



Mary Kom takes oath as RS MP



New Delhi, April 26: Olympic medalist Mary Kom and former union minister Subramanian Swamy and were administered their oath of membership of the Rajya Sabha today.

Former MP and cricket commentator Navjot Singh Sidhu, journalist Swapan Dasgupta, Malayalam actor Suresh Gopi and economist Narendra Jadhav have also been nominated by the Prime Minister's Office for the Rajya Sabha membership.

On Monday, nine newly-elected members, of them five from the Congress, were sworn in.

The members from Congress included Anand Sharma, who won his seat from Himachal Pradesh, Ranee Narah and Ripun Bora from Assam, and Pratap Singh Bajwa and Shamsheer Singh Dullo from Punjab.

Two members were from the National Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M): Jharna Das Baidya from Tripura, and K Somaprasad from Kerala.

Besides, Shiromani Akali Dal member Naresh Gajral and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member from Punjab Shwet Malik were also sworn in.

Y. Tondonbi received Lions International peace poster merit award

IT News
Imphal, April 26: Yumnam Tondonbi Devi age 13 yrs, third daughter of Y. Prem and Indu Devi studying in class VIII at Gandhi Memorial English School of Phubala, Bishnupur District has been included in the 23 Merit Award Winners in the 28th Lions International Peace Poster Contest for the year 2015-2016 held on the theme SHARE PEACE.

Y. Tondonbi Devi who was sponsored by the Lions Club (LC) of Ningthoukhong was awarded with cash prize of USD 500(Rs. 33,000 approx) and Certificate of Achievement by the Multiple District Council Chairperson on 23 April 2016 at the Lions Multiple Convention held at Durgapur(WB). She was also honoured with cash award by the Chief Minister of Tripura and District Governor Lion SK Dhar on 27 Feb 2016 at the Lions Annual District Convention held at Agartala.

Inaugural stones at Khongjom War Complex unveiled by President of India missing

IT News
Imphal, April 26: The inaugural stone of the Khongjom War Monument cum Tourist Center unveiled by the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee on April 23 could not be found at the site and the memorial stone of Khongjom War martyrs inaugurated by the then President VV Giri is also missing from the complex. On the other hand Hindu deity Mahadeva was found in the middle of three pillars erected in memories of the martyrs.

A team of volunteers led by the President of Khongjom War Memorial Trust, Moirangthem Hemanta who went for an inspection visit at the complex expressed shocked to see the condition of the memorial site of the Manipuri Martyrs which was inaugurated by the President of India only 3 days back.

"We could not find the whereabouts of the inaugural stone of the Khongjom War Memorial inaugurated by President of India on April 23, neither the memorial stone inaugurated by the then President VV Giri is not traceable anywhere in the complex", said M Hemanta who is also a spokesperson of the BJP Manipur Pradesh. "We will lodge complaint to the nearest police station

regarding the matter besides putting it up to the notice of the central government leadership", Hemanta said in state of anonymity.

The BJP spokesperson further questioned the government authority on the logic behind the erecting of a Hindu Deity Mahadevi in the three memorial pillars erected in memories of the Khongjom War heroes.

The memorial stones of the Khongjom War Martyrs which is missing from the complex was inaugurated by the Then President of India VV Giri, on October 21, 1972. The inaugural stone of the Khongjom War Monuments and tourism Complex was unveiled and inaugurated by President Pranab Mukherjee only 3 days back.

"Untraceable of two historic memorial stones that not inaugurated by two presidents of India as a mark of respect and honour to the Martyrs who had sacrificed safeguarding the Independent of Manipur is a direct looting by the present government, this is a serious matter and will be conveyed to the President's office", Hemanta said.

Hemanta further slammed the government for not making convenient to the people of the state who had come to pay tribute to the Manipuri

Hemanta to file FIR; condemns placing of Hindu deity in the middle of memorial pillars; says will report to President and Central govt



Martyrs.

On the other hand, the President of the Khongjom War Memorial Trust also stated that the construction of the complex with an estimated amount of Rs. 28.93 crore was not properly utilize by awarding the work through proper channel.

"The Government had chosen contractor from their pocket and awarded the work without conducting proper tender process", Hemanta lamented. Construction of the war monuments and tourism

Man found hung to death JAC formed; blocked Imphal-Moreh road from Kakwa to Lilong area

IT News
Imphal, April 26: Tension runs high among the locals of Kakwa area after a youth of the area was found hung to death at lilong area early today morning.

Local club members and volunteers of various meira paibi lub came out at the street at around 11 am today and pour their anger by blocking all short of vehicular movement. An auto driver who tried to passed the route was severely beaten the anger local protesting the dead which they alleged that the youth was killed and hang at the lilong area.



Report said that the deceased identified Sagolsem Prashanta Singh @ Abung (27 years), son of Roshan of Kakwa Nameirakpam Leikai was found hung-to-death at Haoreibi Awang Leikai Taren Makhong near water supply under Lilong Police station at around 6 am today.

Police suspect the person to have been hanged by miscreants as his eyes were blind folded using his shirt. However, there was no injury marks found on his body. A police team took the body for

post mortem at around 10.30 am.

Around 16 local clubs located in between Singjamei to Lilong area today convened a meeting and formed a JAC. The JAC demanded immediate arrest of the culprits involved in the killing of the youth within 24 hours.

The JAC said that until the culprits involved in the killing were arrested the Imphal Moreh route inbetween Singjamei to Lilong Bazar will be blocked.

BJP slams govt. over NFSA

IT News
Imphal, April 26: "Launching of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) by the Chief Minister of Manipur is nothing but to drag money food grains meant to distribute to the poor and needy people", BJP Manipur Pradesh President said this while speaking to media persons at its head office at Nityapat Chuthek.

He said the BJP Manipur Pradesh will not allow to loot public property and the

workers and all frontal body are ready to put ban to the requisition of food grains including rice from FSC and FCI godown at Sangaiprou.

Speaking during a reception function for newly enrolled BJP members viz- H. Bobby Sharma seating councillor of uripok Ward no. 5, Khongbomayum Gunindro singh of Uripok and Oinam Romio OF keishamthong ward no 13, Th. Chaoba said that how could the ambitious Food Security Act be implemented and reach to the poor and

need when they had not even completed distributing the cards.

He further added for the implementation of the food security act, there should be fair price shop.

The BJP Manipur Pradesh President said that before the Food Security Act is implemented name of the beneficiaries should be properly notified through proper channel and make available to all the concern local bodies head.

KCP-MJC claims bomb at RIMS

IT News
Imphal, April 26: A rebel group called Kangleipak Communist Party - Military Joint Committee (KCP-MJC) today claimed responsibility of placing the hand grenade at RIMS OPD on April 25. In a press statement sent through email, signed by one Thouba Lywang, President KCP-MJC, the outfit said that the placing of the bomb is the last warning to Director RIMS, Medical Superintendent RIMS and deputy Director RIMS.

Protest staged against the dead of Pitaranjan

IT News
Imphal, April 26: Local people of the Nungmeibung stage sit in protest against the killing of Baspati Mayum Pitaranjan @ Korabu (24) son of B. Santi of Nongmeibung Old Cheakon.

Speaking to the media person a protestor said that the deceased had affair with one lady called Romilia (19) daughter of Ns Daniel of Kasom Khulen. She was a student of Ananda Higher secondary school of Nongmeibung till class 12. The deceased Pitaranjan went

to meet his girl friend on 23rd of this month however found dead on next day at noon.

Local people condemn the killing of Pitaranjan and demand to take action against those who involve in the incident.

The local people has been from JAC and plan for strong agitation.

During the protest vehicular movement in front of the protest site was blocked. The dead body of Pitaranjan is conducting post mortem at RIMS morgue in the presence of JAC members.

Protest stage against killing of truck driver

IT News
Imphal, April 26: People from around 15 villages in Bungpi area in Ukhrul district under Litan Police station today staged a sit-in-protest at Sinakthei Football ground demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits involved in the killing of truck driver PA Asang by

unknown miscreants. The deceased PA Asang was kidnapped from his hoe on March 3 and his dead body was recovered on April 18 in decomposed state from a place in Senapati district. The Police found the dead body after a person identified as Ngamsinglan Baite who was arrested in connection with

the kidnapping case revealed the hideout after interrogation. The JAC said that the person arrested in connection with the kidnapping is still in the custody of the police and it is around a weeks that he is still detained without proceeding further investigation. The JAC said that those mastermind

behind the kidnapping and the killing could be easily known as one among them is in police custody. The Meira paibi and protestor demanded ex-gratia as the deceased is survived by a pregnant wife.

The protestor further demanded a government job to a family of the deceased.

Opposition in RS condemns rustication of JNU students

IT News
New Delhi, April 26: The opposition in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday condemned the rustication of three students from the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Raising the issue, CPI-M member Tapan Kumar Sen described the punitive action of the JNU the "most arrogant, anti-democratic act being patronised by the government".

"Rusticating them, depriving them for five years and thereby taking vengeance against their educational career in a very unjust manner - this is a part of this government's project," Sen said. CPI-M leader Sitaram Yechury sought a proper debate on the issue.

CPI leader D Raja also raised the issue. "This house cannot be a mute spectator when such things are happening in JNU. This is very vindictive, revengeful action," Raja said.

Deputy chairman P.J. Kurien said that the universities are autonomous. Yechury countered that statement, saying the university has

been established by an act of parliament.

Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad supported the Left leaders in decrying the punitive action taken by the university. "Universities' atmosphere is being vitiated. It is the HRD ministry which is responsible," Congress leader Anand Sharma said.

The JNU on Monday fined students union president Kanhaiya Kumar and rusticated three other students for taking part in an event to commemorate parliament attack convict Afzal Guru.

While Kanhaiya Kumar was fined Rs.10,000, Anirban Bhattacharya was rusticated till July 15 and barred from the university from July 25 for five years. He can submit his Phd in the July 15-25 period.

Bhattacharya and Umar Khalid will lose a semester of their academic session while Mujeeb Gattoo, another student, has been suspended for two semesters, an order from the university proctor said.

Khalid also must cough up Rs 20,000 in fine by May 13

India-Pakistan Foreign Secretaries hold bilateral talks on range of issues in Delhi

New Delhi, April 26: Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan today held bilateral talks focusing on a range of issues. It is the first such formal meeting between the two top diplomats after talks were deferred in January following the attack by Pakistani terrorists at Pathankot Airbase. In a statement, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson said, the discussions between the Foreign Secretaries were frank and constructive and both sides raised issues of concern to them.

Mr. Jaishankar emphasised the need for early progress on Pathankot terror attack investigation as well as 26/11 Mumbai terror attack case trial in Pakistan. He also brought up the listing of Jaish e Mohammed leader Masood

Azhar in UN Sanctions Committee. He clearly conveyed that Pakistan cannot be in denial on the impact of terrorism on the bilateral relationship. The Foreign Secretary said, terrorist groups based in Pakistan targeting India must not be allowed to operate with impunity.

India also pressed for immediate consular access to Kulbushan Jadhav, former naval officer abducted and taken to Pakistan. The Pakistan Foreign Secretary is in New Delhi on a day-long visit to attend the Senior Officials Meeting of the Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process. Earlier, Mr. Jaishankar met Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Karzai and discussed issues of mutual interests.