



Preparations underway for the Republic Day celebration

Media described as the Fourth Pillar of Democracy on 6th National Voters' Day

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Imphal, Jan 25: As celebrated across the country, the 6th National Voters' Day has also been observed in different parts of the state today with the main state function organised by Election Department, Government of Manipur under the theme "Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation" at GM Hall, Kangla Park, Imphal. The function was attended by Chief Secretary (Election), IAS O Nabakishore Singh, Y Rameshchandra Singh, Commissioner-State Election Commission of Manipur and Naorem Prabin, Joint Chief Electoral Officer as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively. Speaking at the function, Chief Secretary (Election), IAS O Nabakishore Singh said that National Voters' Day is observed to strengthen democracy in the country. Right to cast our vote comes only once every five years and all the youth who have attained 18 years of age must



be enrolled in voters' list to enjoy their right. National Voters' Day is significant in a democratic country like India. Every citizen who has attained 18 years of age as well as physically handicapped persons and those living in the low class sectors has the right to cast vote to elect his/her leader in an election, Nabakishore added. Nabakishore further said that in this present era, independent thinking is required while giving votes as many tried to take away one's right by bribing them in a non-democratic way as the one contesting election assured

the citizens a better state, better country will be established through their party but fail to do so. Casting vote is not only necessary. Success of democracy thus also depends on media as media plays a vital role. Media has been described as the fourth pillar of democracy. Peace and prosperity could be established in the state and in the country only if media works with the aim in a democratic way, Nabakishore added. Nabakishore also said that youths are the pillars of the nation and today's generation of youth need good thinking.

Today's theme "Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation" is a wise selection looking at the coming general election, 2017. Since the term of the present ruling government is coming to an end, public can choose and decide in the next election to whom they should cast their votes so that the new government could bring changes from the ruling government, Chief Secretary (Election), IAS O Nabakishore Singh asserted in his speech. Apart from distribution of voter's identity cards to newly enrolled electors, prizes for the State level essay and quiz competitions were also given away at the function.

AR organises veterinary camp

IGAR(S)

Imphal, Jan. 25: 29 Assam Rifles of 28 Sector AR under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a Veterinary Camp under "Op Sadbhavana" at Joupi in Chandul District of Manipur state on 24 January 2016. Free check up and medicines were administered for the cattle. Local populaces were educated about the common ailments and their household remedies and also about communicable diseases and their prevention. Approximately 127 cattle were treated and given vaccination. The local population appreciated the initiative by the Assam Rifles.

Manipuris in Tripura disappointed with Manipur Government

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Imphal, Jan 25: Manipuris inhabited in Tripura were not happy with the Government of Manipur for not giving any attention to them. Umanglai kanba Apunba Lup, Manipur (UKAL) in a press statement claimed that Manipuris in Tripura were not happy with the Manipur State Government for its failure to depute any of its Government representatives from the state during the Lai Haraboa festival (a cultural ritual festival) while many

dignitaries and representatives from Tripura Government attended the function with much enthusiasm. The statement further said Manipuris over there were hugely disappointed for not receiving any help or assistance from Manipur Government in their hard struggle to organise the festival at the state level in Tripura. However, the Tripura Government recognized the festival and was included in the State cultural festival list since

2013. The government has also been providing financial assistance to the tune of Rs 75,000 every year for the event. Although, the statement furthered that the people out there appreciated the greeting message of Manipur Chief Minister through the ministry secretariat. UKAL along with Puthiba Welfare and Cultural Society, Tripura has been taking initiative in organizing the ritual festival in Tripura ever year.

Passengers, goods laden trucks stuck along both National Highways.

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Imphal, Jan 25: Heavy vehicles loaded with goods and passengers are being stuck at the National highway 2 near Mao gate due to the general strike called by United Naga Council (UNC) since January 24. Around 27 heavy vehicles including

20 trucks loaded with goods, 2 wingers carrying passengers and 5 DI trucks which is stuck at the national highway 2 near Mao gate are still waiting for the state highway force to escort them through the highway during the general strike called by the UNC.

Meanwhile, at Jiribam, 92 loaded trucks are stuck near Yaingangpokpi due to the indefinite bandh called by the Jiribam District Demand Committee (JDDC) to press their demand for a full-fledged Jiribam district. They are also waiting for the state highway force to escort them back to Imphal.

Free eye care held

PIB

Imphal, Jan. 25: A three days free eye care session is to be held at the Advance Hospital, Palace Compound, Imphal on 7th, 13th and 14th of February, 2016. All kind of eye diseases will be examined on 7th of next month. Surgeries and operation will be held on 13th and 14th of next month. OPD tickets are available from today at this hospital.

Fund raising concert held

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Imphal, Jan. 25: "In aid of earthquake victims" - a charity music concert was held at Kendriya Vidyalaya Tamenglong head quarter on 24 January. The music concert was organized by Tamenglong Times Newsgroup in association with Zeliangrong Youth Front and Go Green Club Tamenglong to raise funds for the victims of the recent tremor on January 4 which caused widespread devastation in the region. The concert was sponsored by MLA Janghemlung and The Tamenglong Times daily. Well known rock artist Alogo Naga of Alogo Naga & The Band (ANTB), the rock band outfit based in Dimapur along with John MPamie of JohnMPamie and his band, another rock band outfit based in New Delhi attracted and enthralled thousands.

IGAR (South) greets on Republic Day

IGAR(S)

Imphal, Jan. 25: Major General VS Sreenivas, VSM*, IGAR (South) and All Ranks of Assam Rifles extended very warm greetings and sincere goodwill to all the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of Republic Day. In a press release, Major General VS Sreenivas

reiterated the need to recall with gratitude and deep reverence all those who have sacrificed their lives in pursuit of freedom, so that we could all live as free citizens and lead a dignified life, urging the people of the state to let brotherhood and amity prevail, heralding a prosperous future in our beloved State.

Retired teacher funded roadside clearance of long-neglected Jiri Tipaimukh road

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Jiribam, Jan 25: "The belief that service towards the society is service towards God inspired me to take up these social works which will benefit everyone and will make life that little better" - response of retired teacher Mutum Janmenjoy Singh @ Joy Kumar Singh (76), S/o (L) M Naganba Singh of Jiribam gi Kunjabond when enquired about the social works he is initiating by funding the expenditure personally. Speaking to mediapersons, Mutum Janmenjoy Singh @

Joy kumar Singh expressed his desire to serve the society and the community in whatever little ways he can, adding the present initiative of funding the roadside clearance work from Lalpani to Chandranathpur along the busy Jiri-Tipaimukh road by employing 10 persons was not to garner public appreciation or for monetary gain, but is borne out of the feeling of serving the society. He further stated that he is not wealthy or harbor any political ambition as some people wrongly made out to

be. Janmenjoy has also personally funded various repairing and construction works in the area including road construction from Dibong Karong to Nunghapchi khun twice, repairing of potholes in the area etc. it may e mentioned that the Jiri-Tipaimukh road has been in pathetic and dangerous condition for a long time with the state government continuing to neglect it, forcing various clubs, social organizations and individuals to bear the expenses for the repair works till today.

President rule in Arunachal shows PM Modi's 'dictatorial tendencies': Congress

ANI

New Delhi, Jan. 25: The Congress Party on Monday dubbed the government's move to recommend President's rule in Arunachal Pradesh as "unconstitutional" and alleged that it exposed the dictatorial tendencies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his people. Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit accused the Central Government of playing with fire in a "sensitive" border state.

"It is completely condemnable and unconstitutional. The Congress has majority in Arunachal Pradesh and, therefore, the Prime Minister, BJP MPs from Arunachal Pradesh and local BJP leaders are trying to destabilise the government there," Dikshit told ANI. "It shows the dictatorial tendencies of the Prime Minister and his people. They should immediately take back this order," he added.

The Union Cabinet yesterday recommended President's rule in Arunachal Pradesh. The recommendation has been sent to President Pranab Mukherjee for his approval. Arunachal Pradesh was rocked by a political crisis on December 16 last year as 21 rebel Congress MLAs joined hands with BJP's 11 MLAs and two independents to impeach Assembly Speaker Nabam Rebia at a makeshift venue. The Speaker termed the move as illegal and unconstitutional.

State Postal Service staffs honored

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Imphal, Jan.25: The Director of Manipur Postal Service (head office) honored his staffs for their outstanding service and diligent performance during a function held in connection with Gaan-Ngai celebration at the postal head office complex on January 21. Vinod Kumar, Director-Manipur Postal Service while lauding his staffs for their

outstanding performance in their duty and service, honored them as "Star Postal Officials" and presented Certificates of Appreciation to them, said a press statement. Speaking on the occasion, Kumar encouraged his staffs and said "it is really important to recognize the dedication and efforts put in by the staff in order to motivate other staff as well as to keep a healthy tradition of maintaining

excellence in all tasks". Homeshori Devi, In-Charge of Philately Bureau Imphal HPO, Rebecca, Tha Gandhi ME, Suranjay Singh, Md Riyaz, Hemjit Singh, Atom Karmbir Singh, L Ranjan-Postal Assistant, Imphal HO were honored for their encouraging performances in their respective tasks. Orphan kids from Children Home, Tera Bazar were also invited during the function.

Naga & Assam MLAs join hands to ease border tension

Guwahati, Jan. 25:

Putting aside all protocol in an attempt to ease the ongoing border skirmishes and to instil confidence amongst the people living in the border along Alongtaki assembly constituency of Nagaland and Mariani assembly constituency of Assam, the elected public representatives of both the bordering constituencies namely Dr Benjongliba Aier and Rupjyoti Kurmi had an informal meeting at Mariani today at the residence of the Coordinator of the Border Peace Coordination Committee (Assam-Nagaland). The meeting assumes great significance as the constituencies witnessed border skirmishes for the past couple of years, the most prominent being reported during May 2013 where an innocent civilian one Sanjay Bhumij from Naganian Tea Estate got killed by unknown miscreants from across the border thus prompting almost war like situation between the people of Nagaland and Assam resulting in road blockades

on the highways leading to Nagaland by its counterpart. The Ao Senden (Ao Hoho), the apex body of the Aos from the Mokokchung district was also compelled to impose a ban on all transactions with Assam which was later supported by other frontal Naga organisations and issued travel advisory for the safety of its natives at large. Due to lack of coordinated efforts and unfortunate political interferences, the BPCCA(A-N) toiled almost six months to bring the involved ones to the negotiating table and established peaceful coexistence to date. Both the public representatives discussed the forgone issues in depth and vowed to educate the public of either side not to take laws into their hands but to report any kind of situations to the authority/s concerned for peaceful redressal. They also endorsed the yeoman services being rendered continuously in the border belt by the BPCCA(A-

N) since its inception in 2005. They also discussed the recent uneasiness in Rankham area where some tea plantations owned by one Badan Gogoi were reportedly destroyed by unknown miscreants in the wee hours on January 22, 2016. It may be recalled that even in the foregoing years, a few incidents of such calibres were reported in the same area thereby causing mistrust amongst the people living in the border. Both the representative were of the opinion that certain vested interested section of the society are behind all these who do not vouch for peaceful coexistence in the border area which is otherwise very peaceful. Sunday's maiden meeting of the two legislators have sent out a strong message to the bordering masses to live mutually with dignity and shun all sort of violence at all cost. (Courtesy Nelive)