

## Tharoor seeks apology from British

New Delhi, Jan 16: Congress MP and author Shashi Tharoor on Sunday said the Jallianwala Bagh centenary in 2019 will be a "good time" for the British to apologise to the Indians for wrongs committed during their rule.

The former diplomat, who was speaking on his book 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India' before inaugurating the Kolkata Literary Festival-2017 here, said, "Either the British Prime Minister or a member of the royal family can come and convey their own profound apologies to the people of India, not just for that atrocity (Jallianwala Bagh massacre) but for all wrongs done during the empire."

"Why not use that opportunity?... that would be a very fine gesture because after all the wrongs were done in the name of the Crown," he said.

According to him it's never too late to admit. "But the fact is that what the British have done is opposite." "They (British) have brushed it under the carpet. There is a certain historical amnesia. You are finding it in the way in which the British are relating to their own colonial past and on of that, a lot of romanticising of the empire - a lot of self justification is taking the form, including, British historians today, who praise the empire as a good thing," Tharoor said.

## SC allows 24-week pregnant woman to have abortion

New Delhi, Jan. 16: The Supreme Court has given permission to a woman in her 24th week of pregnancy to undergo termination of pregnancy after medical report finds foetus is without skull. The Court says, a woman can abort if foetus poses danger to mother's life.

The apex court also directed that the termination of pregnancy be performed by a team of doctors of the hospital which shall maintain a complete record of the procedure adopted in the matter.

Referring to the report of the seven-member medical board, the court said, the medical evidence clearly suggests that there is no point in allowing the petitioner to run in full course since the foetus would not be able to survive outside the uterus without a skull.

The Mumbai based woman had approached the apex court seeking permission to undergo the termination of pregnancy citing abnormalities in the foetus.

## BJP to announce first phase list candidates for State legislative election tomorrow

### IT News

Imphal, Jan 16: BJP is all set to announce first phase list of candidates late tomorrow evening.

A highly placed source said that the announcement will be made after a meeting of the Parliamentary Board meeting scheduled at New Delhi tomorrow evening. National BJP leaders - Prakash Javedkar, Union Minister, HRD, Prahlad Singh Patel, MP and Ajay Jamal, North East-in-charge for BJP who came here in the state and discussed about the party ticket issue with the state leaders of the BJP left Imphal today morning along with Ksh. Bhavananda, President BJP Manipur Pradesh for New Delhi. They will further discuss about the development in tomorrow's

Parliamentary board meeting of the BJP and will announce the name of the candidates for the first phase. Amit Shah, Chairman and BJP National President, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Rajnath, Arun Jaitley, cabinet Minister, Swasma Swaraj, cabinet Minister, M. Venkaiah Naidu, Cabinet Minister, Nitin Gadkari, Cabinet Minister, Ananth Kumar, Cabinet Minister, Thawarchand Gehlot, Cabinet Minister, Jagat Prakash Nadda, Cabinet Minister, Ramlal, National General Secretary (Org.) and Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh are the members of the Parliamentary board. Source further added name of candidates for Sagaolband,

Myang Imphal, Moirang, Heingang, Heirok and Nambol assembly constituencies along with some constituencies from the hill districts may be included in the first phase announcement. Remaining will be announced in the 2nd phase announcement. Mention may be made that, Prakash Javedkar, Union Minister, HRD, Prahlad Singh Patel, MP and Ajay Jamal, North East-in-charge for BJP had a consultative meeting with the state BJP leaders over party ticket issues at Hotel Classic Grande. The meeting prepared lists of intending candidates but kept it secret as numbers of intending candidates are more than 2 at some of the Assembly Constituencies.

## State government secured building is no more secure Cracks appear on the third floor

### IT News

Imphal, Jan 16: Secured office complex building of the state government where offices of eight major government departments are located seems to be not secure at all. Reason "cracks" appeared on the floor of the third floor of the building today morning. The high tech building officially known as 'secured office complex' was constructed under the Special Plan Assistance (SPA) of 2012-13 with Manipur Development Society (MDS) as the implementing agency. The office complex is equipped with a metal detector and an x-



ray machine attached to the main gate of the office. Moreover, office security aspect would be monitored by

over 50 CCTV cameras installed at different corners and floors of the office building having lift facility. Eight government departments such as Loktak Development Authority, Manipur State Power Distribution Company Ltd, Manipur State Rural Road Development Agency, Minority & Other Backward Classes, Information Technology, Manipur Renewable Energy Development Agency, Central Board of Workers Education and Manipur Development Society are located under the same office building.

## Saksham 2017 inaugurated

### DIPR

Imphal, Jan.16: Governor of Manipur Najma Heptullah today graced the inaugural function of Saksham 2017 as the Chief Guest. Saksham 2017 is a month long observation on the theme "Conservation of Fuel is the Responsibility of One and All in Society" and is organized by Public Sector Oil and Gas Companies in the State in association with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India. During the inauguration Governor Najma Heptullah administered pledge to participants which included students, to conserve petroleum products, endeavour to educate young people to avoid wasteful use of petroleum products and use cleaner fuels for environment protection.

Speaking on the function as Chief Guest, Najma Heptullah said the initiative taken up by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) by involving young children is a good step in safeguarding their future. March of human progress has been extensively linked with the wealth underneath the earth's surface. Natural resources like petroleum products have been used in the past without consideration for the future generation, she added. She

also urged the students to use alternative source of energy whenever it is feasible. In his speech as Guest of Honour, Chief Secretary Shri Oinam Nabakishore Singh urged people to consciously use natural resources like oil and gas. He said the State Government has already started solar energy schemes. The state government is targeting to generate 50 Mega Watt power by 2022 to fulfill all energy needs, he added. Governor Najma Heptullah in connection with Saksham 2017 festival flagged off a

"Walk Rally" attended by students. Students from various schools, officials from Indian Oil Corporation, traders, dealers and transporters also attended the function.

The month long festival observed across the country will conclude on 15th February. The festival will have events like Saksham Asian Cycling Championship, Saksham Driving Contest, Walkathon at Petrol/LPG outlets, Saksham Quiz Competition, District Level Conservation Concert and Bicycle Day.

## Interaction on online public grievance redressal system for Assembly Election DEO briefs on Samadhan & Suvidha

Imphal, Jan. 16, 2017: The DEO Imphal West today organized an interaction programme on SAMADHAN and SUVIDHA software at Kombirei Hall, DC Office, Lamphel with Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE) of Common Service Centres (CSC) in connection with the ensuing 11th State Legislative Assembly to be held on March 4.

SAMADHAN nodal officer PH Bhabananda briefed the participants of today's session on the important tips of using SAMADHAN software through a presentation. He stated that electors should make proper use of this online public grievance redressal system for Assembly Election.

Bhabananda explained thoroughly all the basic steps of using the SAMADHAN software stating that during election campaign, the Election Commission is usually flooded with complaints of voters or political parties. "The



SAMADHAN software will redress grievances of people. The complaints sent through fax, helpline or in person will be uploaded on the SAMADHAN website. The Election Commission officials can monitor the progress of disposal of complaints. The complainant could also see the status of the complaint after feeding the complaint ID sent on his/her mobile," he further added. SUVIDHA nodal officer M Kubiheiba Meitei also

continued the session with another presentation on using SUVIDHA software. "SUVIDHA software will help political parties in getting permission for rallies, public meetings and vehicles without hassle. Leaders of political parties usually complain that they have to run from pillar to post to seek permission from district administration officials for public meetings," he said. About 40 trainees participated in the interaction programme.

## India's richest 1 per cent own 58 per cent of country's total wealth - more than global average

### PFI

Davos, Jan. 16: In signs of rising income inequality, India's richest 1 per cent now hold a huge 58 per cent of the country's total wealth - higher than the global figure of about 50 per cent, a new study showed today.

The study, released by rights group Oxfam ahead of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting here attended by rich and powerful from across the world, showed that just 57 billionaires in India now have same wealth (USD 216 billion) as that of the bottom 70 per cent population of the country. Globally, just 8 billionaires

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have the same amount of wealth as the poorest 50 per cent of the world population. **MUKESH AMBANI LEADS** The study said there are 84 billionaires in India, with a collective wealth of USD 248 billion, led by Mukesh Ambani (USD 19.3 billion), Dilip Shanghvi (USD 16.7 billion) and Azim Premji (USD 15 billion). The total Indian wealth in the country stood at USD 3.1 trillion. The total global wealth in the

year was USD 255.7 trillion, of which about USD 6.5 trillion was held by billionaires, led by Bill Gates (USD 75 billion), Amancio Ortega (USD 67 billion) and Warren Buffett (USD 60.8 billion).

### TIME TO BUILD HUMAN ECONOMY

In the report titled 'An economy for the 99 per cent', Oxfam said it is time to build a human economy that benefits everyone, not just the

privileged few.

It said that since 2015, the richest 1 per cent has owned more wealth than the rest of the planet.

"Over the next 20 years, 500 people will hand over USD 2.1 trillion to their heirs - a sum larger than the GDP of India, a country of 1.3 billion people," Oxfam said.

The study findings showed that the poorest half of the world has less wealth than had been previously thought while over the last two decades, the richest 10 per cent of the population in China, Indonesia, Laos, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have seen their share of income increase by more than 15 per cent.

## KSUC burns seized country liquor



### IT News

Thoubal, Jan. 16: Kairembikhok Students Union and Club (KSUC) had burnt around 100 litres of country liquor seized from Kairembikhok Awang Leikai during Thabal Chongba festival yesterday.

KSUC conducted the drive as a part of the anti drug and alcohol campaign by Coalition Against Drug and Alcohol (CADA), Manipur. Surchand Usham, Secretary General, KSUC said that selling of liquors in Kairembikhok area of Wangjing Tenthia Assembly constituency has been banned in view of the upcoming state assembly election.

The general secretary also appealed not to use liquor or other intoxicants during any meeting or grant feast organized in relation to general election.

He said if the volunteers of KSUC found any violation of the ban then the candidate should be held responsible and complaint will be launched to the election Commission of India.

## UNC condoles

### IT News

Imphal, Jan. 16: United Naga Council (UNC) has condoled the demise of late Dikhnam Gonmei S/o Tajinang Gonmei of Akhui village who succumbed to injury after he was hit by a bullet on January 12 at Lukhambi village along Imphal Jiribam road.

The deceased is a student of Manipur University doing MA Final year in Economics department.

UNC alleged that he was killed in firing by state force.