

## PREPAK expresses shocks over the rising crime against women and children

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**Imphal, Aug 4:** Proscribed group PREPAK expressed shock over the crime against women and children in the society. In a press statement, the outfit said that in the early days women irrespective of ages had been given high regards and respect but with the coming of the 21<sup>st</sup> century the incident of crime against women and children as happen in other part of the world have reached here in the state of Manipur. The statement shares its pain to the incident at which a 14 years old girl was brutally raped and left to die by hitting with a stone on her head recently. The 15-year-old Viewland Colony rape victim is presently undergoing treatment at Raj Medicity, North AOC, Imphal. Taking the matter with undue seriousness the outfit blamed the Indian rule as the result of what we have been facing today. The outfit also reminded incident of rape committed by armed forces in the early days. Giving various reason for the rise of the crime against women and children the outfit appealed the people to jointly fight against such crime in the coming days. The outfit also warn those indulging in the crime of serious consequences.

## Cell Phone thief arrested

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**Imphal, Aug 4:** A team of Yairpok police arrested a cell phone thief and recover stolen cell phone from his residence. As per source from the police the cell phone lifter Khoirom Sunil Singh(28) s/o (L) Kh. Ibpishak Singh of Yairpok Laimanai was arrested at 9.10pm yesterday. The source added Sunil disclosed that the stolen mobile phones were kept concealed at the back side of his house. So the police team went along with the accused person and some independent witness to recover the stolen mobile phones. At his instance, some stolen mobile phones were seized from the back side of his house by observing formalities. Further investigation is going on to recover the remaining stolen mobile phones.

## 20th Manipur Integrity Day AMUCO Re affirm stands for protection of territorial integrity

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**Imphal, Aug 4:** All Manipur United Clubs' Organisation (AMUCO) today called upon all the communities living in Manipur to stand together to protect the integrity of the state on the observance of 20th Manipur Integrity Rally Day at Manipur Dramatic Union (MDU) Hall. Speaking on the occasion, Ph Devan, President of AMUCO recalls the historic mammoth rally held against the cease fire agreement signed between the government of India and NSCN-IM at Bankok in 1997. "It was not on the cease fire agreement but against the extension of the cease fire without territorial limit", Devan said. Devan said that the people of Manipur have been suffering after Manipur became a part of India. Under the AFSPA and centre's divide and rule policy, a misunderstanding has been



created between the valley and hills, he added. Devan accused the government for the MoU signed between multi-national companies to exploit the resources of the State. Devan also said that the Meitei, Naga, Kuki and Pangal should remain united and all the communities should together as one to save Manipur. Earlier, the participant of the observance offered floral tribute at the integrity pillar near Polo ground in the morning.

## Centre proposes to set up 14 new AIIMS hospitals in the country

**New Delhi, Aug 4:** Government proposes to establish an additional 14 new AIIMS under various phases of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in different parts of the country, Lok Sabha was informed today. Mention may be made that, the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry had assured to upgrade RIMS Imphal to the status of AIIMS two years back. But as the Minister in his replay did not disclose the state or cities where AIIMS will be established it is not sure whether the promises is still exist or not. Replying to supplementary on AIIMS and related healthcare system in India, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said government is working on enhancing the capacity of national capital's medical institutes, which

receive a large number of patients from across the country. He said an additional 1,563 new beds will be added in the existing capacity of AIIMS at Delhi and 73 existing medical institutions are being upgraded by setting up of super speciality blocks, trauma centres in the country. Under the national programme for prevention and control of cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and strokes, the health minister said Centre to support the establishment of 20 state cancer institutes and 50 tertiary care cancer centres in different parts of the country. He said AIIMS institutes in Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur and Raipur have been almost operational and a large number of patients these institutes receive not only from states but also from

neighbouring regions. Responding to a question on eradication of measles, Mr Nadda informed the House that the disease was never eradicated fully from the country and measles cases have continued to be reported from various parts of the country.

## Donation to CM relief fund

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**Imphal, Aug 4:** KRBCA Centre, Langol and JNV Khumbong Alumni Association donated Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 40,000 respectively to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for assistance to the flood victims of the state. The amounts were handed over to the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in a simple held at Chief Minister's Secretariat.

## Non allocation of fund for bifurcated districts angst employees; staged protest

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**Imphal, Aug 4:** Employees of Kaching SDO office and Waikhong SDO Office today staged a protest demonstration in front of Kaching SDO office over failure to clear 5 month salary for 64 staffs of the two offices. An employee while speaking to media said that after bifurcation of the Thoubal district into Kaching and Thoubal district, DC Thoubal have stopped allocation of fund from march this year. Since then salary for staffs of both Kaching SDO and Waikhong SDO office has been put on hold and it has been 5 month that all the 64 employees do not get their

salary. As per Manipur Government Employees List (MGEL) certificate provided by the Manipur Finance department, Manipur revenue Department stated that staffs of both the Kaching and Waikhong SDO offices employees are under the Thoubal district administration. There has been no separation of head account for the bifurcated district neither there has been head for withdrawing of salary. The protesting employees blamed the Thoubal district DC over failure to work out procedure for the bifurcated district. They also question

if there is any order from the Finance and revenue department to withhold the allocation of fund for the new district. The protestors said that they have no complaints in the early days when salary are kept pending due to lack of fund in the state government however non-payment of salary with an intentional motives of the Thoubal district DC cannot be tolerated, a protestor added. While demanding immediate clearance of the pending pay the employees of both the SDO offices threaten serious form of agitation beginning from cease work strike, a protestor said.

## India's foreign policy is now at its best: Sushma Swaraj

**New Delhi, Aug 4:** The government today said, India's foreign policy is at its best at this time and India has good relations with the US, Russia, Germany and France, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Palestine. Referring to a short duration discussion on India's foreign policy and engagement with strategic partners in the Rajya Sabha, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said, now world looks towards India with high regards. She said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought honour to the country at the global level and he has become a leader who shapes global agenda. Responding to members' concern on India-China stand off on Doklam, Mrs Swaraj said, the issue can be resolved through dialogue and war is no solution. She said, India will continue to engage with Chinese side through diplomatic channels to find a mutually acceptable solution to the issue. She said, India always believes peace and tranquility along India-China border areas are pre-requisite for smooth development of bilateral relations. Mrs Swaraj said, New Delhi will also continue to maintain close consultation and coordination with Bhutan. On relations with Pakistan, she said, India had chalked out a roadmap for peace and friendship but it can not be one sided adding terror and talks can not go together. She said, the situation worsened after the then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif declared LeT terrorist Burhan Wani as martyr who was killed in an encounter with Indian security forces. She said, India can not accept one

belt one road initiative of China as it passes through Pakistan occupied Kashmir which is an integral part of India. On Sri Lanka, Mrs Swaraj said, India always takes fishermen issues strongly with Sri Lankan authorities and there is no question of being soft. Earlier, initiating the discussion, Anand Sharma of the Congress called for maintaining country's supreme interest without diluting its time-tested foreign policy. He said whenever New Delhi engages with any country, it should always keep in mind that there is a balance in the foreign relations mutually beneficial to both the sides. Referring to the current stand-off between India and China at tri-junction in Doklam, Mr Sharma said diplomacy must be given a chance to resolve the dispute. He said China is being unusually aggressive and seems to be closing the door of diplomacy. Mr Sharma stressed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should share the outcome of his meeting with the Chinese President Xi Jinping with the members. He said Mr Modi cannot remain silent on the matters of strategic interest. Mr Sharma also expressed concern over the increasing partnership of China in economic and military sphere with Pakistan. He said External Affairs Minister enlighten the House how the government will handle One Belt One Road, which passes through the Indian territory in Pakistan occupied Kashmir. He said even India's strategic partners like Japan, Korea, Russia and the US participated in the conference held in Beijing.

Referring to Indo-US, Mr Sharma said the NDA government failed protect its interests and could not get any assurance for H1B Visa for IT professionals. He also criticized the government for instability in relations with Pakistan saying that after Prime Minister's unscheduled visit to Lahore, a series of terror attacks followed. He urged the government to honour the commitments made with neighbouring countries. He alleged that after Prime Minister's plan to address rallies in Nepal during his second visit, there have been increased anti-India feelings. Mr Sharma also expressed concern over China's increasing influence in Sri Lanka. He said of late, Russia, India's time-tested friend is getting closer to Pakistan which is detrimental to New Delhi. He also suggested for maintaining balance in India's relations with Israel and Palestine. Participating in the discussion Dr. Vinay P Sahashrabudde of the BJP said India became role-taker to rule-maker in global arena under the leadership of Prime Minister and he took initiatives to strengthen bilateral relationship with several countries within three years. Wherever he went abroad, he engaged with Indian diaspora in a dynamic way. Mr Sahashrabudde said the declaration of the International Yoga Day on 21st of June was based on Mr Modi's initiative. He said India has become one of the places of attraction for other countries. He said the surgical strike against Pakistan was necessary and it learned a lesson from New Delhi.

## Punjab National Bank, Shamulamlan Branch opened



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**Imphal, Aug 4:** A new branch of Punjab National Bank was opened at Shamulamlan BDO/SDO office complex in Churachandpur district on Thursday. This is the 4th branch of the bank in the State of Manipur. The bank has already opened over 80 Branches across Northeast India. The inaugural function was attended by Moirangthem Subhas Singh, Senior Manager Punjab National Bank, Imphal branch while lauding the hard works and efforts of all concerned to the opening of the bank branch at Churachandpur, solicited the cooperation and support of the locals for the successful and smooth functioning of the bank. Asserting that opening of the new bank branch would help boost up the socio-economic status of the marginalised people, the rural farmers in particular, the bank manager said successful functioning of the bank would not be possible without support from the people. Mangpu, chief of Theikakbi and SDPO, Moirang Police Station. Mr. Baite, manager, Punjab National Bank Iribung Branch also attended the inaugural

ceremony. Moirangthem Subhas Singh, Senior Manager Punjab National Bank, Imphal branch while lauding the hard works and efforts of all concerned to the opening of the bank branch at Churachandpur, solicited the cooperation and support of the locals for the successful and smooth functioning of the bank. Asserting that opening of the new bank branch would help boost up the socio-economic status of the marginalised people, the rural farmers in particular, the bank manager said successful functioning of the bank would not be possible without support from the people. Mangpu, chief of Theikakbi expressed happiness over opening of the new bank

branch and assured that villagers would extend maximum support for smooth functioning of the bank branch. It is said that the new bank branch of PNB would offer its customers world-class banking services under one roof ranging from basic services such as Saving Account, Fixed Deposits, Current Account, Mutual Funds, Recurring Deposits, DEMAT to sophisticated direct access banking channels such as ATM, Phone banking, NetBanking and International Credit and Debit Cards and all asset products. It is reported that efforts are on to open more branches of PNB in other districts including Senapati.