

State force swings into action

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Imphal, Jan 11: Following the tense situation in Tengnoupal district in the aftermath of the killing of two villagers by suspected rebel groups belonging to NSCN-IM, Manipur police swung into action to flush out anti social elements in various part of Tengnoupal district.

Source, said that a team of state police commandoes are currently engaging in counter insurgency operation in certain part of Tengnoupal district. At around 7.30 am today, the state police commando team carried out cordon and search operation at K. Tuisen Village, tengnoupal district after they got specific report about the presence of UGs. As of now there are no reports of any arrest.

On the other hand state police commandos of Imphal West, Imphal East and other districts had also reportedly beefed up security measures to ensure full proof security during the state election scheduled on March 4 and March 8.

Police were deployed at specific junctions in the city to check vehicular movements. During evening time heavy checking were conducted at Paona Keithel, Sangjenthong and North AOC.

9 join BJP in Yairipok

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Thoubal, Jan.11: Nine members of the ward development committee of the Yairipok Municipal Council had joined the BJP. The nine members were given warm reception by the Executive member of BJP Minority Morcha, Md. Abdul Sukur at his residence at Yairipok Keku.

Md. Abdul Sukur is an intending candidate of BJP in the 32-Wangkhem Assembly constituency. And the reception function of the nine ward member was organized by Election Committee of Md.Abdul Sukur.

FIFA to expand competition to 48 teams

New Delhi, Jan 10: FIFA has decided that the World Cup will be expanded to host 48 teams, up from 32. An initial stage of 16 groups of three teams will precede a knockout stage for the remaining 32 when the change is made for the 2026 tournament. The sport's world governing body voted unanimously in favour of the change at a meeting in Zurich today.

ECI briefs General & Police Observers for the forthcoming Assembly Elections in 5 States

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New Delhi, Jan. 11: Chief Election Commissioner, Dr. Nasim Zaidi, Election Commissioners, Shri A. K. Joti, and Shri O. P. Rawat briefed the General & Police Observers sponsored by the various States/UTs./DOPT & MHA in the briefing meeting held at Hotel The Ashok in New Delhi on 10th January, 2017.

Addressing the General & Police Observers, Chief Election Commissioner Dr. Nasim Zaidi emphasised on the conduct of elections in a transparent, participative, inclusive, informed & voter friendly manner. He stated that the observers should adhere to the Code of Ethics & familiarize important instructions for Voter Facilitation like Voter Facilitation Posters, Voter

assistance booth, Voter guide, facilities for differently abled, new design of photo voter slip & increase in height of the voter compartment to safeguard of the secrecy of voters.

He applauded the efforts of General & Police Observers and emphasised the deployment of the election observers from one State to another State has become the integral part of the election management in the country. The Observers chalk out an effective plan for deployment of CAPF to ensure a level playing field among all stake holders.

Election Commissioner, Shri A. K. Joti emphasised that the General & Police Observers have played sterling role in ensuring that an effective oversight is maintained on all the multifarious aspects of

management and served as the Commission's worthy partners in building people's confidence and reinforcing faith in the electoral democracy in the country. He further directed to ensure effective distribution of postal ballot through Electronic Transmission of Postal Ballots System (ETPBS) and emphasised on the Standard Operating Procedure for MCC violations on last 72 hours. The Observers should publish their mobile no. and be responsive to all calls. The Observers must make their presence felt in the ACs assigned by frequent tours and visits, especially to the vulnerable hamlets and localities. They should train the Micro Observers and should deploy them effectively so as to ensure a free & fair election.

Election Commissioner, Shri O. P. Rawat emphasised that the quality of performance of the observers in the field will be of paramount importance in ensuring the successful conduct of the election process in a free, fair, participative and transparent manner, as per the Constitutional mandate. The Observers should keep hawk eye on all key election functionaries at the field and should get familiarize with the Defacement Act of the States & ensure that SVEEP activities are carried out to accomplish the motto, "No Voter to be left Behind". The observers should act as eyes & ears of the commission during the period of election & should monitor the deposit of licence arms, execution of NBWs, & taking of bonds under Section 107 of CrPc.

Rozer's murder case: Conviction hearing postponed

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Imphal, Jan 11: Conviction hearing case of Rozer murder case, which was scheduled today, has been postponed on January 20.

District and Session Judge, Imphal West, Maibam Manojkumar on January 6 had announced accused Nongthongbam Ajay as guilty in the sensational form Roger Singh murder case on January 6. The court had fixed today as the date for announcement

of the quantum of punishment. The accused Ajay Singh was convicted under Section 304 Part II of IPC and Section 27 of Arms Act. The court remanded him to judicial custody following announcement of the judgment.

Ajay is the son of former Minister N Biren Singh, who had recently joint the BJP. Ajay allegedly shot dead from Rozer at Ghaari over road rage on March 20, 2011.

Pakistani Flag with Jihad Written on It Hoisted in Assam

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Guwahati, Jan 11: A Pakistani flag was found hoisted in Assam's Dibrugarh district even as the police said on Monday it could have been done to create tension in the area. A Pakistani flag was found hoisted in Amaragori chaporai along with two black flags with 'Jihad' written on them Sunday.

"We do not think it is related to any jihadi activity. We

suspect it was done by some miscreants to create tension in the area. The police is keeping a strict vigil," Dibrugarh Superintendent of Police Gautam Borah said. An eviction drive was carried out in the area recently and the flags could be related to this to create misunderstanding, the SP said. A case has been registered and investigations were on, Borah added.

BSF jawan's family stands by his side, says he only revealed the truth

ANI

Rewari, Jan. 11: Imposing faith on Border Security Force (BSF) jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav's claims, which was to expose corruption in the higher order, his family, on Wednesday, reiterated his charges and said what he showed was the truth.

Tej Bahadur's wife Sharmila rubbished BSF's claims, which termed him mentally unstable, and questioned why he was sent to the border, if he was mentally unfit. "What my husband did is right and for the welfare of the soldiers. It is not wrong to demand for food. He has only shown the truth, but these

people are saying his mental health is not well. If he was mentally unstable, why was he sent to the border?" she said. Sharmila also urged the government to investigate the matter and ensure justice to her husband and family.

Rohit, son of Tej Bahadur, also supported his father's demand for good food and expressed his inclination towards investigation of the matter.

"We have been unable to contact him since last evening. We last spoke to him yesterday evening. We don't know where has he been kept and in what circumstances. He just demanded for good food,

which is not wrong. We want to know what is happening with him and if he is fine. I want this matter to be investigated and wish he gets justice," he said.

In a video that went viral on Monday, BSF jawan Tej Bahadur of the 29 battalion Seema Suraksha Bal was seen exposing the rot in the system by revealing the deeply ingrained corruption in the higher order, saying that the troops there were not even getting basic three square meals.

Speaking from an undisclosed location, Yadav could be seen saying that the soldiers stand for 11 straight hours every

day, regardless the weather or temperature, but they are treated in the worst possible way one can imagine.

"Neither the media, nor any minister tries to take a note on how are we going through this (harsh weather). Our conditions are still worst. (humare halat wahi darbarat hain). After this, I will send three videos that will show how our officials are mistreating us. We do not want to blame any government, because they give everything we need, but our senior officials sell everything (for their own profit)," the jawans can be seen saying.

Demonetisation was badly implemented decision of Modi govt: Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, Jan. 11: Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi today accused the BJP of weakening institutions like RBI. Addressing Jan Vedna Sammelan organised by his party in New Delhi, Mr Gandhi said demonetisation was a badly implemented decision of the Narendra Modi government.

He alleged that decision on demonetisation was taken the Prime Minister in his personal

capacity and derailed country's economy. Saying that unemployment is on the rise in the country, he said good days will come only when Congress comes to power in 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, former Finance Minister P Chidambaram claimed that there is no record of Cabinet meeting of November 8 that took decision on demonetization. He also said

demonetization has impacted Gross Domestic Product adversely.

On demonetization issue, Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh said worst is yet to come. Dr Singh said, employment will decrease in agriculture, industry and services. He said, production will also decline particularly in the informal sector which accounts for 45 percent of GDP.

Positive impact of demonetisation, GST will be seen this year: FM Arun Jaitley

New Delhi, Jan. 11: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today said that Goods and Services Tax and demonetisation will enhance growth and the impact will be seen this year. Speaking at the 8th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar, he said after transient impact, demonetisation will lead to cleaner and larger GDP. He said most of the issues related to GST have been

Ravi may bargains Vith Scheduled for NSCN-IM

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Imphal, Jan 11: January 22, consultative meeting being invited by RN Ravi to the representative of Manipur Civil Society leaders may be another shock for the people of Manipur as source close to the Imphal Times said that the interlocutor of Govt. of India for the peace talk with NSCN-IM might asked the civil society leaders to accept the proposal for granting of 6 Scheduled to some part of the so called Naga Inhabited

region.

This is the third round of talk being organized between the India govt. interlocutor RN Ravi and the CSO leaders of Manipur. Earlier the representatives of AMUCO, UCM and CCSK along with other representatives of civil bodies had held meeting two times here in Imphal.

Another source said that , RN Ravi might seek the opinion of the CSOs leaders to the proposal of a supra state structure for the Naga people.

Assam to Get NSD Like School of Drama

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Guwahati, Jan 11: The Assam government has decided to establish a State school of drama on the lines of National School of Drama (NSD) in New Delhi, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Tuesday.

"The government will establish a State school of drama on the lines of National School of Drama to provide proper training to young artistes where they can hone their dramatic skills," Mr Sonowal said. The NSD is an autonomous theatre training institute under the Ministry of Culture.

Addressing the closing ceremony of the 55th session of Assam Natya Sammilan in Tinsukia, Mr Sonowal said, "Theatre is an important art

form that reflects the strengths and weaknesses of society and the young generation must be inspired to take up this art and make meaningful contribution to the society through it."

Artists serve as the voice of people and society and the government was committed to protect their interests, he said. He pointed out that Assam's Vaishnava saint Srimanta Sankardeva had used the medium of drama to propagate his message of unity and harmony in society and theatre activists of today must take inspiration from his ideals.

He handed over a cheque of Rs. 3 lakh to Assam Natya Sammilan and announced that a land would be allotted to it for setting up its permanent office in Guwahati.

India, Kenya sign agreements in area of agriculture

New Delhi, Jan 11: India and Kenya today signed agreements in the area of agriculture which were inked after delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta in New Delhi.

In his press statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, expansion of bilateral trade, greater flow of capital between two economies and stronger developmental partnership is a priority. He said India is collaborating with Kenya to raise agricultural productivity there. He said the Loan of Credit Agreement of 100 million dollars signed today for farm mechanisation

will open a new dimension of engagement between the two countries.

Mr Kenyatta was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhawan this morning. President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Mr. Kenyatta. He also laid a wreath at Rajghat.

Corrigendum

News report appeared in this paper regarding the invitation of Manipur's CSOs by RN Ravi missed out the actual issues of the meeting. The meeting is originally about Frame Work Agreement with NSCN-IM.

both, the strength of Indian economy as well as potential of Gujarat.

He said that time has now come to take several important decisions to add to the strength of the Indian economy. He emphasized the need of bold decisions to transform the economy. Mr. Jaitley said that the society is aspiring to evolve from a developing country to a developed country.