



AMSU appeals politicians not to play with the sentiments of the people

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Imphal, Feb. 26: Reacting to the statement of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Framework agreement during his speech at Langjing Achouba Ground yesterday, the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) today appealed the politicians particularly to the prime minister Narendra Modi not to play with the sentiment of the people. The Union said that instead of politicising the issue the Prime Minister should act and settle the problems being face by the people of the state. He also appealed the political party to implement those promise in the election Manifesto in the interest of the people.

EC asks political parties to observe restraint in their poll campaigns

New Delhi, Feb. 26: The Election Commission has again asked political parties to observe self-imposed restraint while campaigning. In a letter sent to all recognised parties, the poll panel said, inflammatory statements are being made by some leaders with underlying object of mixing religion with election campaign. It said, past advisories are not having the desired result. The poll watchdog said, some of the statements were made from places where the model code is not in force. Urging parties to reverse the trend, the Commission said, such speeches indicate an unhealthy trend which is a cause of concern. In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court had recently said that no politician can seek vote in the name of caste, creed or religion.

Tension runs high in Khundrakpam after police team tried to arrest a person



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Imphal, Feb. 26: Tension runs high at Khundrakpam Awang Leikai in Khundrakpam Assembly Constituency early today morning after a police team tried to pick up a person of the locality who is also a sub inspector of Manipur police. A brief confrontation occurred between the locals of the area and the police team as the police team who came to pick the Sub-Inspector

identified as Maibam Khogen Singh. Report said that the police team refused to give any arrest memo if he was supposed to pick up. As locals of the area swung into action by destroying the police vehicles the police team fire several round of tear gas shells and mock bomb to disperse them. According to report, the police team led by Additional SP of Imphal East Meghachandra and OC of Imphal East district

police commando Vaiphei came in four vehicles at around 3.30 am today. The police team reportedly entered to the residence of SI Maibam Khogen at Khundrakpam Awang Leikai. He was charged for firing gunshots late yesterday night and the police team told him to provide the gun. Maibam Khoge is posted at DG Head Quarter. Later locals of the area organised a public meeting condemning the police action.

NIA likely to give clean chit for Pakistani boys accused of guiding Uri attackers

New Delhi, Feb. 26: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is likely to give a clean chit to the two Pakistani boys who were arrested on charges of guiding the Uri Army camp attackers across the Line of Control (LoC) as they had just strayed across the border. But the agency has not filed a closure report in the court so far. "We have not filed any closure report in the case. We will file a report soon," the NIA spokesman said. The boys, Faisal Husain Awan and his school friend Ahsan Khurshed, will get a formal reprieve only after the court is told about the findings of the probe and the court accepts the findings of the agency. Only then, the process of sending them back to Pakistan will be initiated. The duo was first picked up by villagers in Uri who found their movements suspicious and beat them up before handing them to the BSF and the Army on September 21,

three days after the suicide attack on 12 Infantry Brigade's headquarters in which 19 soldiers were killed. Contrary to initial suspicion of the boys being guides for Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), the NIA didn't find any evidence of their links with the Pakistan-based terror outfit. In fact, the agency is yet to find evidence suggesting that JeM carried out the Uri attack. After comparing the food items and arms and ammunition recovered from the Uri attackers with the recoveries made during the previous attacks in the Valley, the agency believes that the attack was carried out by operatives of another Pakistani terrorist outfit, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). NIA investigators found that the villages of the boys, Pitha Jandgran and Khuyana Khurd in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK), are very close to the LoC. Details of their family members and the school in PoK, given

by the boys, have been found to be correct, sources said. Awan and Khurshed were very initially scared of being beaten up in custody if they "didn't confess their crime" and had even "identified" one of the dead attackers. But once their apprehension of being beaten up in custody was proved wrong, the boys told the investigators that they have no links with the JeM and had strayed across the LoC while taking a "short cut" to their villages. The NIA had in October last year said that they had confessed to their crime. Based on their preliminary statement, India had even lodged a diplomatic protest with Pakistan.

Award conferred

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Imphal, Feb. 26: Mei Bhagat has been conferred the Arambam Ibungo and Binokumari Literary Award 2017 by Patroitic Writers Forum at Manipur Press Club.

Disabled people still neglected besides having various constitutional provisions

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Imphal, Feb. 26: Despite having various constitutional provisions people with disabilities are still seen neglected by the concern government authority. This was stated by Rinku Khumukcham Editor Imphal Times while speaking on the closing function of the 21 day residential cricket coaching camp organised by the Disabled Development Association Manipur (DDAM) at Oinam Sawombung Awang Leikai in Imphal West. He further said that the negligence on the part of the people with disabilities clearly seen during election time.

"None of the political parties, or candidates had ever mentioned anything for the welfare of the persons with disabilities in their election manifestoes", Rinku said. 18 member team including 5 official of the DDAM will be attending the 11th National Para Cricket Championship which is scheduled to be held at New Delhi from 23rd to 25th March this year. DDAM has been participating the championship for the 6th time this year. As DDAM has been taking part the championship for continuous 6th year it is time that the concern government department consider some kind of budgetary allocation

so that the players don't face financial problem in the coming days. The closing day function was attended by Leihathabam Nonibala, Chairperson, Samrou Municipal Council, Hidar Ongbi Hemabati Devi, Ex- Chairperson Samrou Nagar Panchayat, Md. Anwar Councillor, Md. Anash, etc. Speaking on the occasion General Secretary of DDAM Yunus Khan said that the association has been working hard to bring fame for the mother Manipur. He expressed gratitude to all the people who had supported the disabled people while conducting the 21 day residential camp.

Humanity Achievers Award 2017" conferred to Mrs. Mayanglambam Diana Devi

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Imphal, Feb. 26: Niveditha Foundation and A. R. Foundation New Delhi has jointly conferred Award "Humanity Achievers Award 2017" to Mrs. Mayanglambam Diana Devi of Manipur in Beauty Queen Category. Mrs. M. Diana Devi, a public choice awardee of Darpan Mrs. India Northeast 2016 will be participating the Mrs. Worldwide International Beauty pageant Contest 2017 to be held in August at Singapore. M Diana is well known for her dedication in social service and also for her love for the poor people.



India will not allow any defaulter to escape law: Jaitley

New Delhi, Feb. 26: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has said, India is no longer willing to let defaulters escape the law. Mr Jaitley was speaking at a session on "Transforming India: Vision for the Next Decade" organised by the London School of Economics' South Asia Centre. The remarks were an apparent reference to liquor baron Vijay Mallya, who is wanted in India for loan default and other cases. Mr Jaitley said, it is the first

time that such strong action is being taken and defaulters are on the run. He referred to loan default as a major problem that needs to be addressed. Mallya, the chief of the now defunct Kingfisher Airlines, had moved to Britain in March last year after banks sued him to recover around 1.4 billion US dollars owed by the airline. Earlier this month, India had formally requested Britain to extradite Mallya for standing trial. India and the UK have

an extradition treaty since 1993, under which only one extradition from the UK to India has ever taken place, that of Samirbhai Vinubhai Patel in October, 2016, to stand trial for his alleged role in the 2002 riots in Gujarat. Mr Jaitley refused to confirm if the issue of Mallya's extradition would feature in his talks with senior British ministers. However, senior officials in London had indicated earlier that the issue is likely to be on the agenda.