

3 police personnel suspended

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Imphal, Aug 3: So far 3 police personnel of Andro Police Station have been suspended over the death of a woman inside a toilet room of Andro Police Station. The deceased Mutum Ongbi Indira Devi (38 yrs), wife of M Ibohanbi Singh was found hung to dead inside the toilet room of the Andro Police station in a mysterious way on August 1 morning. According to family source the deceased woman went missing since July 25. On the day, the dead body was found, Imphal East Police SP Kabib suspended 3 police personnel for misconduct and dereliction of duty. Those three police officer put under suspension are Sub Inspector L. Heramani, Assistant Sub Inspector H. Prakash Singh and lady police Soniya Devi. Police are investigating over the cause of the death of the women.

Quake rocks north eastern region

PTI
Shillong, Aug 3: A moderate intensity earthquake rocked the entire north eastern region late last night, officials said here today. There was, however, no loss of life or damage to property. The tremor reading 5.4 magnitude in the Richter Scale struck at around 11.48 PM last night. Its epicentre was in Churachandpur district of Manipur at a depth of about 55 km underneath the earth's crust, an official at the Regional Seismological Centre here told PTI.

Opium worth Rs 6 lakh seized

NENA
Imphal, Aug 3: Police commandos including personnel from Women Police Station seized 4.93 kg of opium worth Rs 6 lakh and arrested a woman drug peddler. Lhinghotinthem Baite @ Thethem, 55, wife of Thongkholum Baite of Moljol, Churachandpur district, was arrested from Wabgai Lamkhai along with the contraband item, police said. They said one mobile handset, a SIM card and a Rs 100 note were also seized from her possession. The arrested person along with the seized articles has been handed over to Kakching Police Station for further necessary action.

40 projects amounting Rs. 256.62 crore completed under NLCPR in Manipur - Jitendra

ITNews
Imphal, Aug 3: DoNER Minister Dr. Jitendra today said that 40 projects have been completed under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of resources (NLCPR) in the state of Manipur during the last three year. He was replied in Rajya Sabha today to a question asked by Manipur RS MP K. Bhabananda Singh. Dr. Jitendra further said that total

expenditure incurred on the schemes is Rs. 256.62 crore. He said in 2014-15 3 project have been completed with an estimated cost of Rs. 1568.61 lakh. The project includes installation of 2x5 MVA 33 KV Sub Station along with the associated 33 KV line & related works at Sekmajin. 29 projects with an estimates cost of Rs. 20730.59 lakhs were completed in the years 2015-16. Much of the projects are

construction of augmented water supply schemes at various districts including Senapati, Churachandpur, Chandel and Imphal West. Among other project completed are construction and equipping of 50 bedded hospital at Senapati, Ukhrul, Tamenlong and jiribam districts, Model residential School (Class VI- XII at Jiribam) and also installation of 2x5 MVA 33 KV Sub

Station along with the associated 33 KV line & related works at Ukhrul and Candel etc. Dr. Jitendra further said that under NLCPR another 48 projects are being taken up in the state. He further added that total entitlement of three times Normative Allocation for the state of Manipur in the Financial year 2016-17 is Rs. 208.08 crore and the State has submitted 19 project proposals costing 293.11 crore, out of which, 4 project costing 27.9 crore have been sanctioned. In addition, a total of 11 projects costing Rs. 155.25 crore pertaining to Financial year 2016-17 have also been retain , the Doner Minister added as reply to Manipur RS MP K Bhabananda.

Ex-Nagaland CM Liezietsu wins Assembly bypoll

PTI

Kohima, Aug 3 : Former Nagaland chief minister and ruling Naga People's Front (NPF) nominee Dr. Shurhozelie Liezietsu today won the bye-election to 10 Northern Angami-1 Assembly constituency defeating his independent rival by 3470 votes. While Dr. Liezietsu polled 8026, his only rival independent opponent Kehrie Yheme got 4558 votes. In the 23 postal ballot, Dr. Liezietsu got 12, Yheme 10 and 1 was rejected. The bye-election was necessitated following the resignation of sitting MLA Khriehu Liezietsu on May 24



last, so that his father Shurhozelie Liezietsu could get elected as a member of the state Assembly. Liezietsu had become the chief minister in February, 2017 replacing NPF colleague TR Zeliang, who again ousted him in a rebellion on July 19 last.

KSA continues protest



ITNews:
Thoubal, Aug 3: Large number of students of KM Blooming School of Khangabok in Thoubal district today form human chain in front of their school and demanded introduction of legislation for reservation of seats at 8 assembly seats for indigenous people in the state. The students carry various placards and banners demanding reservation of seat for indigenous people.

Demand for policy to promote women sportspersons

PTI
New Delhi, Aug 3: A demand was raised in the Rajya Sabha today that the sports ministry should formulate a special policy to promote women sportspersons in the country as they are performing well and could win many Olympic medals. Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Congress member Rajeev Shukla said Indian women are performing very well in sports and referred to the recent performance of the women cricket team which made it to World Cup finals. He added that women players like Sania Mirza (tennis), Saina Nehwal and P V Sindhu (badminton), Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur (cricket), Phogat sisters (wrestling) and

Mary Kom (boxing) have given excellent performances in sports. While male sportspersons could not bring the laurels, women should be now given opportunity, said the former vice president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). "I am sure they will succeed," the Congress member said. Dangal movie, made on Indian women wrestlers, was a hit on the box office, Shukla said. "More and more efforts should be made to promote women in sports. I think they can bring all Olympic medals," he said. In his Zero Hour reference, Naresh Agrawal (SP) highlighted the problems the

poor patients have when they have medicines which are not generic. He said there was a huge difference in prices of generic and non-generic medicines. The SP member said there are hospitals in the country which charge a minimum of Rs 1 lakh if one goes there for treatment. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said the government's effort was to ensure availability of cheap medicines and in this regard, 'Jan Aushadhi' stores were being opened in different parts of the country. Deputy Chairman P J Kurien asked Naqvi to bring the issue raised by Agrawal to the notice of the Health Minister.

KSO condemns assault on driver

NENA
CCpur, Aug 2: The Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), Sangaikot Block has condemned the July 31 night incident wherein a truck driver was assaulted and injured on Churachandpur-Sugnru road. KSO Sangaikot Block general

secretary John Mangcha said that on the night of July 31 around 8:00 pm a truck driver identified as Kapthang was harassed and physically assaulted by the unknown miscreants. The attack injured his head and knee and he received first aid from the 27

Assam Rifles, Sangaikot post. KSO said the driver was attacked by the unidentified persons without any provocation. Condemning the incident, the organisation urged everyone not to repeat such incidents in future

SC refuses to stay EC notification allowing NOTA in Gujarat Rajya Sabha polls

New Delhi, Aug 3: The Supreme Court today refused to stay the Election Commission's notification allowing None of the Above (NOTA) provision in the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls in Gujarat. The court's order came on a plea filed by Gujarat Congress Chief whip Shailesh Manubhai Parmar who had sought an interim stay on the operation of Tuesday's notification.

The court said it will not stay the proceedings, but will examine the constitutional validity of the notification. The apex court did not agree to the contention of Senior advocate Kapil Sibal representing the Gujarat Congress that NOTA will encourage corruption. The NOTA provision has been introduced by the poll panel in pursuance of the apex court's 2014 judgement asking

it to consider granting choice of NOTA to the electorate. Earlier, the Congress had also approached the Election Commission against the use of NOTA in the polls. It had claimed that the option was violative of the Constitution and electoral laws. The poll panel rejected the demand saying that NOTA will be applicable. The polls are scheduled to take place on the 8th of this month.

VIP CULTURE OUT, VVVIP CULTURE IN

By: Yarithor Hungvo, A Citizen

I set off to work with my scooter Jupiter, in the morning around 10:30, from Khuman Lampak. When I reached the Khongnang Ani Karak junction, as usual, the barricade was in place to stop vehicles from making a right round turn thereby preventing anyone from entering the Assembly Road (and the Mantripukhri Highway). I see that every day since the first day of Assembly Session. So normally, vehicles go a few distances down south and make a U-Turn between the MBC and TBCI Church where the road median barrier had an opening. But today, there were police and traffic personnel preventing even the two wheelers from making a U-turn at that usual spot. So, cars and other vehicle further went south where there is another opening, opposite to the 2nd MR Gate. But again, there were traffic personnel shunting any crossover. All the motors that have been trying to make a U-Turn must have breathed a sigh of relief when there finally appears a free U-Turn opening opposite the Hotel Imphal Gate. I always wonder why people had to travel a further 1 KM down South and come back thereby unnecessarily travelling 2 KM and wasting precious 10 - 15 minutes, considering the traffic congestion caused by the situation. Since my job is often time-critical, I know those few minutes could be really precious for some people. And all the while, the opposite lane - from the North AOC to the Khongnang Ani Karak, was virtually empty. I was happy for those drivers who finally escaped from the snail paced journey down South towards North AOC. I was on a scooter, so I sneaked in between gaps and manage to reach North AOC Junction where I ran into a massive traffic jam. I waited patiently as I am already accustomed to such scene especially during the morning office-going hour.

But to my surprise, I realized, traffic from all directions have been brought to an abrupt halt. The police and the traffic personnel must have received a radio call that a VIP is en route for the Assembly Session and that the traffic be cleared so he/ she is not late for the Assembly. I took a role of a responsible citizen and understood, the House is almost in session, they shouldn't be late. I was really 'cool' patient. But, 4-5 minutes in, everything is still stand still, except for few vehicles trying to niche around the traffic rules and go to the front of the jam. I turned off my engine, and took out my mobile phone. I read my unread messages, and social media notifications. Still, everything still stands still. I opened my CoC (game) and I was actually hoping the so-called VIP take some extra time to arrive so I can launch one war attack. I successfully scored 2 stars (only CoC gamers can understand this). But still there was no sign of any VIP passing by. I did my second war attack, and in the meanwhile, the VIP convoys started coming one after another. The traffic is already dead-jam-packed - till the 2nd MR Gate on the north, Minuthong on the east and PCTC oil pump in the west. I had enough time to even reply to one of my emails. After prolonged wait, the traffic finally started moving for fresh air. The Prime Minister of India banned Red Beacon on the 1st of May 2017, with the aim of ending VIP culture. But with a ban on Red Beacon, the reality of ending VIP culture seems to have gone the other way around. Back in the days when the Red Beacon was still in place, the traffic is adjusted as and when we hear the Red Beacon siren coming. But now, they communicate in radio and hold up the whole traffic when they're en route. Today, I thought the VIP probably was zipping his pants and tying his shoe lace or combing his hairs in the comfort of his/ her bungalow while the traffic was already

brought to stand still anticipating their arrival. I reached my workplace 15 or so minutes late and when asked upon by my boss, I told him I had to wait for our Honourable People's Representative to pass through before I could cross some traffic junctions. He note his head in understanding - he probably must have been through similar experience. Today was just another story. There was another time when the traffic was dead-jammed from the Eastern Kangla Gate to the Babupara Junction to the Keishampat Junction waiting for the Governor to come out of her bungalow and go to wherever she was suppose to go. The traffic brought to absolute halt for more than 10-15 minutes while the governor is probably sipping the bottom half of her cup. While waiting, one person on another Activa nearby joked - "if only the internet service in Manipur is good enough, the Governor could just sit in the comfort of Raj Bhavan and do video conference instead of coming out and harassing us like this." I don't think this could have happened if red beacon system still was in place. True, Red Beacons disturb the normal flow of the traffic, but without the Red Beacon, THE WHOLE TRAFFIC ON THE ROUTE FOR THE VIP IS BROUGHT TO ABRUPT HALT. So I have come to a point, either, PM Modi's initiative is an epic deception, or the supposedly enforcers of PM's vision lack the slightest of understanding of what our honourable Prime Minister have put forth on the table. But for now, it is safe to say, gone are the days of Red Beacons and VIP Culture, it is time to embrace the VVVIP Culture. (The writer can be contacted through email - hellothor@gmail.com)