delhi, will be the chief speaker. In the third session, Prof Taranez Deka, HOD, Department of Assamese, GU, will be the chairperson.

**Govt steps to check early age pregnancies**

**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Regional Resource Centre for the North Eastern States branch of National Health Systems Resource Centre organised a regional review programme on the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Matruva Abhiyan (PMSMA) in NE states here earlier this week.

Dr Verma Dhawan of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said that PMSMA is aimed at detecting high-risk

pregnancies to reduce maternal mortality.

Early-age pregnancies were found in NE states and in this regard the government has taken several initiatives to create awareness among people.

The National Health Systems Resource Centre's Dr Himanshu Bhushan said that PMSMA is a very important programme, but people's participation is low and hence everyone should work hard and make it a success.

He said the government is organising more media outreach and awareness programmes among the masses.

Dr Bhushan said that the PMSMA portal is providing the descriptive details about the programme and volunteers can register in the portal service.

The portal is also helping to get the service status and assistance for the future, and grievances can also be uploaded in it.

Dignitaries and key stakeholders from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura took part in the programme, according to a press statement.

**Meeting**  
**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: The annual general meeting of the Pub Guwahati Bihu Samiti will be held on January 29 at the Chandmari office of the Samiti from 10 am. A new committee to celebrate the Rongali Bihu in a befitting manner will be formed in the meeting.

**Irani inaugurates clothes making unit**

**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: Union Handloom and Textiles Minister Smt Irani today inaugurated a clothes-manufacturing unit at Paschim Baragan in the city.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister referred to the *Brindhanti Bastra*, which was woven by Assamese weavers under the guidance of Vasudev Sansi Saranata Sankaradeva, depicting the *Lola* of Lord Sri Krishna. She maintained that the handloom sector of the State has much potential.

The Central Government will extend support to the efforts made by the State Government for the development of the textile industry sector. The mobile app E-Dhaga developed by the Union Government to facilitate supply of cotton and silk yarns to the weavers at fair price is now available in Assamese also, she said, adding, the weavers

can resort to online purchase of yarns by using this app. A helpline has also been opened for the benefit of the weavers, she added.

State's Handloom and Textile Minister Ranjit Dutta apprised the gathering of the function that the State Government has taken steps to spread the textile industry at various places. The fabric being produced in these units would be sold through the ARTFED.

Yarn banks have been set up to make yarn available for the weavers at cheap rates.

A move to set up a National Institute of Fashion Technology on a 60-hectare plot of Paschim Baragan is under consideration of the State Government. The function was also addressed by MP Bijoya Chakravarty.

In this textile unit, named Modelama Silk Private Ltd, training will be imparted to the youths for their skill development in the areas of weaving, sewing etc, stated a press release issued here.

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**Tourism fest Rongali from Feb 3**

**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: The third edition of the tourism fest 'Rongali' to be held from February 3 to 5, will be an array of events ranging from ethnic to musical, and from food to adventure sports.

Promoting Assam as a destination for tourism as well as bringing out the traditional best of different communities and tribes of the State, the festival will be held at the Veterinary Ground, Khanapara, and the Brahmaputra riverfront in Guwahati.

The festival is being organised by Trend MMS, a socio-cultural organisation of Assam, which also organises the popular Northeast Festival in New Delhi and Colours of North East in Mumbai.

According to Shyamkanu Mahanta, the chief organiser of Rongali, the festival will be among the major festivals of the region with a musical extravaganza for the youths as well as a grand event for showcasing the cultural richness of Assam.

"Apart from tourists from across the

country, it would be a great opportunity for even the people of Assam to explore several unknown sides of the State. The brand ambassador of Assam and Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra has also agreed to promote Rongali on various platforms," he added.

Opening new vistas for aéro sports in Guwahati, the Rongali festival will focus on several adventurous sports on the Brahmaputra riverfront at Sector 1 in Noonmati area. Ten pilots are coming from different parts of the country to popularise Assam as an adventure sports destination.

This apart, *nao khel* on the Dighalipudhuri will be another major attraction.

Traditional dance forms, food, music, and the way of life of the communities including the Bodos, Misings, Karbis, Dimasas, Tiwas, Sonowal Kacharis, Singphos, Deuris, Tai Phakes, Thienpal Kacharis, Ahoms, Bhaucias, etc., will be showcased in the fest by participants from various tribal councils and district administrations. A photography exhibition will

display the major tourist attractions of Assam and the Northeast.

Around 45 colourful dance forms, music presentation by Samaguri Sattria of Majuli, *Mati Akhara*, the *Kalya Daman onkjo bhana* directed by Satirya exponent Dr Nirupouma Mahanta, Bihu workshop, etc, will also be an offer apart from promotion of ethnic cuisine.

The festival is also supported by the Government of Assam, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Assam (HRAA) and Tour Operators' Association of Assam, among others.

On the other hand, music lovers would be enthralled by popular singers and rock bands. Indigenous sports of Assam such as wrestling, kabaddi, etc., will also be presented by the State Directorate of Sports. There will be a special show by the Assam Police at the Kinnapara ground. Thibbi Sharma, one of the main organisers and general secretary of HRAA, said Assam needs a big festival and Rongali is the festival which will make a nationwide impact.



A scene from the play Dajon Comedian's 'Tragedy' during the Jyotirupa North East One Act Play Competition at Rabindra Bhawan in Guwahati on Saturday. - Photo: Samarendra Sarma

**Chalachitram Film Festival in March**

**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: With an aim to

film competition on the theme of Indian heritage. The way of life, tourism, art, handicrafts, manuscripts, music and

entry fees, and also films captured in celluloid, digital and mobile-phones will be considered for the competition. The

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