

Armed militants openly attempt to interfere Dy. CM poll campaign ; ambushed security convoy at 2 places in Noney district; 1 injured

IT News

Imphal, Feb 21: Armed militant's involvement in the upcoming state assembly election is now crystal clear as well equipped cadres today ambushed advance security team which were on their way to make free passage for the VIPs and VVIPs who were attending the flag hoisting ceremony of Dy. CM Gaikhangam at his native village Khupum in Noney district. First hand report said that heavily armed militants ambushed the advance party of the state police who were

on their way to Khupum village at two separate locations under Khupum Police station. The advance security team led by Additional SP Dr. Ibomcha was on around 20 vehicles. Report said that at around 8.30 am today morning as the convoy reached Thingkhongjang village under Khupum Police Station some heavily armed militants ambushed the team from two sides. The police team too retaliated and the gunfight took place for some minutes. The armed militants reportedly fled the area and as they proceed another well

equipped militants reportedly fired towards the police convoy at around 6/7 Km away from Khupum Police Station. The police team retaliated however the second time the gunfight did not last long as the militants escaped taking advantage of the hilly terrain. In the ambush, one constable of 3rd IRB sustained bullet injury. He has been evacuated at RIMS hospital. Following the ambushed security has been beefed up along the route. Additional troops have also been reinforced and search operations were reported to

have been conducted at various places. Source said that the ambush might have been carried out to sabotage the Deputy Chief Minister's flag hoisting function. Interesting, the ambush to sabotage the flag hoisting function of Deputy Chief Minister occurred a day after congress spokesperson Khumukcham Joykishan had alleged that an armed group called Zeliangrong United Front (ZUP) has been openly supporting a BJP candidate identified as Adim Panmei in Nungba Assembly Constituency.

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Imphal, Feb 21: After Police constable Herojit had spelled out on how he shot death Chungkham Shanjit in cold blood in the famous July 23, 2009 Khwairambandh Keithel incident, father of the deceased, Chungkham Khelen today said that a close worker of MLA Dr. NG Bijoy of Khurai Assembly Constituency, identified as one Kenedy approached him and asked to close the case by promising him Rs. 20 Lakhs. Talking to reporters at his Khurai Sajor Leikai residence, Khelen, father of Shanjit said that the said person Kenedy is a well known person to him

More clues on Rabina Shanjit fake encounter killing case emerging on the public spare as authorities trick to cover up the case were spell out one after another. This time by Chungkham Khelen, father of late Shanjit.

as he happen to be from his nearby locality and he had stated him that he would never accept such money in exchange of his son's life.

On being asked why the matter is brought out only today, Chungkham Khelen said that even though Kenedy approach him for such an offer at a time when people are undergoing agitation in the aftermath of the fake encounter killing of his son, he was worried if spelling out such a matter would do no good to either Kenedy or himself.

Khelen further said that when a police constable can come out for deliberating justice to his son he felt that he should also disclosed other misdeed of the government or may be those who want to conceal the killing of his son.

Shurhozelie Liezitsu to be sworn in as Nagaland CM tomorrow

Kohima, Feb 21: Nagaland People's Front president Shurhozelie Liezitsu will be sworn in as the new Chief Minister of the state tomorrow. He will be administered the oath of office and secrecy by the Governor PB Acharya at a grand ceremony. He was invited by the Governor to form a new government yesterday after he emerged as the unanimous choice for the post and formally staked his claim. Mr Liezitsu was chosen to replace Zeliang at a meeting of the Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN) legislators.

Drug Peddler nabbed; locals tried to resist the police team.



IT News

Imphal, Feb 21: Combined team of Manipur Police Commandos from Kaching district and Thoubal district nabbed a drug peddler from Sora area in Kaching district during a search operation at the area. Interesting some locals of the area pelted stones towards the police team to resist them from picking up the drug peddler.

Report said that, Police Commando team conducted a cordoned and search operation at Sora area in Kaching district around 4 am today morning. The search operation lasted till 6.30 am. During the search operation a person identified as MD. Angou of Sora Maning Liekai was rounded up along with 2800 SP capsules wrapped in two plastic bags. The police

team also seized 11 cell phone handsets from his possession. Soon after the news of his arrest, some locals of the area started pelting stones toward the police team to resist the police team from arresting the drug peddler. The report said that some of the police personnel were injured in the stone attack and some vehicles of the police too were damage.

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Imphal, Feb. 21: The Democratic Students Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) observed the International Mother Language Day today at the DM College of Science Central Hall by organising a State Level Open Symposium on the topic, "Role of Students for Their Motherland in the 21st Century".

Altogether twenty students participated in the said symposium and widely spoke about the venerability of Meeteilon (Manipuri) and its position in the international arena vis-a-vis the Indian context. Thoiba Ningthouja of DM College of Arts stressed the importance of a spoken language as the backbone of a nation and its civilization highlighting the significance of learning different languages in knowing the enemies in time of war. He

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argued the performance of ritual sites in foreign languages in different Manipuri homes while different sections of the Manipuri society have been speaking about our mother tongue/language. Anamika Heirangkhongjam of the same college drew the attention of the audiences when she talked about population ratios of the Meeteis, ST/ST, Meetei Pangal and Non-Manipuris based on 2001 census showing fear about the very near possible extinction of the indigenous population of Manipur if ILP is not implemented in time. Ambamba, President, DESAM addressed about the need for preserving the different dialects spoken among different pockets of tribal population in Manipur making strong promises for the role of his

organisation to save Meeteilon and all the dialects spoken in Manipur. Dr. Thokchom Chandramani, former Chief Resource Person, CTCL, Ministry of HRS, Department of Higher Education, Government of India categorised Meeteilon as a Vulnerable Language among the 2473 languages spoken worldwide and among the listed 198 Endangered Languages in India. Elaborating on the classification of a spoken languages as vulnerable, definitely endangered, severely endangered, critically endangered and extinct, he opined the possible extinction of Meeteilon and the different dialects in the present trends if some concrete measures are not taken up in time to save the indigenous populations of Manipur

National Seminar on Science & Technology at MU

IT News

Imphal, Feb 21: Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) Imphal Chapter is organizing a National Seminar on the focal theme "Science & Technology for National Development" for the first time in the history of Manipur under the aegis of Manipur University during 2-4 April, 2017 at the Manipur university campus. Prominent scientists, academicians, young researchers as well as women scientists from North Eastern Region are taking part in the seminar. A released by Prof. Arun Kumar Chairman ISCA Imphal Chapter calls on those interested to contact ISCA Imphal Chapter Office at M.U. campus or email at iscaimphal@gmail.

Strange' that Naga Govt. is not giving opportunity to women: Congress

ANI

New Delhi, Feb. 21: With the failure to contain the tribal agitation over offering 33 percent reservation for women in the Nagaland Government, the Congress on Tuesday expressed displeasure, citing it was

strange that the state which runs the best system in the world didn't wish to give enough opportunity to women. "At a very personal level, I am very disturbed that Nagaland claims they cannot have 33 percent reservation and this would go against

their customs and usages. I say this particularly because, in 2007, the United Nations picked on Nagaland system of the local government as the best in the whole world. So, where you are running the best system in the world, why not give women an opportunity of participating

in it? Why they are not giving opportunity to women is unknown to me," Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar told ANI. "But this is an internal question to them. Panchayat Raj, as the constitution amendment doesn't not apply to them. And, we have to be

sensitive to that state and its requirement and I am glad that the political crisis over Chief Minister Zeliang is over," he added. He further hoped that the new government will find a way of at least making a beginning in bringing about an assured percentage of women

representation in local government in Nagaland. Meanwhile, the ruling Naga People's Front's (NPF) Shurhozelie Liezitsu will become the next Chief Minister of the state. Zeliang had resigned following widespread protests in the state.

Left Parties Fighting to Regain Lost Ground

NE News

Imphal, Feb. 21: Once a force to reckon with in Manipur politics, the CPI and the CPI(M) are fighting the Assembly election to regain their lost ground in the State. Manipur has a long history of Left movement, under the leadership of such legendary leaders like Hijam Irabot Singh commonly known as "jana neta Hijam" but this time the Left parties are fighting hard to make their presence felt.

The on-going insurgency and ethnic conflict seems to have taken a heavy toll on the communist parties, which

believe in the ideology of class struggle. The CPI and the CPI(M), along with other secular and like-minded parties, have formed a front called the Left and Democratic Front (LDF). The front also has an electoral adjustment with the National People's Party. Altogether they are fighting in 50 seats in the 60-member Assembly. The CPI, which is dominant among the Left forces, conceded that they are fighting to rebuild the once glorious Left movement. "Once we were quite a big force in the State. We had a considerable number of seats

and had played a decisive role in State government formation. But those are things of the past. We have to rebuild from scratch. We are fighting to regain our lost ground in the State with the help of other secular and democratic forces," M. Nara Singh, CPI State secretary and LDF convenor, said. Mr. Nara Singh's view was echoed by senior State CPI(M) leader Santo, who feels that the Left had lost its ground as it could not build a movement in the State where politics is driven by ethnicity. He blamed money and muscle power as one of

the biggest problems for the Left. "We follow the principle of class struggle. And it was based on this that we had built our movement. But a few wrong decisions and conflict driven by ethnic identity had taken a toll on us," Mr. Santo said. Such was once the clout of the CPI, that with five seats in its kitty it played a major role in the ascension of Congress to power in 2002 led by Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh. The first Congress government in 2002 was known as a Congress-CPI coalition called the Secular Progressive Front (SPF).

Hauz Khas rape case: Delhi Police arrest one person

New Delhi, Feb. 21: Delhi Police has arrested one person in connection with the alleged rape of a 24-year-old northeast woman in Hauz Khas Village here. The accused, a resident of Chandra Vihar, was identified last night, police said today. Police teams had been working on different leads based on CCTV footage and local intelligence and by questioning parking attendants, private security guards of the Deer Park and other shopkeepers in the locality.

The incident happened on the night of February 18 when the woman was returning from a party in Hauz Khas village along with her friends and cousins. The woman told police that around 11.30 PM she was offered a drop home by an unknown person. He apparently told her that his vehicle was parked at some distance near the 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.