

POCSO accused held by locals

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 17: A young man allegedly wanted in a POCSO case registered in Barpeta was held by local residents at Beltola Tinali in Guwahati early on Monday.

The man, identified as Faruk Abdullah, had reportedly fled Barpeta and reached Guwahati before residents allegedly caught him at Beltola Tinali. Several ATM cards were reportedly recovered from his possession.

Residents informed the police, following which a team from Hatigaon Police Station reached the spot and took Abdullah into custody.

Police said Abdullah was an accused in a case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act at a police station in Barpeta. He was also suspected of having links with cybercrime, though his alleged involvement had not yet been established.

Police were examining the circumstances in which Abdullah reached Beltola and came to possess multiple ATM cards. He was taken to Hatigaon Police Station for questioning, while further investigation was underway.

RPF apprehends theft accused at Guwahati railway station

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GUWAHATI, Aug 17: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) apprehended a 36-year-old man allegedly involved in theft from railway passengers at Guwahati Railway Station on Monday and recovered a mobile phone worth around Rs 20,000 from his possession.

Officers and staff of the RPF CPDS team apprehended Jalal Hussain, a resident of Karbala in Goalpara district, near platforms 6 and 7 of the station.

During interrogation, Hussain allegedly confessed to stealing the Realme Android phone from a railway passenger travelling on the GHY-GLPT Passenger train at platform 7 of Guwahati Railway Station.

The RPF recovered the mobile phone and handed Hussain and the recovered property over to the Government Railway Police (GRP), Guwahati, for further legal action.

The GRP registered a case under Section 305(c) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in connection with the incident.

CM receives second death threat in three days

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GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has received another death threat, with a person on social media allegedly threatening to kill him if someone paid him Rs 2 crore.

The person, who operated a social media account in the name of Mubarak Ali, claimed in the post that he was a resident of Godaimari in Jorhat, Nagaon district. The post also carried the slogans “Pakistan zindabad” and “Hindustan murdabad”.

Police have launched an investigation into the threat, with Assam Police sources stating that the person was expected to be taken into custody soon.

The latest threat came three days after another man, identified as Abdul Mutaleb, a resident of Morigaon district, was arrested for issuing



a similar death threat to Dr Sarma on social media on Saturday.

Mutaleb had posted a comment on the live-streaming link of Dr Sarma's Independence Day speech, threatening to kill the Chief Minister for Rs 1 crore. Along with Mu-

taleb, Bhuragaon Police also arrested his father, brother and another person in connection with the death threat.

Reacting to the latest threat, Dr Sarma said he had received warnings about threats to his life in the past as well. “During the Ashirwad Yatra also, there was a warning. There was an intelligence warning from Delhi that there was a severe threat to my life. In fact, at that point of time, the IB had asked us to stop the Ashirwad Yatra,” he said.

The Chief Minister added that such threats were not new to him and that some people were not satisfied with him. “So I think this is not a new thing. Some people are not satisfied with me. So obviously, I carry some kind of threat. But that's okay. Our police are capable of giving me security. So I am not worried about that,” he said.

Two held for stealing phones at Basistha Temple

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GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Basistha Police arrested two alleged members of a mobile theft gang accused of targeting devotees at Basistha Temple in Guwahati during the ongoing Bol Bom gatherings. The arrested persons were identified as Shukur Ali and Babul Ali, who reportedly travelled from Dhubri and stayed in Guwahati to carry out mobile thefts.

According to police, the accused dressed in saffron clothes and mingled with devotees inside the crowded temple premises to steal mobile phones. Police also suspected that several minors assisted the duo in carrying out the thefts. Acting on information gathered during the investigation, police apprehended the two accused and recovered six stolen mobile phones from their possession.

Preliminary investigation indicated that the duo may have been part of a larger gang. Police were conducting searches at different locations to identify and apprehend other suspected members.

AR officials meet Assam Chief Secretary, DGP

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Top officials of the Assam Rifles, led by Maj Gen Inderjit Singh Bhinder, IGAR (East), and accompanied by Brig Nishant Chandel, Comd 21 Sector, Assam Rifles, called on Dr Ravi Kota, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam, and Harmeet Singh, IPS, DGP, Assam. The meetings focused on law and order, operational coordination, security matters and areas of mutual interest.

The interactions reaffirmed the commitment of the Assam Rifles, civil administration and police to strengthening coordination and ensuring peace, security and development in the region.

The Assam Rifles, India's oldest paramilitary force, operates primarily across the Northeast, including Assam. Its key areas of operation in Assam include border management along the Indo-Myanmar border, counter-insurgency operations in disturbed areas and disaster relief.

The Assam Rifles is of-



ten nicknamed the “Sentinels of the North East” and “Friends of the Hill People”.

It is the oldest paramilitary force in India and was originally raised in 1835 as the Cachar Levy, a militia to protect tea gardens and the fertile plains of Assam against unruly tribes.

After Independence, the Assam Rifles functioned under the Ministry of External Affairs. Its operational control was transferred to the Indian Army after the Sino-Indian War of 1962. At present, the Assam Rifles has

been working against cross-border insurgency, drug and narcotics mafias, and illegal smuggling and trade.

The high-level meeting with top Assam officials indicates that the Assam Government, led by Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, stands firmly against drugs and cross-border smuggling activities, especially from neighbouring porous Myanmar borders through the northeastern states of Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur to mainland India using Assam as a corridor.

NFR upgrades Netaji Vidyapith Railway Higher Secondary School

GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has upgraded the infrastructure of Netaji Vidyapith Railway Higher Secondary School, Maligaon, with modern educational facilities.

The upgradation included construction of a new G+1 RCC building with 20 classrooms and modern furniture, a covered prayer shed and renovation of the Subir Raha Memorial Auditorium. NFR also improved the school facade, approach road, existing offices and classrooms and drainage system.

The school, established



on January 23, 1948, in honour of freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has produced several distinguished alumni.

NFR General Manager

Chetan Kumar Shrivastava inaugurated the renovated auditorium, new classrooms, prayer shed and upgraded facade on August 15, a press release said.

Two youths allege assault, extortion attempt in Dakchingaon

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GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Two youths were allegedly assaulted by a group of five youths near London Bridge Guest House in Guwahati's Dakchingaon area late at night, with the victims claiming that the group demanded Rs 10,000 and threatened them with a pistol.

According to the allegations, the five youths confronted the two victims, demanded the money and

subsequently assaulted them. Both victims reportedly sustained injuries.

The victims further alleged that the group threatened them with a pistol during the incident. The alleged attackers also claimed to be members of the Village Defence Party (VDP) and reportedly claimed to have links with Hatigaon Police.

The incident raised concerns among local residents over alleged intimi-

dation and violence in the area, particularly during night hours.

One of the alleged attackers, identified as Ishwak, was accused of using the VDP identity to intimidate people in the Sijubari area.

Details regarding the identities of the other alleged accused, the reported firearm and any police action in connection with the incident were not immediately available.

Congress to organise Youth Conclave in Sept

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 17: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) will organise a grand Youth Conclave in Guwahati during the first week of September 2026, aimed at empowering the younger generation and strengthening democratic values.

APCC president Gaurav Gogoi has initiat-

ed the programme with the objective of creating a platform where young people can engage in meaningful dialogue, exchange ideas and contribute towards nation-building.

The conclave will seek to inspire, educate and mobilise the youth of Assam through interactive sessions focusing on their potential and role in

building a stronger and more progressive Assam and India.

To oversee the planning and coordination of the event, Gogoi has entrusted the responsibility to a committee comprising Dr Jay Prakash Das, Satyabrata Kalita, Jayanta Khand, Kaushik Kashyap, Ashik Iqbal, Palakshi Das, Birinchi Bora and Kuldeep Rajbongshi.

Barman appointed BJP National Secretary

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GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Assam BJP leader Mriganka Deo Barman has been appointed as a National Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as part of the party's newly announced national office-bearers' committee.

Earlier, Barman served as the general secretary of the state BJP and as president of the Assam unit of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM).

State President Dilip Saikia expressed hope that Barman, in his new responsibility, would utilise his



organisational experience, efficiency and dedication to further strengthen the party and enhance Assam's

organisational role at the national level.

Saikia extended his heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the national leadership of the BJP for entrusting Mriganka Deo Barman with the important responsibility of National Secretary. The party also conveyed its warm greetings and congratulations to Barman and wished him success in his new role.

He further expressed confidence that Barman's appointment would strengthen the organisational presence of the Assam BJP at the national level.

P Chidambaram is not a ‘dimaagi Naxal’ but a pure Naxal: CM

GUWAHATI, Aug 17: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday targeted senior Congress leader and former Union Home Minister P Chidambaram, demanding an inquiry into whether Chidambaram deliberately refrained from taking decisive action against Naxalism during his tenure in office.

The remark came after Sarma responded to Chidambaram's social media post stating he was “proud to be a dimaagi Naxal”.

Calling out Chidambaram's self-description, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, addressing a press conference, elevated the political confrontation, asserting that Chidambaram's admission reveals deeper ideological ties.

“P Chidambaram is not a ‘dimaagi Naxal’ but a pure Naxal. Now that P Chidambaram, who was

the country's Home Minister, has called himself a ‘dimaagi Naxal’, an inquiry should be held to probe whether he deliberately did not take action to end Naxalism during his tenure as the country's Home Minister.”

The political row stems from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort. During his speech, PM Modi stated that while armed Naxalism in rural forests had been largely dismantled, a new challenge, “dimaagi Naxals” (ideological Naxals), had entrenched themselves within institutions, policy-making spaces, and public ecosystems to subvert national progress.

PM Modi urged citizens to identify and isolate individuals harbouring such anti-systemic mindsets. Hitting back at the Prime

Minister's remarks, P Chidambaram, in an X post, expressed his disagreement, posting: “I am proud to be a dimaagi naxal!”

Meanwhile, CM Sarma also targeted the Congress leadership. “Be it Sonia Gandhi or Rahul Gandhi, they have taken up the mission to go against the country. They have resolved to spoil the atmosphere in the country,” he said.

Referring to an incident during the recitation of Vande Mataram, the Assam CM added, “Sonia Gandhi's behaviour during the recitation of Vande Mataram makes it clear what will happen to the country if Congress comes to power. These people are openly doing anti-national activities like inciting people to protest and asking them to create an atmosphere of anarchy in the country.” (ANI)

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1	Mr. Ramen Barkataki (Borrower) Mrs. Rumi Barkataki Mr. Rupjyoti Barkataki (Guarantors) Branch: Down Town	Rs. 984244.49 + interest + charges	An area of land measuring 1 Katha 10 Lecha with building thereon covered under dag no-1739 and KP Patta no-33, situated at Mouza-Khata, Palla Road, Ward no 11, Nalbari, Assam standing in the Name of Sri Ramen Barkataki, covered by Sale Agreement No 146 dated 01-02-2020 and corresponding jamabandi of patta no 33.	RP: Rs. 9845595.00 EMD: Rs. 984560.00 BIA: Rs. 20000.00 Symbolic
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For the sake of convenience regarding sale, please refer to the link provided in UCO Bank Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.ucobank.com. Last Date of Bid registration: 11.09.2026. Date of Auction: 11.09.2026. Time of Auction: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Terms and Conditions of E-Auction sale: (1) Bidders are advised to go through the website https://baanknet.com (Also on for detailed Terms & Conditions of Auction Sale before submitting their Bids and taking part on e-auction sale proceeding). Prospective bidders may contact the respective Branches. (2) The Authorised Officer will be at liberty to amend/ modify/ delete any of the conditions as may be deemed necessary in the light of facts and circumstances of each case. The Bank/ Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason and without any cost or compensation therefor. Bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood all the conditions of sale and are bound by the same. No counteroffer/conditional offer/conditions by the bidder and/or successful-bidder will be entertained. (3) The auction sale will be "online e-auction" bidding through website https://baanknet.com (4) The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding (5) The successful Auction Purchaser / Bidder shall have to deposit 25% (Twenty Five Percent) of the bid amount (i.e. including EMD amount deposited earlier) immediately on finalization/concluding of Auction i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day. The balance amount of bid purchase price payable shall be paid by the successful Auction Purchaser/Bidder to the Authorised Officer on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of the property. (6) The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price and Bidders shall improve their further offers in multiple of Bid Increment Amount. Unlimited extension of 10 Minutes time will be given in case of receipt of bid in last ten minutes. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed.				
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