

KN Singh donating a solar plate and a battery to Madrasah Huseiniyah Ashrafiyah at Yairipok Ningthounai



Former Lok Sabha speaker P.A. Sangma passes away

New Delhi, March 04: Former Lok Sabha Speaker P A Sangma passed away in New Delhi today. 68 year old Sangma was sitting member of Lok Sabha from Tura Constituency in Meghalaya. Mr Sangma served as the Chief Minister and leader of opposition of Meghalaya. He served in the Union government as Cabinet Minister for Information and Broadcasting. He also served as Minister of State of Home Affairs, Labour, Commerce and Coal. He also contested the presidential election in 2012. Vice President Hamid Ansari, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of other political parties today condoled the death of sitting Member of Parliament PA Sangma. In his

message, VP Mohammad Hamid Ansari conveyed his deepest condolences to the bereaved members of the family and said he joined the nation in praying for eternal peace for the departed soul. In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, Mr Sangma was a self-made leader whose contribution towards the development of the Northeast is monumental. Mr Modi said, Mr Sangma's tenure as Lok Sabha Speaker is unforgettable. Mr Modi said, his down to earth personality and affable nature endeared him to many. Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan has expressed shock over the sudden demise of PA Sangma. Talking to reporters, she said, as a Speaker Sangma gave equal importance and



opportunity to every political party in the House. Ms Mahajan said, Sangma always tried to take people onboard which will continue to inspire generations to come. Cutting across the party lines, leaders also condoled the passing away of PA Sangma. Expressing grief over the sudden demise of Sangma, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Venkaiah Naidu termed him a veteran Parliamentarian and a

true nationalist. He said, as a Speaker, Sangma has maintained and set high standards in Parliament. Congress president Sonia Gandhi recalled Sangma's contribution as a public representative. Union Minister, Chief Minister and Speaker, Mr Tharoor said, the nation has lost a tall leader and the North East an important voice. Congress leader Sahashi Tharoor said the country has lost one of its popular leader. Terming Sangma as a great Speaker, Mr Tharoor said his personality was universally acknowledged. Another Congress leader Ms Ambika Soni remembered Sangma's contribution in the development of North Eastern States.

House condoles

IT News
Imphal, March 4: Manipur Legislative Assembly house today condoles the sudden demise of former speaker P.A Sangma who breathed his last here today morning following a heart attack by observing a two minutes silence. Leader of the House Okram Ibobi Singh while moving a condolence resolution terms PA Sangma as a great leader of the country. He recounted the quality of the former speaker who hail from Meghalaya- a North East Indian State.

MLA L Ibomcha dares UNC threats; says he will visit all places in Manipur

IT News
Imphal, March 4: NCP MLA L. Ibomcha has dared the threat by United Naga Council (UNC) saying that if any such imposition is there he will definitely visit all places of Manipur either it may be hills or valley. During zero hour in today's assembly session, MLA Ibomcha said that UNC is a civil society organization whose head quarter is located at Senapati District - an Integral part of Manipur and has its branch office at Imphal. Such an organization has no right to imposed restriction to the movement of an MLA. The MLA said this in response to the UNC press statement which appeared in almost all newspaper of Manipur in today's edition. The organization said that MLA Ibomcha is against the threat by Naga for filing case against Nagaland Chief Minister, Mizoram Chief Minister and NSF. During the zero hour MLA Ibomcha further said that he will not withdraw the case file against the CM of both Nagaland and Mizoram as well as to the NSF. While stating that he will write complaint letter to all the concern ministry regarding the development, MLA L Ibomcha drew the attention of the house to ban such organization for their criminal activities and also for inciting hate felling towards the various communities of the state.

MLA Ibohalmi and MLA Joykishan raise Border fencing dispute

IT News
Imphal, March 4: The alleged report about the lost of Manipur's land in the ongoing border fencing work was today brought to the notice of the house in today's state assembly session. Moving a calling attention motion MLA I Ibohalmi and MLA Kh Joykishan said that the reported matter about encroachment of land by Myanmar is a serious issue. Quoting media report, both the MLA said that before merger of the erstwhile kingdom to the Indian union the then king of Manipur and the people had been protecting the land but after the merger of Manipur to Indian union it is now the responsibility of the India government.

responded by the Union government", said MLA Joykishan. Replying to the calling attention motion Chief Minister Okram Ibobi said that the matter was always taken seriously by the government of Manipur. He said that a political party delegation had already been sent along with the Survey of India team to find out if any wrongs are being taken place to the border fencing work. He however said that there are some cases at which some of the places of the

state had to be encroached as the fencing construction need location appropriate for construction. In the same way portion of the territory inside Myanmar has also been encroached in the similar way. Ibobi further said that a total of 99 border pillars are erected in Manipur's territory along the Indo Myanmar border. Of these border pillar number 66, 76, 78, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 and 94 are unsettled pillar and after a controversy spark to the construction of fencing work at

Satang Village and Kwatha Village at border pillar no. 81 the government of India had asked the India government to stop the border fencing construction work in January 12, 2015. Ibobi further said that it is the responsible of all the people as well as the political parties irrespective of their status - either ruling or opposition to go hand in hand in this matter. He said if necessary a delegation will apprise the issue to the concern Indian government authority.

Social welfare

IT News
Imphal, March 4: The Manipur Government has received a total amount of Rs. 16,65,300 as FLEXI fund during current financial year 2015-16 from the MWCD, Govt. of India. This was stated by Social Welfare Minister AK Mirabai answering to a question to MLA Joykishan. The Minister also said that establishment of Juvenile Justice Fund was initiated by the state government in the meeting of the State Advisory Board held on June 9, 2015 chaired by the Principal Secy of the Govt. of Manipur to another question asked by the BJP MLA. She further said her department is moving finance department for allotment of separate budget had on account for the Juvenile Justice fund.

Manipur Maoist claims the attack to URF designated camp

IT News
Imphal, March 4: Armed group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM) today claimed the attack to the designated camp of United Revolutionary Front (URF) Chingkeingamba group located at Napet Pali under Lamlai Police station on Wednesday night. In a press statement, the outfit said that the attack is a warning to all those groups or individuals who had maligned the image of the great leader Hijaib Irabot and communist ideology. It said that an attack was carried out by a special Lanjaba group of the Red Guard of the outfit. It said by attacking the designated camp is only 500 meters from Lamlai Police Station besides the many Para military forces camp established in the nearby area

the Manipur Maoist had shown its capacity to strike at any groups at any time. Giving reason for attacking the camp, the Maoist statement said that the attack was carried out against the misleading of the armed struggle started by the Hijaib Irabot and for selling the Marxism-Communism-Leninist ideology. And besides this the so called URF group taking refuge at Napet Pali had created lot of trouble to the people of the surrounding area. It said the cadre of SoO signatory group had threatened the locals of the area many a time besides extorting money from the poor villagers. On the other hand the camp that is being established is a school complex and the Maoist will not tolerate to any steps which will sabotage or disturb

the educational institute. As the group had taken shelter in the school the poor children are facing lot of problems in continuing their studies. The statement further added that those who had surrendered to the government can live a peaceful life by returning to their home by doing work like farming etc. The Party is committed to protect them. The Maoist said that they have no problem to those who had return to a normal life but sabotaging the dream of Hijaib Irabot will not be tolerated and the party is ready to strike them at any time, the statement added. It also added that the army of the MCPM could have created more damage and casualty but as it was a warning so excessive action has been restrained, it added.

Solar plate donated to Madrasah

IT News
Imphal, March 4: A person identified as KN Singh who had announced to contest in the next assembly election at Ando Assembly constituency today donated a solar plate and a battery to Madrasah Huseiniyah Ashrafiyah at Yairipok Ningthounai. A Function was held in the regard with KN Singh as the Chief Guest. KN Singh while speaking on the occasion said that he donated the solar plate as the MLA had neglected the Madrasah.

Manipuri swimmers bag medals at Indo - Sri Lanka Invitational Masters Swimming Meet, 2016



IT News
Imphal, March 4: Two Manipuri swimmers who were among the 30 swimmers of Indian Swimming Team participating in the Indo - Sri Lanka Invitational Masters Swimming Meet, 2016 have bagged medals at different swimming events. The two Manipuri swimmers are Salam Jayenta and Laikhrum Lenin Singh. Salam Jayenta bags one silver medal at 50m breast stroke and one bronze medal at 100m individual medley while Laikhrum Lenin Singh bags one gold medal at 100m free style and two silver medals at individual medley and 100m back stroke in the yesterday event. Salam Jayenta is competing in 100m breast stroke and Laikhrum Lenin Singh is competing in the final match of 100m butterfly and 200m free style, at today's event at 6:30 pm.

Arms smugglers apprehended in Churachandpur



IT News
Imphal, March 04: In a successful operation, troops of 27 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of Red Shield Division apprehended four Arms Smugglers from Torbung, Churachandpur. Based on a specific input regarding the mov of a suspected pers from Moirang to Churachandpur with weapon, the troops of 7 Assam Rifles immediately launched an operation on 28 Feb 2016 at around 2015Hr to carry out a thorough search of vehicles coming from Moirang to Churachandpur and apprehended four Arms Smugglers alongwith weapon. The apprehended individuals are identified as Thamilan Haokip @ Laxman, aged 35 yrs, son of Manoulien, resident of D Phailin, Post office/Police Station/ District-Churachandpur, Nomingthan, aged 23 yrs, son of Paulin, resident of Sungotojang, Post office/Police Station/ District-Churachandpur, Thanglan Gange, aged 28 yrs, son of Lungkhotang, resident of Tulumjang, Post office/Police Station/ District-Churachandpur and Janggam Haokip, aged 38 yrs, son of Lunlan, resident of Kthenjang, Post office/Police Station/ District-Churachandpur. The individuals were apprehended alongwith one 9 mm Pistol (Country made) alongwith magazine, two live rounds of 9 mm, one fired case, one Honda Smugglers alongwith magazine, one MND-02 B 2409, one purse and cash Rs.1660/- at 2030Hr on 28 Feb 16. The apprehendees alongwith the recovered items have been handed over to Police Station Churachandpur.

Manmohan, Sonia condole demise of Sangma, recall his contributions

ANI
New Delhi, Mar.4: Former prime minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party vice-president Rahul Gandhi on Friday condoled the 'demise of former Lok Sabha speaker P.A. Sangma, saying the northeast has lost an important voice. Dr. Singh India has lost one of the tallest leaders from northeast who represented India in various forums as the Speaker of Lok Sabha. Recalling his contributions as a public representative, the Congress president said that

the nation had lost a tall leader. The Congress vice-president said Sangma's demise is a great loss to the nation. "Deepest condolences on the passing away of veteran leader & former LS Speaker Shri PA Sangma. His demise is a great loss to the nation," he tweeted. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor also expressed grief at Sangma's demise, saying he was admired by all. "It's deeply saddening and shocking news for all of us because he was in the house till two days ago. He was a

very popular figure whatever the political differences the people may have with him, everyone used to like and admire him because he always used to laugh and was universally liked," said Tharoor. "Our thoughts, our prayers go out to him and his family. This is a tragic development and India has lost a very important north-east leader. The whole country should mourn his passing," he added. Congress leader Renuka Chowdhary on her part said Sangma's memories would

always remain with the people of this country. "He was a wonderful orator, who always had a smiling face. His memory will always be with us," Chowdhary said. Sangma, who unsuccessfully contested the presidential election as an opposition candidate against Pranab Mukherjee, was 68 years old. The former Meghalaya chief minister was elected to the Lok Sabha eight times since his first entry to the Lower House in 1977. He was the Lok Sabha Speaker between 1996 and 1998. Sangma was expelled from the

Congress in 1999 along with Sharad Pawar and Tariq Anwar for raising a banner of revolt against Sonia Gandhi over her foreign origin issue. Subsequently, the trio formed the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). However, he left the NCP in 2004 and formed a regional party, which later merged with Trinamool Congress. He later rejoined the NCP, but only to part ways with it later and unsuccessfully contested the presidential election against Pranab Mukherjee. He was supported by BJP, BJD, AIADMK and others.