

Centre may partially withdraw AFSPA from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh

New Delhi, July 5: Home Ministry is ready for the partial withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from BJP-ruled Assam and Arunachal Pradesh following an improvement in the security situation. An official source in the Ministry said, the security situation was better in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh than never before and the imposition of AFSPA could be further reduced. The Ministry said, views of the state governments had been sought on the partial withdrawal.

DESAM organises Motorcycle Rally

IT News
Imphal, July 5: DESAM today organised a Motorcycle rally as a part of the 10th Disturbance Free Education Zone Demand Day. The Motorcycle Rally was flagged off from Keishampat Junction by professor Ratankumar Singh of English Department Manipur University. Speaking to media person Professor Ratankumar said that civil society organisations or any other organisation should stopped using students as a tool to get their demand. He said students should not be used for staging protest or should not be disturbed by any sort of bandh or blockaded.

Around Rs. 33 lakhs worth Ganja siezed at Imphal



IT News
Imphal, July 5: Skimmed Ganja, worth around Rs 33 lakhs in local market and over Rs. 1 crore in International market was seized today by a team of

Imphal East District from a truck near Palace compound today afternoon. The skimmed Ganja was packed in 107 packet using plastic polythene, each containing 15 to 16 Kg.

Manipur State Rural Livelihoods Mission signs MOU With M/S Apollo Medskills

DIPR
Imphal, July 5: The Manipur State Rural Livelihoods Mission signed the first Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) with M/s Apollo Medskills Ltd in the presence of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Shri Thongam Biswajit Singh today.

The MoU was signed inside the New Secretariat office of the Minister.

The MSRLM was represented by State Mission Director, Shri R Sudhan, while the M/s Apollo Medskills was represented by its Senior Vice President-Projects Shri S Sridhar.

The DDU-GKY is the skills action-arm of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, tasked with skilling rural youth, moving them from poverty to productivity. It owns and manages the entire lifecycle of the process, from investing into Skilling Projects (at no cost to the trainees or employers) to identifying internships and

placement opportunities and to track career progression over a period of 3 years from graduation.

According to the MSRLM, the number of rural youths to be trained till March 2019 is 10518 candidates.

DDU-GKY follows a 3-tier implementation model. The primary tier is the National Unit that functions as the policy-making, technical support, facilitation and investing agency. The next tier is the DDU-GKY State Skill Missions under the State Government/ State Rural Livelihood Missions, who co-invest as well as directly supervise and/or engage with publicly or privately held organisations from specific sector industries, education and training or NGOs who have a reputation in delivering skills, training and development programs.

B.F Sc selection result declared

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Result of the entrance test for studying Bachelor of Fishery Science has been declared.

CM presides meeting on GST, Directs officials to sensitize people on the new tax regime

DIPR

Imphal, July 05: Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh presided a high level meeting on Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the Conference Hall of Old Secretariat today.

Speaking at the meeting, the Chief Minister directed all the concerned to have thorough knowledge about the new tax regime. He also asked them to impart proper awareness to the common people, who are at the grassroots level, to make revenue/tax collection easier. The Chief Minister also directed the officials, DCs and SDOs to take the responsibility of revenue collection seriously and work hard at the ground level.

He said that the meeting was convened to discuss the pros and cons of GST, and also to find ways to effectively enforce it in the State.

As GST is a new concept, the Chief Minister observed, all the Government machineries need to work in better co-ordination and understanding for its effective implementation.

Deputy Chief Minister Shri Yumnam Joykumar Singh, Chief Secretary O. Nabakishore, Administrative



Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners, SDOs and other high ranking officers were present in the meeting. Later, the Chief Minister also inspected the biometric attendance machines and various rooms of the Old Secretariat complex.

Speaking to reporters after the inspection, the Chief Minister said that all the SDOs had been appointed as Nodal Officers of GST at the Sub-Division level. As such, they would give proper awareness on the new tax regime to the people at the grass-root level, he added.

Stating that around 17 different taxes were imposed on goods and services at Centre and State levels earlier,

the Chief Minister contended that all these taxes had now been clubbed together into a single tax known as GST. No matter Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had revived the 90:10 Central-State share for North East States, all the developmental projects depend upon the financial condition of the State.

As such, the Government needs to strengthen and revitalise the tax/revenue collection system in order to add extra pace to development, the Chief Minister stated.

Responding to a query on the Central Government's assistance regarding flash floods faced by the State, Shri

N. Biren said that after the Government declared the present situation as a State calamity, he had not only written a letter to the Prime Minister but also personally talked to Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh over the phone on the issue. The Central Government would send an official team to assess the losses. Responding to another query, Shri N. Biren informed that State's Plan size would be fixed as soon as possible. The new Government would give thrust to skill development, connectivity, infrastructure, drinking water and other basic amenities, the Chief Minister added.

Flood

IT News

Imphal, July 5: Flood water still continue to inundate many houses at Imphal East and Thoubal district.

At Thonju Assembly constituency the water which was breached from Irl River still stuck at the Kitna Patung area. At Imphal East too water flows at Nongmeibung too.

Thoubal DC requests for arrest of SDC Lilong for dereliction of duty

IT News

Imphal, July 5: Deputy Commissioner of Thoubal District, L. Nabakishwar Singh (IAS) had requested Thoubal district SP to arrest SDC (HQ) Lilong Sub Division, Shri Md. Itocha for absconding from his

responsibilities assigned at the critical hour of alarming flash flood situation. In his letter to the Superintendent of Police, Thoubal district, the DC Thoubal said that the SDC is absconding from his official duties which amount to dereliction of duties and unbecoming

conduct of a public servant which in turn grievously hampers the Flood relief operation going on in the sub-division. The DC requested the SP to arrest of the SDC from his personal residence at Hiyangthang, Thongkhong, Imphal West.

Environment Minister launches plantation drive to mark Van Mahotsav

New Delhi, July 5: Environment Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan today launched a month-long plantation drive to mark Van Mahotsav. Van Mahotsav is usually observed in the first week of July every year and is celebrated on different days in different parts of India. The objective behind celebrating the Mahotsav is to keep local people involved in plantation drives and spread

environmental awareness. The plantation drive was organised at Ram Lila Park, C. C Colony and Model Town early this morning. Environment Minister planted a sapling and also distributed saplings to local residents. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Harsh Vardhan advised people to plant native trees because they readily adapt to local climate, integrate into the eco-system.

Two thieves held with stolen goods

NENA

Moreh, July 5: Police arrested two thieves at Prem Nagar under Moreh Ward No.4 of Tegnoupal district yesterday afternoon in connection with case of two robberies reported at the JMJC, Moreh Court Complex on June 29 and July 3.

One Acer computer set, one ceiling fan and one folding almirah which were stolen from the JMJC Moreh court complex were recovered from

their possession, police said. Police identified the duo as Md Muna @ Asad, 34, son of Md.Abdul Rajak of Moreh Ward, No. 5 and Thongkhomang Haokip, 33, son of Ngamjathang Haokip, a resident of Sapermeina, presently staying at Dalpati of Moreh Ward, No.2.

The operation was carried out by a team of Moreh Police led by its SDPO Lawrence K Munluo and OC Inspector H Chaoba Singh.

Encounter killings: SC asks states to reply to NHRC plea

PTI

New Delhi, July 5: The Supreme Court today directed various states to file their replies on a plea of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) seeking direction for mandatorily giving information about any encounter killings in their respective jurisdiction for purposes of enquiry. A bench of Justices A M Sapre and R Banumathi directed the states should file their replies within eight weeks. Advocate Shobha appearing for NHRC said some states

have filed their replies but many of them were yet to do so.

She urged the bench to give these states the last opportunity to file their replies saying that the notices to state governments on the petition were issued in 2014. The NHRC in its plea has sought direction that the state governments and police authorities should continue to provide the information asked for by it in accordance with the guidelines and provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, for probing the cases of encounter killings.

It has also sought direction that the state governments should not refuse to comply with the recommendations made by Commission. The Commission said that due to apex court verdict of 2014 by which certain guidelines were framed, its role in such enquiries has virtually been nullified.

"The said guidelines which are made in sub-silentio, having not considered various mandatory provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, circumscribe and completely abrogate the power conferred

on NHRC by the Act, to enquire suo motu or on a petition presented to it by a victim or any person on his behalf into any complaint of violation of human rights by a public servant," the plea said.

It said that Section 12(a) of the Act makes a mandatory obligation upon the NHRC to inquire suo motu or on a petition presented to it by a victim, into the complaints of violation of human rights by a public servant.

It said the Commission has issued guidelines from time to time regarding the procedure

to be adopted in cases of encounter killings.

"The latest guidelines were issued by the Commission in May 2010 which provided that an information of encounter killing should be given to NHRC within 48 hours after the incident and a second report along with the post-mortem report, Magisterial Enquiry Report and forensic report should be submitted to the Commission within three months," it said. It said such provisions cannot be rendered redundant by the guidelines framed in the PUCL case.

Why no law made for appointment of CEC, EC: SC asks Centre

New Delhi, July 5: The Supreme Court today asked the Centre as to why no enabling law as mandated under the Constitution has been made for the appointment of the chief election commissioner and election commissioners in the poll panel. A bench comprising Chief Justice JS Khehar and Justice DY Chandrachud said that Article 324 of the Constitution provides that the

appointments of the CEC and the ECs be made as per the enabling law, but the law has not been enacted so far. The court, however, acknowledged that till now good persons have been appointed in the poll panel. The bench was hearing a Public Interest Litigation seeking various reliefs including that there should be a fair and transparent procedure for appointment of CEC and ECs.