

Stage set for President visit

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New Delhi, Apr 22: Staged is now set ready for the visit of the President Pranab Mukherjee here at Imphal tomorrow to attend 'Khongjom Day' function. The day is observed every year to pay tribute to the brave sons of the state who made supreme sacrifice for their motherland. Many brave sons of the soil including Paona Brazabasi had sacrificed their life at the battle of Khongjom where troops of Manipuri Soldiers fight fearlessly with the troop of the British army at Kheba Ching. The President will also inaugurate a monument-cum-tourist centre at Khongjom, agency reports quoting official statement from Rashtrapati Bhavan. To ensure full proof security the state government had gear up all security measures in and around Imphal and Thoubal area.

Manipur Maoist claims hand blast at Lamphel PS

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Thoubal, April 22: Maoist Communist Party Manipur MCPM has claimed responsibility to the blast occurred at Lamphel Police Station at around 7.30 pm yesterday. In a press statement the rebel group said that the attack was carried out by its urban militia armed wing. The statement further added that the kind of attack showed the growth of the Maoist group and is a warning to the oppressive government about the rise of the revolutionary movement in the region. The Maoist also warn all reactionary force including the authority of RIMS and other group which stand as an obstacle to the ongoing revolutionary movement to restore the freedom of the nation.

Gastroenterology consultation camp

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Thoubal, April 22: Shija Clinic Thoubal conducted a Gastroenterology Consultation Camp at Kshetri Sanglen, Thoubal Achauba on April 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 22 patients were examined during the camp. **Dr. Goldie Longjam**, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Shija Hospitals provided free consultation to all the patients attending the camp. Free Hepatitis B & C Screening were also conducted during the camp with detailed examinations for problems related to Gastroenterology. Information leaflets were distributed at end of the camp which was held as a part of Shija Outreach Camp.

Manipuri Pugilist Mary Kom along with 5 other nominated by BJP for Rajya Sabha seat

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Imphal, April 22: Of the seven 5 outstanding personalities that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is nominating to fill the vacant seats of Rajya Sabha, 5 times World Champion Manipuri Pugilist Mary Kom's name has been included along with BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, former journalist and BJP spokesman Swapan Dasgupta, Malayalam actor and BJP's star campaigner in Kerala Suresh Gopi and former member of National Advisory Council Narendra Jadhav, said an official source. The source added that the name of the five nominee have been forwarded to the President's office for

taking his consent. At the moment 7 among the 12 seats to be nominated from among people expertise in various fields, such as art, literature, culture, and science, among others are lying vacant. The other five are currently occupied by entrepreneur Anu Aga, actress Rekha, cricketer Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar, lawyers K Parasaran and KTS Tuli. The BJP, which has a minority in the Rajya Sabha, is attempting to increase its hold over the Upper House of the Parliament in order to overcome the hurdles it has been facing in passing bills.

Elections were held in March 2016 for 12 non-nominated seats and another election will be held in July for 64 seats when the number of BJP MPs is set to rise as the number of Congress MPs decreases, according to Scroll. Other sources told the newspaper that former cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu may also be nominated. It is yet to be decided if journalist Rajat Sharma or actor Anupam Kher would be nominated for the seventh seat. The government took the decision to fill the seats before the beginning of the Parliament session on



Monday, President Pranab Mukherjee would select the candidates based on the recommendation of the central government, which needs support to pass its crucial GST bill on goods and services tax in the Parliament, according to the Times of India.

New Village committee of Indo-Mayanmar border bans border fencing related works

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Imphal, April 22: Chiefs of Villages along the Indo-Myanmar Border of Chandel and Ukhrul district in India has form a committee today and called on the concern government authorities of both the Countries to halt all works related with the border fencing with immediate effect. The newly form committee is name Chandel-Ukhrul Indo-Myanmar Border Land Protection Committee and is comprises of village chiefs from villages at the border as well as member of Information Center for Hill Area, Manipur (ICHAM). D.Solomon, Kapungyee Asari and K Iboiyima were elected as Convenor, Co

convenor and general secretary of the newly form committee respectively. Speaking to the media persons, president of the ICHAM, Nongthongbam Rajendra said that ICHAM had highlighted about the intrusion of Indian territory at Manipur by Myanmarese authority at the ongoing border fencing work back in 2013 after the representative had inspected the area. Following peoples' agitation the government of Manipur had sent delegates of all political party to take stock of the situation. However, as the state government had not taken up any effective measure to safeguard the territory of the state, ICHAM

having left with no other choice had called a total banned to the construction of the border fencing. He further said the December 22 of 2015, a team of central government arrived and conducted survey for the border fencing from Kotha Khunou to Choro however they were prevented by the villagers. He further added ICHAM and a team of media had produced document and evidences of Manipur's traditional border pillar and submitted to the state government. Rajendro further termed the government as irresponsible as the Chief Minister had stated that his government had no knowledge of the

border survey work. It was on record that the matter of survey work was inform to the chief secretary of Manipur November 1, 2015 and following that the CS informed to the respective DC, SDO and ADC. ICHAM had submitted all the related documents to the government for immediate intervention. As the dateline for state government response to the demand of ICHAM had over yesterday the center along with 43 villages of the border area today form a committee and decided to undergo a complete banned to any related works with the construction of the border fencing.

BJP Manipur Pradesh slams state govt. over Food Security Act

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Imphal, April 22: BJP Manipur Pradesh Th Chaoba today said that the state government plan to implement the food security act will not be successful at all as the state government is bankrupt. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club Th Chaoba said that Food Security act was launched in the years of 2013 however due to the weakness of the state government, even after over 2 year the state government has failed to implement it in the state. This showed that Manipur has

lose the benefit of the FAS for more than 2 year, he added. With the announcement to implement the FSA on 25 of this month beneficiary cards have been started issuing but with lots of discrepancies. Chaoba further condemn the act of state police in the yesterday incident at Moirang in connection with the distribution of the Cards in which BJP chairperson and councilors of Moirang were brutally beaten up. He said that party will lodge an FIR at Moirang police station if police fails to accept the FIR then the party will go to the court.

He further added that those MLAs and Ministers who are interested in distributing PDS item in the locality should contest election for members or Pradhan instead of General election. He further said that the state government is playing politics in the food security Act instead of providing benefit to the poor and needy. The food security act is for the people of the country and MLAs or Ministers has no right to interfere in the distribution he added. He warn the government for its failure to fairly treating all citizens with equal opportunities.

Uttarakhand High Court's verdict pushes the boundary

New Delhi, April 22: The Uttarakhand high court's verdict quashing the President's rule in the state comes as a major embarrassment for the NDA government that rushed to the Supreme Court for succour. Quashing the March 27 proclamation, a division bench headed by Uttarakhand HC Chief Justice, KM Joseph said the imposition of the President's rule under Art 356 of the Constitution was contrary to the law laid down by the Supreme Court. Instead it ordered the ousted chief minister to prove his government's majority on the floor of the

assembly on April 29. The high court's verdict is unprecedented given that a state government was reinstated after being dismissed by the Centre. Previous judicial orders only set aside the President's rule and eschewed from reviving dismissed governments, mainly because the delayed verdict hardly left any scope for such relief. In the SR Bommai case, a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court in 1994 ruled that if the court strikes down the proclamation imposing President's rule, it has the power to restore the dismissed government to office and

reactivate the legislative assembly. But the top court could not revive the assemblies in Karnataka, Meghalaya and Nagaland as fresh elections had already been held. Even in the infamous Bihar case (Rameshwar Prasad v Union of India), the Supreme Court in January 2006 chose to exercise restraint and stopped at quashing the notification imposing President's rule. A five-judge bench headed by then-Chief Justice of India, YK Sabharwal, had taken note of the fact that fresh elections had already been notified in the state.

Mercury climbs to 47 degrees Celsius in Odisha

Odisha, April 22: Odisha continued to swelter under the heat wave on Friday, registering the season's highest temperature of 47 degrees Celsius at Titilagarh in the last 24 hours. Around 66 heat-related deaths were reported in the state, although only one has been attributed to sunstroke by the Naveen Patnaik government so far. "The heat wave is likely to prevail over interior Odisha, and one or two places in its coastal region, at least until April 25. The weather is likely to be dry across the state," said SC Sahu, director of Indian Meteorological Department's Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre. At least 16 urban centres in the state clocked over 40 degrees Celsius, nine of them over the 45 mark, in the last

24 hours. Met officials said Friday's temperature was expected to be as high as that of Thursday. Till 11.30 am, at least four urban centres recorded over 40 degrees Celsius. The summer hit Odisha earlier than expected this year. Since mid-February, the state government has been asking district authorities to ensure adequate water supply and stock essential medicines to tackle the heat wave. When asked to comment on the 66 deaths reported from the state, state deputy special relief commissioner PR Mohapatra said, "We have completed an inquiry on 18 of the deaths. While one was found to have fallen victim to sunstroke, the others died due to other reasons."

Minor boy injured in lightning strike at Wangjing

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Imphal, April 22: Hurricane like hailstorm continue to haunt the North Eastern region of India with many houses destroyed and blown out leaving several people homeless in the last couple of days. Here in Manipur, a 14 years minor boy survived miraculously after lightning hit him while cutting a bamboo tree at Wangjing. Environmentalists blame aggressive of human towards nature as nature burnt people at Southern portion of the subcontinent while thunder and hurricane strikes and destroyed many houses in

North Eastern part. The nature's fury had not spare the neighbouring countries including Bangladesh and Myanmar. The injured minor boy is identified as Heikhrum Amajit, son of H. Abung Singh of Wangjing Sk Leikai Heikhrum Leirak in Thoubal district. He was immediately rushed to the nearby Wangjing PHC but later referred to a hospital at Imphal as his condition deteriorated. At Imphal East, Imphal West, and Bishnupur district too the hailstorm destroyed several houses and crops.

Arunachal: 17 killed in landslide, rescue ops underway

ANI
Tawang, April 22: In a landslide triggered by incessant rains, 17 people have been reportedly killed at Famia village in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang District last night. The deceased persons are reported to be labourers from nearby States who were working at the construction site of a five star hotel. It is feared that more people are trapped in the landslide and rescue operations are

underway. More rain-triggered landslides are also being reported from different part of Tawang, damaging electric poles and disrupting power supply. Chief Minister Kalikho Pul has asked Tawang Deputy Commissioner for a detailed report on the landslides. Meanwhile Congress President Sonia Gandhi has called on Congress MLAs to volunteer with relief. Sonia has also called the

Pradesh Congress Committee members and volunteers to contribute to the relief work. "Congress will help in the relief work," she said. Sonia Gandhi has expressed distress and wishes on the landslide in Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh. Extending her condolences to families of the dead in the accident, Smt. Gandhi hoped that relief & rescue operations will avert further loss. The Indian National Congress said in a series of tweets.

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Imphal, April 22: Manipur Legislative Assembly Speaker Th Lokeshwar Singh has wished IGAR (S) among other members of the party on the occasion of Khongjom Day. The Speaker's message said the forefathers of the land had met the mighty force of the British in the Anglo-Manipur war and made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland. It said the people of the State

should never forget the supreme sacrifices made by the forefathers. Major General V S Sreenivas, VSM** (IGAR (South)) and All India Peoples Welfare Rifles also extended warm greetings to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of 'Khongjom Day - 2016'. Observed to mark the gallant battle which was fought to repel the British Army after they had declared war against Manipur on 31 March 1891. "It reminds us of the soaring sense of patriotism of brave

sons of Manipur like Paona Brazabasi and Chinglensana. IGAR (South) urges the people of Manipur to come together and stand united to fight against the social evils and insurgency in a similar manner to bring about peace, prosperity and tranquility in the days to come. All ranks of IGAR (South) wish that the people in Manipur live in peace and harmony. Let us join hands to bring prosperity to the State as a tribute to the undaunted spirit of the noble martyrs", said the IGAR (S) statement.