

SF claims arrest of CorCom Finance Secy

IT News
Imphal, Aug 27: Security Force today claims arrest of a king pin leader of the CorCom - the joint body various rebel group of the region at wee hour today. A source from the SF said that a joint team of 6 AR under the command of Maj Ankur Rana and 42 AR along with a team of Bishenpur Police Commandos launched combing operation at Tronglaobi area after getting specific input about the presence of Mairembam Achouba (78) @ Achou Meitei, which they said is the Finance and Gorgien secretary of the joint body. The source said that he was arrested from a house belonging to one Laishram Sarat Singh, of Gelson, Tronglaobi at 1330 hrs today. The source further said that Mairembam Achouba is from Moirang Thana leikai and is serving the rebel group at the rank of Brigadier and his army No. is 12. It further added that Mairembam Achouba joined Meitie State Army (MSA) in the year 1957. He joined KCP in the yr 1991 and was one of the founding members of the outfit. The source said that he later joined CorCom and was working as Foreigner & Fin Secy of CorCom. The source said that Mairembam Achouba had gone to Thailand, Myanmar and China for talks to coordinate activities of CorCom cadres.

Bishnupur district Wushu Championship

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52nd Hunger Marchers' Day Observed AMSU reiterated demands for repeal of AFSPA

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Imphal, Aug 27: Despite heavy rain, the 52nd Hunger Marchers' Day (Chaklam Khongchat Nunit) was observed today under the aegis of All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) today. The observance function began with the hoisting of the flag of the students' body by its president Manjit Sarangthem at the student martyrs' complex at Pishum Chingamacha. Large number of people including family members of the departed souls, relatives, well wishers and students paid floral tributes to the portraits of the students' martyrs at its memorial complex. To mark the day, the students' body organised a mass rally which was participated by over 1000s of students begins from Pishum Chingamacha and then proceeded towards Indo-Myanmar road. Later the rally snakes through Keishamthong Bridge, Keishampat, Wahangbam Leikai, Nagamapal, Khuyathong, Thangmeiband and later concluded at DM College campus. Slogans demanding removal of AFSPA, abolition of inhuman draconian laws, control of price for essential commodities and non-governance by non-manipuri people in the state were carried during the mass rally. Strong police forces were deployed to prevent any untoward incidents. Traffic police halted vehicular movement along the routes of the rally to ensure smooth marching while pedestrians and locals supported the march by offering drinking water to the marchers. A public meeting was also held as a part of the observance function which was presided by Manjit Sarangthem, President of AMSU; Ningthoujam Brojendro Singh, Former President of AMSU; A



Manishana, Former President of AMSU and Shungsat Khongsai, Former Secretary General of AMSU as President, Chief Guest and Guests of Honour respectively. Various civil society organisations and students' body also took part in the public meeting which was held at DM College Multipurpose Hall, Imphal.

Paying respect to the students' martyrs, the students' body handed mementos to the deceased family members. Mention may be that fifty-one years from today, i.e. on August 27, 1965 large number of students upraised against then authority of the state government who had created artificial famine. In the uprising the student protestors were brutally charged and

inhumanly assaulted. In the state security forces action 4 protestors namely Promodini, Chaobal, Nabakumar and Nilamani were killed inside the compound of the then Chief Commissioner of Manipur and several other student protestors were left with serious injury. To commemorate the day, students from all over the state upraised against the then government authority demanding their rights, the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) which was borne following the uproar of the masses has been observing the day till today. Several student leaders of the time including (Late) Prof. N Sanajaoba, (Late) Achou Toijamba etc. were also put behind bar by the then government.



At Jiribam too, AMSU Jiribam District Committee observed the 52nd Hunger Marchers Day. Large number students, representatives of civil society organisations stage a rally from Jiribam keithel to Court Complex by shouting slogans 'Long Live Manipur'. Tributes were also paid to the martyrs of the Hunger Marchers' Day.

3 pro-Gorkhaland supporters arrested in Darjeeling

PTI
Darjeeling, Aug 27: Three persons were arrested here for their alleged involvement in arson and violence that took place in the hills in June, the police said today. The three persons, who are active supporters of Gorkhaland movement, were arrested last night. The situation in Darjeeling hills remained tense, although no incident of violence was reported since last night as the indefinite strike demanding a separate state in the hills entered its 74th day. The Internet service in the hills remains suspended since June 18. The GJM, the GNLF and other hill parties are set to join the August 29 meeting convened by the state government to discuss the situation in the

hills. The meeting of the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC), which was scheduled to be held today in Kalimpong, was cancelled. Sharp differences have emerged within the GMCC, which was formed by all the hill parties on June 20 to take forward the Darjeeling agitation, as some parties who didn't receive the invitation are against attending the talks, GMCC sources said. The GJM yesterday had decided to attend the August 29 meeting after the party received an official invitation from the state government urging it to attend the talks. A five member delegation of the GJM led by party convener Binay Tamang will attend the meeting.

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Violence in the name of faith will not be tolerated: PM Modi

Imphal, Aug 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that violence in the name of faith will not be tolerated. Mr Modi said no one has the right to take the law into one's own hands in the name of one's beliefs. In his Mann Ki Baat programme of All India Radio, the Prime minister said that each and every person will have to abide by the law and the law will fix accountability and the guilty will unquestionably be punished. Saying India is the land of Buddha and Gandhi, and also it is the land of Sardar Patel who gave up his all for the unity of the nation, Mr Modi said, for centuries, our forefathers have imbibed community values, nonviolence, mutual respect and these are inherent to people. The Prime Minister appealed to the countrymen to begin a campaign, Swachhata hi Sewa, Cleanliness is Service, at least fifteen days prior to Gandhi Jayanti. Mr Modi said the campaign for Cleanliness which was initiated three years ago will be marking its third anniversary on 2nd October. He said the positive results are now being seen as toilets have increased from 39

per cent to 67 per cent of the population and over two lakh thirty thousand villages have declared themselves open defecation free. The Prime minister reiterated that to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti this year as Swachh Do Aktoobar, Clean 2nd October. Lauding the efforts of volunteers of Jamiat Ulema e Hind for cleaning temples and mosques during floods in Gujarat, Mr Modi said this set an inspiring example of unity for cleanliness. Saying festivals are symbols of faith and belief, Mr Modi said individual households, festivals and cleanliness are linked together. He said preparations for festivals always begin with cleaning. The Prime minister also said festivals provide an opportunity to attract foreign visitors and said all should think what more can be done in this direction. Appealing to countrymen, the Prime minister said people should not bargain with small shopkeepers, vegetable sellers and auto rickshaw drivers as they earn through sheer hard work. Remembering hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand, the Prime Minister said, the young generation of the country

should come forward in the world of sports. Mr Modi said the sports ministry is launching a Sports Talent Search Portal to search for sporting talent and to groom them. Applauding the brave six young Navy women who will embark on a voyage across the seas in a small boat INS Tarini, the Prime minister said it is the first instance of its kind in the world. Mr Modi said Indians would be proud of these daughters. The Prime minister appealed all to move forward with the mantra Teach to Transform for the transformation of the nation. Remembering former President Dr Radhakrishnan, Mr Modi said the teacher plays a vital role in transformation. Saying tomorrow, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna will complete three years, Mr Modi said thirty crore new families have been linked to this scheme and almost 65 thousand crore rupees have deposited in banks by the underprivileged. Saying definitions of being modern are perpetually changing, the Prime minister said people are experimenting with eco-friendly Ganesh idols as they are becoming environment conscious.

In self-styled godman's area, a separate monetary system

Bunty Tyagi (PTI)
Sirsa, Aug 27: In the town of Sirsa, home to the sprawling headquarters of the Dera Sacha Sauda, shops owned by followers of the sect's flamboyant head Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh run a separate monetary system to tender change to customers. Located in and around Dera premises, these shops have the word 'Sach' (truth) prefixed to their respective names and give out plastic 'coins' or tokens of Rs 10 and Rs 5 to customers if they are unable to tender change in Indian currency. These coins, engraved with the words 'Dhan Dhan Satguru Tera hi Asara, Dera Sacha Sauda Sirsa', can then be used by the customer to buy items at the 'Sach' shops later. In case a shopkeeper does not have any change at his disposal if a customer pays Rs 100 for an item that costs Rs 70, the latter may have to make do with three plastic tokens of Rs 10 value each. The Dera campus is spread over nearly 1,000 acres and is a township on its own, with schools, a sports village, a

hospital and a cinema hall. Shopkeepers who run 'Sach' shops near the Dera headquarters have a different colour code for such plastic coins. A few journalists, who went to Sirsa to cover the situation in and around the campus after a CBI court convicted the sect chief in a rape case, were also given such plastic coins in place of Indian currency. "I have three such coins of Rs

10, but I cannot use them because the entire area near the Dera headquarters has been cordoned off by the Army, said Mukesh Kumar, a resident of Beghu village, located near Dera headquarters. Locals say it is normal practice for shopkeepers, who are also followers of the sect, to tender these tokens to their customers if they do not have change.

All mobile internet services suspended in Haryana till Tuesday morning

Agency
Chandigarh, Aug 27: Haryana Government has extended the suspension of mobile internet services, including 2G, 3G, 4G, CDMA and GPRS, all SMS services and all dongle services provided on mobile networks, except voice calls, in the state till 11.30 am, on 29 August. Besides, internet lease lines in the premises of Dera Sacha Sauda, Sirsa have been suspended till 29 August. Any person found guilty for violation of these orders would be liable for legal action. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Ram Niwas, said that the orders had been issued under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order in the State in view of quantum of punishment to be announced for Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh on Monday.

Curfew continues in Sirsa; Security beefed up

Agency
Chandigarh, Aug 27: Peace is prevailing in Haryana after violence broke out in Panchkula and other places over the conviction of Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh by a CBI court on Friday. Our correspondent reports that curfew has been removed from Kaithal district however it is still continue in

Sirsa district. The security have been beefed up in Punjab and Haryana ahead of pronouncement of quantum of sentence to Dera Sacha Sauda Chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh tomorrow. Punjab And Haryana High Court has ordered the Haryana Government to make necessary arrangements for the

special CBI judge and the two staff members. At Rohtak, the ten Sunaria jail would be converted into CBI court for a day tomorrow. The army and paramilitary forces are staging flag march in the sensitive district of the both states. The 18 columns of the army has taken over the responsibility of security in Rohtak.