



Dr Ranjan Kakati appointed GU Secretary of Classes

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GUWAHATI, June 6: Dr Ranjan Kumar Kakati has been appointed as Secretary of University Classes, Gauhati University, following a decision taken at an executive council meeting held on June 2, officials said. Dr Kakati had been serving as Director of Students' Welfare (DSW) of the university for the past 12 years. A doctorate in Physics, he has nearly 25 years of experience in teaching, research and academic administration. His contributions to students' welfare, youth development and community service through the National Service Scheme (NSS) were noted by the university. During his tenure, Gauhati University received several honours, including the National NSS Award from the President of India, the State NSS Award from the Chief Minister of Assam, and the IY Bharat-NSS Best Programme Coordinator Award from the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Dispur College holds green rally

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GUWAHATI, June 6: Dispur College organised a green rally, cleanliness drive, awareness campaign and plantation programme on the occasion of World Environment Day on Thursday. The programme began with a green rally, aimed

at spreading awareness on environmental conservation and sustainable living among students and the local community. A cleanliness drive was held, in which Principal Navajyoti Borah participated along with faculty members, students and NSS volunteers. An awareness campaign was later conducted at Greater Ganeshguri, where participants highlighted the importance of environmental protection and collective responsibility. A plantation drive was also carried out as part of the programme.

Kamrup-M reviews preparations for National Immunisation Day

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GUWAHATI, June 6: A meeting of the District Task Force was held at the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office in Kamrup Metropolitan district ahead of the upcoming National Immunisation Day. The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner Parijat Bhuyan, who reviewed preparedness measures and coordination among departments involved in the immunisation programme. During the meeting, the District Development Commissioner directed all concerned officials and staff to ensure that no child below five years of age is left out of vaccination coverage. He stressed the importance of close monitoring and inter-departmental coordination to achieve complete immunisation coverage. He further instructed departments to discharge their responsibilities efficiently for the smooth and successful implementation of the programme. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy

Commissioner KC Korang Pegu, in-charge Director of Health Services Dr Ramen Dutta Sharma, District Immunisation Officer Dr Bhavendra Kumar Das, along with officials from the National Health Mission, Social Welfare, Education and other concerned departments.

Omnipresent-A Story' nominated for Ahmedabad IFF-2026

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GUWAHATI, June 6: 'Omnipresent-A Story', a short film directed by journalist, author and filmmaker Hemanta Sarma, has been nominated for the 17th Ahmedabad International Film Festival (AIFF) 2026, officials said. According to festival authorities, over 4,700 films from more than 150 countries were submitted this year, with a select number shortlisted by the jury after evaluation. The organisers reportedly praised the film's storytelling approach and creative presentation. Produced under the banner of Focus Media, the environmentally themed film addresses plastic pollution and urban consumerism through a symbolic narrative inspired by the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The film was written and directed by Hemanta Sarma, with production by former IAS officer Deba Kumar Kalita, and features a cast including Dhruba Prasad Borah, Niharika Nath, Pranavi Mahanta, Dhiraj Das and Garima Das. The festival is scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad from September 30 to October 2, 2026.