

Two days seminar kicked off

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Imphal, Feb 20: A two days seminar on the theme "Northeast India Since 1947, Society, Polity and Economy with Special Reference to the State of Manipur" kick off today at Manipur University (MU). The two days seminar is jointly organised by MU and OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati. On the opening day of the seminar is attended by MU acting Vice Chancellor, Professor M Daneshwor, OKD Guwahati Director, Professor Bupen Sharma, Research Scholar of MU, College Teachers and Research Scholars. Papers on different topic will be read out during the two days seminar.

VDF meeting

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Imphal, Feb 20: The All Manipur VDF Welfare Association is organising a meeting on February 21 on 11 am at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal.

Economic growth will make sharp recovery: RBI governor

New Delhi, Feb 20: News Content Reserve Bank Governor Urjit Patel yesterday said India's economic growth will make a sharp recovery following the recall of old 500 and 1,000 rupee notes. In an interview to CNBC-TV18, Mr Patel made a strong case for continuing with globalisation, even in the face of a potential shift to trade protectionism under US President Donald Trump, as India has benefited from open trade. He said, the remonetisation has happened at a fast pace and that was part of the plan. RBI last week lowered economic growth projection for the current fiscal to 6.9 per cent from the previously estimated 7.1 per cent, but saw it bouncing back in a big way to 7.4 per cent in 2017-18. Mr Patel said, the benefit of junking 86 per cent of currency in circulation will take time to fully play out and needs more work to ensure they are lasting. Asked when India could achieve 9 per cent GDP growth, he said it is difficult to predict sustainable growth rates. The six-member monetary policy committee (MPC) headed by Patel had last week kept interest rates unchanged at 6.25 per cent for the second straight meeting and changed policy stance to neutral from accommodative.

MPPDU honours Sanjit's mother on 1st Foundation day

Why justice is not done to my son? - Taratombi

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Imphal, Feb. 20: Mother of late Ch. Sanjit Singh of Khurai Sajor Leikai in Imphal East, who was allegedly murdered by Police commando on broad daylight of July 23, 2009, still sheds tears waiting justice for her departed son. She was honoured by the Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPPDU) on its first Foundation day held at Manipur Press Club here in Imphal today by presenting her gifts. Speaking mother of Ch. Taratombi Devi asked the authority the reason for taking so long for delivering justice to her son. Sanjit along with Rabina was killed in broad daylight at Kwairamband keithel on July 23, 2009 in alleged fake encounter. The case is now under CBI scanners. A Police commando identified as Herojit had also confessed that he had killed Sanjit in cold blood under the instruction of his higher up. With tears streaming on her cheek, Taratombi appreciated the people of the state for



supporting her in fighting for justice of her son.

The 1st foundation day function of the MPPDU was attended by Wangkhemcha Shamjai, President of All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU), as Chief Guest while Meghachandra President of MPPDU presided over it. President of All India Youth Federation Ch. Sanjit attended as Guest of Honour. AMWJU President, W. Ahamjai while speaking on the occasion said that people have now forgotten the importance of proletariat people. The working class need to be respected and

people from all sections need to stand for them. Shamjai further said that as the MPPDU is working in the field for promotion of working class people it need to become a platform for the working class people to express their woes. He also recalls the sacrificed of pioneer leader Hijam Irabot. "Peoples of today seems to have less respect for our leader Hijam Irabot. Except celebrating a month long observance function during September people almost forget our leaders", Shamjai said. He further appealed that people should fulfill the dream of our leader.

Ibobi hit back to BJP



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Thoubal, Feb 20: A day after Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh Congress government in the state during poll campaign at various places here in Imphal, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi today hit back the BJP called it as a dubious political party which have two tongues. Speaking at the flag hoisting function of Congress Candidate Paonam Brojendra, who is contesting at Wangjing

Tenthra, Okram Ibobi appealed people not to trust the BJP as it lied the people of the state. He said BJP leaders always speaks but never converted what they speak into action. "We have given land for construction of National Sports University at two places but still now the BJP is not passing any bill in the parliament for construction of the National Sports University, forget about starting the

construction. He further added that the state government had given places for the construction of the NSU at places where they think is convenient, however the center has not taken up any measures for construction of the NSU. Ibobi said that instead doing the needful the BJP keep on looking for the loopholes and tried to play game with the people of the state.

NPF Legislature Party meet today over Nagaland CM Zeliang's successor

ANI
Kohima, Feb. 20: The ruling Naga People's Front (NPF) Legislature Party will meet in Kohima today to elect a new leader following the resignation of Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang.

He resigned following widespread protests in the state triggered by the government's decision to reserve 33 per cent seats for women in urban local bodies.

A statement from the Chief Minister's Office said that Zeliang has stepped down and a consensus leader will be chosen at the NPF Legislature Party meeting.

Neiphiu Rio, former chief minister and sole MP from the state, appears to be a front-runner for the Chief Ministership.

Governor PB Acharya accepted Zeliang's resignation and asked him to continue till further arrangements are made.

The NPF Legislature Party meeting will be followed by a meeting of Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN) in Kohima. In the 60-member Assembly, Rio is said to be commanding the support of 49 MLAs, including eight Independents.

At least three MLAs, including Speaker Chotisuh Sazo, are with party President Shurhozelie Liezietsu. The BJP has four MLAs in the state.

Shurhozelie Liezietsu is the new Nagaland CM



Shurhozelie Liezietsu elected as next Nagaland CM amid the political uncertainty in Nagaland National People's Front President Shurhozelie Liezietsu was on Monday elected as the next Chief Minister by the party's MLAs. The ruling Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN) had also submitted a letter of support to Liezietsu. Notably, this comes after the current CM TR Zeliang tendered his resignation on Sunday.

JCC lifts bandh after Zeliang resignation

Kohima, Feb 20: In light of the official confirmation of the Chief Minister's resignation, the Joint Co-ordination Committee (JCC) has called for partial lifting of the bandh in Dimapur.

A press note informed that all businesses, central offices, schools and colleges, banks etc will be exempted from the bandh. However the bandh will continue for state government offices and state government vehicles. The JCC has also cautioned the Nagaland government against any action on any of the government employees who have responded to the clarion call by their respective tribal bodies, to support the people's movement. The JCC also rejected the one man

Judicial Inquiry Commission (JIC) set up by the government to look into the January 31 incident in Dimapur. It demanded that the judicial inquiry commission should be headed by three persons, with one person from an NGO selected by JCC. Meanwhile, the Nagaland Tribes Action Committee (NTAC) has informed that the

bandh on government offices and movement of government vehicles will continue till further information. In this connection, it asked tribe hohos in their respective districts to employ their volunteers in ensuring the enforcement of bandh on movement of government vehicles and closure of government offices.

2nd round poll personnel training

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Chandel, Feb. 20: District Election Officer, Chandel has informed the employees of the district, who have been appointed as Polling Personnel in connection with the State Assembly Election, 2017 that the second round of training will be held at Mini Secretariat complex, Chandel from February 23 to 26, 2017. In a notice issued on February 19, 2017, the DEO/DC Chandel informed that all the appointed polling personnel are deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission of India and are subjected to its

control, superintendence and discipline under Section 13 CC of Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Section 28 A of Representation of the People Act, 1951. As such, the DEO/DC cautioned that any official/employee who fails to attend the training would be placed under suspension for dereliction of duty without prior information. The DEO/DC also directed all the employees under the jurisdiction of DEO Chandel to contact their controlling officers for appointment details in this connection.

One Naga and a Manipuri woman raped in New Delhi

New Delhi, Feb 20: A 24-year-old woman from the northeast was allegedly raped by a man near Delhi's Hauz Khas village, police said on Sunday.

The incident happened on Saturday night when the woman, who belongs to Manipur, was returning from a party in Hauz Khas village along with her friends and cousins, said a senior police officer.

The woman told police that around 11.30pm she was offered a drop home by an unknown person. He apparently told her that his vehicle was parked at some distance near Deer Park. The accused, thereafter, on the pretext of guiding the woman, led her to an isolated stretch in the adjoining park area and allegedly raped her.

The woman somehow managed to escape from the spot and later informed the police.

A case under IPC section 376 (rape) has been registered and efforts are being made to ascertain the identity of the accused with the help of local intelligence and electronic surveillance, said the officer.

We have gathered vital clues in preliminary investigation and the accused will be nabbed soon, he added. "We are in touch with the woman, and she is being counselled to help her recover from the trauma," the officer said.

On the other hand a 26-year-old woman from Nagaland has alleged that she was sexually assaulted, beaten up and robbed of her money and iPhone inside Deer Park adjacent to Hauz Khas Village in south Delhi around 1.30am on Sunday by a man who had befriended her.

CCTV footages of several pubs have been scanned to identify the suspect. A sketch of the offender has been circulated along with CCTV grabs among beat policemen. An FIR under IPC sections of rape, robbery and assault has been registered at Safdarjung Enclave police station. Police suspect a restaurant staff or some local man may have committed the crime.

The woman had gone pub-hopping with her sister and friends around 9pm. The two sisters live in a rented accommodation at Munirka and work at a spa in Mahipalpur.

The friends went to three pubs at Hauz Khas village ending their revelry at Moonshine restaurant. The sisters were returning home around 1am when they met two men on the street.

The men struck a conversation with them and the elder sister began to walk ahead with one of them who said that he would drop her home. She took a rickshaw with the man and went to her house in Munirka. Sources said the man stayed at her house for two hours and was spotted going out of Munirka around 2.30am in a CCTV. This woman did not lodge any complaint

with the police.

Meanwhile, the other man told the younger sister that he had parked his car on the other side of the park so they could take a short cut through it. "He told me that there was a beautiful lake in the park and that we could go and sit there for some time and talk. The park gate was locked, so we scaled the wall. Once we were inside the park, he began to sexually assault me," the woman said.

After an argument, the woman screamed at him. A brief scuffle ensued during which she hit the man with a stone. "He started bleeding and began to hit me brutally. He snatched my bag and threw it away. After hitting me for five minutes, he took away my iPhone and Rs 500 and left. I then climbed over the wall and came out," the woman added.

Around 1.30am, the area SHO and ACP were on patrol along with other policemen. When they saw her scaling the wall, the SHO asked her why she had gone inside. She narrated her ordeal after which she was taken for medical examination. Three teams launched a search operation, but the suspect had fled by then.

Police are also trying to get a complaint from the older sister after which a separate FIR of rape may be registered at Vasant Vihar police station.