

20 legislators from Manipur to attend Parliamentary training

IT News
Imphal, April 4: 21 elected legislators of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly will be attending the orientation programme for legislators to be held at Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training (BPST), Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi from April 5 to April 7 this year.

Speaking to reporters, Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Yumnam Khemchand said that the Orientation Programme aims for promotion of deeper understanding appreciation of the constitutional role and position of the Parliament as the supreme representative institution and to familiarizing the members more closely with the operational mechanisms, parliamentary traditions, conventions and etiquette. The speaker further stated that the Orientation programme will consist of interactive discussion sessions on the themes of parliamentary procedural interest where important topics relating to the parliamentary processes and procedures will be deliberated.

Topics on Problems faced by New members, How to be an effective Legislators, Parliamentary customs, conventions and Etiquette, Privileges of Legislators and their members, Parliamentary Committees with special reference to Departmentally

related Standing Committees, Financial Committees, Parliament questions, Procedural devices available to members to raise matters of urgent public importance on the floor of the house, legislative process, budgetary process, amenities and facilities available to members etc. Almost all the legislators are newly elected members except for MLA RK Imo of Sagolbandh Assembly constituency who got elected

for the second times. Speaker Yumnam Khemchand will lead the team. Among those legislators attending are PHED Minister Losii Dikho, IFCD Minister Letpao Haokip, TD and Hills Minister N. Kayisii, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, Parliamentary secretary L. Suchindro etc. Five officials of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat including Joint Secretary, Under Secretary, translators etc.

Governor Flags off XPD 2470 Roadtrip 2017

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Imphal, April 4: Hon'ble Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptullah, flagged off Expedition (XPD) 2470 Roadtrip 2017, an all women team travelling 24 countries in 70 days covering 24,000 kms, in a function held at Sangai Conference Hall, Hotel Imphal, North AOC, today. The team lead by Rtn. Meenakshi Aravind, which was started from Coimbatore, wrapped up its Indian tour in Imphal, Manipur and will travel further from the State to reach its destination, London. The flag off function was organised



jointly by Rotary Club of Imphal and Rotary Club of Polo City Imphal (Rotary International District 3240) as part of the Rotary Literacy Campaign which was mainly taken up to spread awareness to eradicate illiteracy among girl child. In her speech as Chief Guest of the function, Dr. Najma Heptullah said that Rotary Club has done a great humanitarian service apart from its discussions and meetings. It is indeed amazing to learn that women Rotarians

are travelling to 24 countries in 70 days to spread awareness to the people on girl education. This campaign, to spread awareness to educate girl child, is very much related to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme. But one should be aware of what kind of education one should give to a girl child. It is time to go out and explore the world to know the life of the people living in other parts of the world. And we should also make the people know about

our people. We should be proud of our own culture and history and carry forward the ancient legacy. We should be proud to be an Indian, she added. Women Achievers of the State Smt. MC Mary Kom, MP; Rajya Sabha, Mrs. Jacintha Lazarus, IAS, Special Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Km. L. Tonthoingambi, National Awardee, Km. Bombayla, Archer, Km. Asem Romabati, Women Polo Player, were also felicitated as part of the function

RIMS faculties welcome newly appointed officiating director

IT News
Imphal April 4: Newly appointed officiating Director of RIMS, RK Dinesh Singh was today given a warm reception by faculty members and staffs of RIMS. A reception function was held today at the Mini Auditorium RIMS, soon after RK Dinesh joined the office today. Speaking on the occasion RK Dinesh said that he feel happiness and privileged to be able to work with the distinguished faculty members of RIMS, Imphal though he was expecting



somewhat relaxing assignment after hectic election duties. The Medical Superintendent of RIMS, Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh, The Chief Accounts Officer/FA, Deputy Director and other faculty members and officials attended the reception function.

Combing Operation



IT News
Imphal, April 4: A team of Imphal West Police Commando conducted search operation at Nagaram area at around 5.30 am today morning. No one was picked up during the operation.

Delhi govt's move to clear defamation case bills illegal: BJP

New Delhi, April 4: The BJP today termed the Delhi government's move to clear bills related to a defamation case against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal as a "dacoity and loot" of the people's money and said it will not let this happen. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar alleged that Kejriwal was taken to court by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley for his "personal crime" and the Delhi government's decision to foot the bill of the AAP leader's lawyer is against the law and rules of the government. "It's illegal and immoral. Why should the people of Delhi pay for your (Kejriwal) sins? This is a dacoity and loot of their money and is

completely unacceptable," he told a press conference. Javadekar said Jaitley had paid Rs 10 lakh stamp duty from his pocket and has been paying the bills of his lawyers as well. He alleged that Kejriwal's politics is based on defaming others and people should not pay for his "sins". The Delhi government has reportedly made a proposal to pay a bill of close to Rs 4 crore sought by Kejriwal's lawyer but Lt Governor Anil Bajjal has sought Solicitor General Ranjiv Kumar's advice in the matter. Javadekar said Kejriwal is facing at least seven cases of defamation and wondered if the city government would pay over Rs 100 crore when

he is asked to pay this sum of money. He accused the AAP of first denying such a proposal and said it is now claiming that the government wants to pay it as the case is against the chief minister. "The fact is the case is not against a chief minister but an individual. His actions have nothing to do with the government. He has tried to defame Jaitley and his family members and will have to pay for it," he said. Taking a dig at the party, he said its leaders had promised to not avail official vehicles and residences, and lead a simple life if elected to power but it has become an example for reasons completely opposite to its claims.

Pulse Polio Immunization programme

IT News
Imphal, April 4: In consonance with National aim of 'Polio Free Nation and winning hearts and minds of local populace Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield division organized pulse polio immunization program in the Senapati, KPI & Tamenglong districts of Manipur.

Dalai Lama's Tawang visit postponed to 6 April; MoS Kiren Rijiju tells China to respect India's sovereignty

New Delhi, April 4: The Dalai Lama's visit to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh has been put off by two days due to bad weather, according to media reports. The Dalai Lama was to leave for Tawang on Tuesday after visiting Assam. He is now expected to reach Tawang, home to one of the most sacred Buddhist monasteries, on 6 April. Last month, China warned of "severe damage" to relations with India and increased regional instability if the Dalai Lama proceeds with his trip to the state. To this, Dalai Lama told *The Times of India* that it was normal and he had no problem if China objected to his visit. On Tuesday, India said that the Tibetan spiritual leader has visited the state six times earlier and no "additional colour" should be given to his visit. Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, holding a press conference, said, "India has never interfered in internal affairs of China. We never questioned their sovereignty. We respected their 'One China' policy. So we expect China to respect our sovereignty. We are a free country, we cannot restrict flow of religious leaders."

According to a report in *Hindustan Times*, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader was to arrive at Lumla, near Tawang on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am, but his helicopter couldn't take off because of heavy rain in Guwahati. The

81-year-old is now travelling by road. Bomdila, which is 180 kilometres away from Tawang, will be his first stop, *Hindustan Times* reported. "Whenever I come to the North East of India, it feels like a reunion with people here," the Dalai Lama said on Saturday. "When I revisit Tawang, I am reminded of the freedom that I had experienced for the first time (in 1959). That was the beginning of a new chapter in my life." The Dalai Lama is scheduled to consecrate a temple and give blessings to his followers during his week-long stay in Arunachal Pradesh. The *Indian Express* reported that members of the Tibetan refugee community and residents of Bomdila were cleaning up the roads in anticipation of his visit. Tawang Monastery, where the Dalai Lama is expected to stay, has been decorated with religious flags and coloured clothes with mantras inscribed on them. 800 monks will welcome their spiritual leader in the 400-year-old monastery, India's largest. According to a report in the *The Financial Express*, the Dalai Lama is also slated to visit the Ngingmapa Monastery and the local authorities have been busy making improvements. Dalai Lama passed through this region when he fled into

exile in 1959 after a failed uprising against Communist rule over Tibet. Moreover, the sixth Dalai Lama was born there in the 17th century. The government-in-exile is based at Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh. It is not recognised by any country. The Dalai Lama last visited Arunachal Pradesh in 2009. China protested against that trip, but there was no major impact on relations with India. China has, once again, protested his visit to Arunachal Pradesh, which it considers a disputed territory. On Sunday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said that in 1959, the Dalai Lama fled to India from Tibet after a "failed armed rebellion." China rejected his remarks that he had no other option but to escape due to increased Chinese military action. "As it is known to all, the 14th Dalai Lama is an anti-China separatist who has long lived in exile following a failed armed rebellion by the reactionary group of high-ranking feudal serf-owners in Tibet in March 1959," the statement said. In a press conference on 31 March, China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lu Kang expressed concerns on the Dalai Lama's visit, calling China's position on the issue of the eastern part of China-India border clear-cut and consistent. "India is very clear about the seriousness

of issues related to the 14th Dalai Lama and the sensitivity of its border issues with China. Under such circumstances, India still invites the 14th Dalai Lama to visit disputed areas of China-India borders. This will gravely damage the peace and stability of the border regions between China and India and China-India relations," Kang said. Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Rijiju, in his press conference, also added, "The status of Arunachal Pradesh as a full-fledged state of the Union of India is indisputable. The people of Arunachal Pradesh are upset at others showing that Arunachal Pradesh is a disputed territory. The people of Arunachal Pradesh are looking forward to cooperation from China. When Dalai Lama ji is in Arunachal Pradesh, he will be confined to religious matters. He is not there to make any political statement or with any political motive. We appeal to China not to rake up this issue." Rijiju also stated that the Arunachal Pradesh government accorded the Dalai Lama the status of a guest and all the facilities were being arranged by the government. Striking a more personal tone, Rijiju added, "The Dalai Lama is coming to my village. If someone comes to my home it becomes my duty to welcome him."