

# Editorial

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## 'Good Governance Day' and Manipur

Observing 'Good Governance Day' is yet another plus point of the Narendra Modi Government even though there are some criticisms as the day coincides with Christmas Day. It reminds those in the government on how important it is for the political party to make sure that the country marches forward. India being a quasi federal structures rely its good governance to the performance of the government in each states. Accountability of those in power in the state government is a factor that determines the stature of the governance. When a state fails to prove things it is doing to achieve the goal of observing the Good Governance Day, then there is no doubt that the government have no respect for former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, as the Narendra Modi Government started observing the day as a mark of respect to the leader after he was awarded Bharat Ratna by the president of India. Mr. Vajpayee now 94 plus, is the first BJP Prime Minister of the country and Good Governance is the dream project of BJP and is designed after another BJP led government under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power.

BJP Manipur Pradesh yesterday observed the 'Good Governance Day' at its Party Head Quarter here in Imphal. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Works Minister Th. Bishwajit and many other Ministers, MLAs, and functionaries of the BJP Manipur Pradesh took part in the observance function. While observing the good governance day here in the state of Manipur, those in the power including chief minister himself seem to have forgotten that the greatest challenge of good governance is 'corruption'. Soon after Nongthombam Biren Singh installed his cabinet colleague, he showed dead serious about eradicating corruption and to make sure that corruption is wipe out of the state his government set up Anti Corruption Cell (ACC), a small but effective measures to control corruption of any form (as stated) by medium class employees. Whereas, this ACC will be able to root out corruption at higher ups is still a matter still question by many.

State government is empowered to establish unit to check corruption, but setting up of a corruption cell is not enough to control level of corruption. There are certain statutory bodies as well as government departments which are incorporated with the checking of the corruption, already existed in the state and there are also others which the state government is yet to establish for fighting corruption. Lokayukta Bill, 2011 which was passed by the state assembly in December 2017 still is not existed in the state of Manipur. Manipur Information Commission (MIC) is another statutory body which helps the public in getting information on what the government departments are doing. This MIC is presently run by a Chief Information Commissioner after the state Information Commissioner retired in March, 2013. As per the guideline, the government should appoint 10 members for effective implementation of the Right to Information Act. Violation of Human Rights is also another form of corruption and the state government still has not revived the Manipur Human Rights Commission. State government's own Vigilance Department is more like a toothless tiger with government not giving much important to it.

Systematic study of the kind of corruption that the government need to tackle is the need of the hour if it feels and desire that corruption should be root out from the soil of the state. But it is not possible to root out all form of corruption at one go. The nation needs to reform the electoral practice for wiping out the Political corruption. However, setting up and make every tools for checking corruption functional will definitely check the level administrative corruption and the professional corruption. There are certain characteristics of good governance as according to the United Nations Development Programme. As per the UNDP report of 1997, under Government for Sustainable Development there are eight characteristic of good governance. Of those, Consensus Orientation by the government is somewhat successful by the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government. When transparency and accountability is still a far away dream, it is not surprising to imagine on why the 'Good Governance Day' is observed with much fan fare by the BJP Manipur Pradesh which is leading the government in the state.

A person can be fool for some time but he or she cannot be fooled all the time.

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## National & International News

# Army Commandos Cross Line of Control, Hit Pakistani Post: Sources

**NDTV New Delhi, Dec. 26:** Senior officials have confirmed to NDTV that around 10 soldiers of the Army, possibly a Special Forces Unit, crossed the Line of Control in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday night and killed three Pakistani soldiers. The strike follows the killing of four Indian soldiers including a Major by a Border

Action Team of the Pakistan Army in Rajouri on Saturday, said sources.

Sources have describe it as a "localised tactical level operation" by a local Army commander deployed in the region.

They do not use "surgical strike" to describe the operation, which targeted a specific Pakistani post. The operation was "selective targeting", said sources; it was

meant to be very limited in scope and meant to achieve a very specific goal.

No Indian soldier in last night's operation was injured. Details of the operation are still unclear.

Sources have indicated to NDTV that the goal was to send a clear message, that if Pakistani soldiers attack Indian soldiers, there will be a definite response.

On Saturday, Pakistan troops infiltrated almost 400 metres across the Line of Control to target Indian Army soldiers, sources said. The attackers were part of a Pakistan Border Action Team. These groups include special forces of the Pakistan Army and terrorists and are known to intrude into India to target Indian soldiers patrolling along the border.

## Rajinikanth maintains suspense over entry to politics, says wait for Dec 31

**HT Chennai, Dec. 26:** Actor Rajinikanth said on Tuesday he will announce his decision on his much-awaited political debut on December 31 adding to the suspense whether he will fulfil his fans' desire of seeing him in a new avatar in Tamil Nadu, where the death of former chief minister and AIADMK chief Jayalalithaa created a void.

"There's been so much speculation about my political entry. I am not saying I will definitely come into politics. I will announce my decision on December 31. I am not new to politics. I have been reluctant because I am aware of the losses one has to incur in this journey," Rajinikanth said as he kicked off his six-day long fan meet. "You need carefulness and strategy to enter the politics. When the time comes to step on the battlefield, you have to win. We need to fight to win or there's no use of going to a battle," he told his fans in Chennai amid a rousing response even though he kept his speech very short.

The 67-year-old actor, who enjoys cult-status in the Tamil film industry, will meet over 1,000 fans for the next

five days across 18 districts. "I am excited to meet my fans. I had planned the meet with my fans in advance," he said at the event, which saw directors Mahendran and Kalaignanam accompany him. In Tamil Nadu, where film stars and personalities dominate politics, there is a tremendous interest on what the superstar, who enjoys a close rapport with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will do when it came to politics. Buzz over his political debut peaks every time he meets his fans and addresses them.

Speculations that Rajinikanth and actor Kamal Haasan would step into the political arena swirled after Jayalalithaa's death in December 2016. Rajinikanth hinted as much in May when he met fans after a gap of few years and Haasan said in November he was ready to take the plunge.

"God decides what we have to do in life at every phase. Right now, he wants me to be an actor and I am fulfilling my responsibility. If god willing, I will enter politics tomorrow," Rajinikanth had said sparking off speculations of his imminent entry.

He also mentioned his brief stint in

politics when he supported the DMK in the 1996 Tamil Nadu assembly elections on Tuesday, saying it was a political accident. "Supporting a political alliance 21 years ago was a mistake on my part. My name was misused by a lot of politicians and some of them even earned money using my name. My support is for no party," he added. Rajinikanth's announcement comes after the RK Nagar bypoll - the constituency represented by Jayalalithaa - saw a shock defeat of the ruling AIADMK on Sunday. TTV Dhinakaran, a sidelined AIADMK leader who contested as an independent, won by a staggering margin that outpaced even that of

Jayalalithaa's. The superstar advised his fans to stay away from drinking and smoking. He said that not only do these habits affect someone's health but also their decision-making ability.

"I always used to wonder how people can lose their whole wealth because of drinking. It took me a while to realise that drinking leads to bad decision making, and a few bad decisions and end someone's life. I have been personally affected by drinking and smoking, please don't fall prey to it," he said.

The superstar also asked his fans to ignore negative social media messages and urged them to "focus on positive thoughts".

## Vijay Rupani sworn-in as chief minister of Gujarat

**PTI Gandhinagar, Dec 26:** Vijay Rupani was today sworn in as the chief minister of Gujarat for the second consecutive term after the BJP won the recently-held Assembly elections in the state.

Rupani, 61, and his deputy Nitin Patel were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor O P Kohli at a grand ceremony in Gandhinagar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president Amit Shah and chief ministers of various BJP-ruled states attended the ceremony.

Before the swearing-in ceremony, Rupani, sporting an orange-coloured jacket, and Patel greeted the chief ministers of BJP-ruled states who came to attend the ceremony. Rupani and his wife also offered prayers at the Panchdev Mahadev temple here before the swearing-in ceremony.

With 99 MLAs, the BJP has a simple majority in the 182-member Assembly, 16 less than its 2012 tally of 115.

The opposition Congress, which had won 61 seats in 2012, managed to increase its tally to 77. The strength of the Congress and its allies in the new House is 80.

Rupani and Nitin Patel were elected as the leader and deputy leader, respectively, of the BJP legislature party at its meeting on December 22.

## Cold day in Delhi, fog affects train service

**PTI New Delhi, Dec 26:** It was a cold morning in the national capital with the mercury settling at 7.1 degrees Celsius even as a thick smog reduced visibility in the city leading to delay of several trains.

At least 10 north-bound trains were cancelled, while several others arrived late.

An official of the MeT Department said that at 8.30 am, the visibility recorded was 300 m at Safdarjung observatory.

At 6 am, 10 trains stood cancelled, 30 were delayed and six others were rescheduled due to poor visibility, according to a Northern Railway spokesperson.

The minimum temperature settled at 7.1 degrees Celsius, while the humidity level in the morning was 94 per cent, the MeT official said. The Palam weather station recorded a low of 8 degrees Celsius, Lodhi Road 7.3, Ridge 7.6 and Ayanagar 9 degrees Celsius, he said.

The weatherman has forecast mainly clear skies for tomorrow with the possibility of shallow to moderate fog in the morning. The maximum and minimum temperatures tomorrow are expected to settle at 23 and 7 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Yesterday, the maximum and minimum temperatures were recorded at 22.8 and 7 degrees Celsius, respectively.

## Adampur coldest in Punjab at 3.7 C

**PTI Chandigarh, Dec 26:** With a minimum temperature of 3.7 degrees Celsius, Adampur in Punjab today continued to reel under intense cold while most other places in the state as well as the neighbouring Haryana remained under the grip of biting chill.

Cold weather conditions also prevailed in Amritsar, where the minimum temperature settled at 5.4 deg C, a MeT Department official said here. Also, where Faridkot and Gurdaspur recorded identical minimums of 6.4 deg C each, Halwara and Ludhiana were seen registering a low of 5.9 deg C and 5.8 deg C respectively.

Pathankot recorded a low of 7 deg C

while Patiala and Chandigarh at respective minimum temperature of 8.5 deg C and 7 deg C also reeled under piercing cold.

In Haryana, Hisar was the coldest place recording a low of 6.1 deg C while Karnal recorded a low of 6.5 deg C.

Rohtak, too, experienced a cold night at 6.4 deg C while Bhiwani registered a low of 6.8 deg C.

Ambala and Sirsa recorded respective minimum temperature of 8.3 deg C and 6.6 deg C.

According to the MeT official, weather was foggy in the morning today at some places in Punjab and Haryana. However, the fog was not dense, he informed.

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