

2 suspected KRA men shot by rivals, another missing

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Imphal, May 5: Two of three suspected KRA members abducted last night by unidentified gunmen from Khoken village near Khok Keithelmanbi under Saramaina police station were found shot dead this morning while the whereabouts of their colleague is still unknown.

The three persons were identified as Sathun of Chassad Avenue in Imphal, Ngamlet Haokip of Thingbongjang village and Jangkholun of Khoken village. According to sources, Sathun and Ngamlet went for fishing in Khoken area and stayed at the house of Jangkholun from where the unidentified gunmen abducted them. The lifeless bodies of Sathun and Ngamlet were found near Boljang village while the whereabouts of Jangkholun is still yet to be known.

Reliable sources stated that the three abducted individuals belong to KRA and the abduction and killing might have been carried out by the cadres of KNP (P), a rival militant group. Sathun and Jangkholun were described as self-styled second lieutenants of KRA and Ngamlet as its lieutenant. However, the claim is yet to be confirmed. Police personnel from Saramaina Police station set forth for the spot.

NE to get 22 more new ITIs

Imphal, May 5: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has formulated a scheme titled "Enhancing skill development infrastructure in NE States and Sikkim" to set up 22 new ITIs in the North Eastern region. The officials here today said out of the 22 new ITIs, five have been allocated to the State of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh will have four ITIs, Tripura and Mizoram will have three each, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya will have two each and Sikkim will have one ITI. The officials said that two ITIs were covered under upgradation and five ITIs under Supplementing Deficient Infrastructure in Nagaland. An amount of Rs. 1149.47 lakh has been released for this purpose to the respective state governments.

Supreme Court rules death for Nirbhaya gangrape convicts

Courtesy : The Asian Age
New Delhi, May 5: Ruling that the rape of Nirbhaya was "a barbaric incident", one that had created a "tsunami of shock" in the country, the Supreme Court on Friday awarded death to four men convicted in the 2012 gruesome crime in New Delhi. Six men had raped the medical student on the night of December 16, 2012 in a bus she had taken home with a male friend. One of the six, prime accused Ram Singh, committed suicide in Tihar Jail in 2015. Another accused, a juvenile at the time of the crime, walked free after three years in a reform home. Many had then questioned laws that govern crimes by minors — given the enormity of this case. 'Looking at the serious injuries... the severe nature of offence committed by the

convicts, we are upholding the sentence,' Justice Dipak Mishra said, upholding the death sentences already given to the four by a trial court as well as the Delhi High Court. "This is a story of some a different world," he added. The Supreme Court held the fatal rape to be the "rarest of rare" case to award death penalty to, adding: "The convicts treated the victim as an object of enjoyment, with the single purpose of ravishing her." The court said the conspiracy of the men had been established and that there was "every effort to destroy evidence, like running bus over the victim and her friend". The apex court held the testimony of her friend, who was the first prosecution witness, was impeccable and could be relied upon. The court

also ruled that the convicts' background, the lack of any previous criminal record or even good behaviour in prison could not outweigh the aggravating circumstances in this case. While ruling in favour of death, Justice R Bhanumati said there should be systematic education of children to ensure they respect women. Justice Bhanumati quoted Swami Vivekananda on how tradition should enrich society with knowledge and understanding to ensure justice for women. Representing the convicts, lawyer A P Singh was critical of the sentence, stating: "Samaaj mein message dene ke liye kisi ko phansi nahi de sakte; human rights ki dhajiyaaan udd gayi." (You cannot hang someone to send a message to society. This violates human rights). Singh

said he would be filing a review petition soon. A relentless crusader for his daughter's justice, father Badri Singh Pandey counted the sentence as a "victory for his family". "I am very happy with the judgement," he said. The 23-year-old paramedic was brutally assaulted and raped by the six in a moving bus in south Delhi and thrown out of the vehicle with her male friend on the night of December 16, 2012. She later died of her injuries. Nirbhaya was not only raped and beaten, but was also "violated with a metal rod." "It appears to be that a rod was inserted into her and it was pulled out with so much force that the act brought out her intestines... That is probably the only thing that explains such severe damage to her intestines," a doctor from Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital,

where Nirbhaya was undergoing treatment, had told the media. The Delhi High Court, in its verdict on March 13, 2014, observed that their offence fell in the "rarest of rare" category and had upheld the death sentence awarded to them by the trial court. The woman had undergone multiple surgeries, where portions of her intestine, which had turned gangrenous, were removed. Doctors had said only five percent of her intestine was inside her when she arrived at the medical facility. She had died in a Singapore hospital on December 29 that year. The four convicts — Mukesh, Pawan, Vinay Sharma and Akshay Kumar Singh — had approached the Supreme Court against the high court's order which had

confirmed the death penalty awarded to them by the trial court. During the hearing, advocates A P Singh and M L Sharma, representing the four convicts, said they should be given a chance to reform and considering the mitigating factors, the court should not award them death penalty. Nearly three years after the rape, in 2015, Nirbhaya's mother Asha Devi had revealed her daughter's name to the world. "My daughter was Jyoti Singh and I am not ashamed to name her," she had said in the capital, adding she was proud her deceased daughter had become the face to fight injustice against women. The central government had also brought in wide-ranging changes to existing rape laws following the crime.

2 bodies recovered near Sugnu

IT News
Imphal, May 5: The bodies of a man and a woman were recovered this morning in between Moltinchin village and Utangpokpi, Sugnu. The woman was identified as Nengneikim alias Shila, daughter of late Jamtil of New Molben and the man was identified as Kaikhoh Tubo, son of Doujaneh of New

Keithelmanbi. Sources said Kaikhoh bore marks of blows from a blunt, heavy object on his head. On the other hand, unconfirmed reports said Nengneikim appeared to have been killed by the assailants after first assaulting her sexually. Sugnu police have picked up the bodies for further investigations.

Social service

IT News
Imphal, May 5: Members of AMSU conducted a social service camp inside Kangla today to conclude a three-day residential youth leadership camp which began on May 3. The volunteers of the students' body also clean the surrounding of the Kangla fort besides planting of various saplings.

RRM to observe a month-long environmental campaign



IT News
Imphal, May 5: As part of the month-long world environment day celebration, the 9th Mahousa Ima Ningsing Thaa - 2017, a month-long environmental campaign organised by Royal Riders Manipur (RRM) under the theme "connecting people to nature - keep your area green and clean, nurture nature, better environment; better tomorrow and save earth; save environment" will commence from May 6, 2017 to June 5, 2017.

Speaking to the media persons here today at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal, Jeet Saikhom, General Secretary of RRM said that the observance of Mahousa Ima Ningsing Thaa has been observed since 2009 with the objective of safe guarding trees and forests for a better environment as per the theme of United Nations (UN). A mass public awareness campaign along with free health camp, tree plantation, poster and sticker campaign, spot painting and essay competition, trekking for schools children along with the mass campaign on how harmful plastic bags are and how they can be avoided will be organised throughout the whole month of May as part of the environment day celebration, he added. Jeet Saikhom, informed that the concluding function of the month-long

environmental campaign will be held at the office of the Royal Riders Manipur situated at Game Village, Langol on June 5, 2017 along with prize distribution and green concert. These campaign will be organised after a thorough discussion with the environmental experts and appealed to the people to extend support in such kind of campaign in future as well and set an example to future generation regarding the need for conserving environment, he added.

Market flooded with expired tobacco products: food safety cell consultant

IT News
Imphal, May 5: A large volume of expired tobacco products and machines for manipulating the expiry dates declaration in the containers were recovered from the possession of a non-Manipuri revealing the existence of nefarious business of pushing expired gutkhas and jarda into the local market. According to a consultant of the state's food safety cell, the tobacco items recovered by a team of narcotic cell from a rented room at Ragailong yesterday night were found to have exceeded their expiry dates and is estimated to be over Rs. 2 Lakh at market. The owner of the seized items, 39-year old Jay Ram Bahadur who hails from Hetampur in Bhojpur district of Bihar, and his associates were running a profitable business of selling



the expired tobacco products in the local market. Machines to replace the bottom plates of the tin containers displaying the expiry date declaration, repackaging materials and adulterants were reportedly recovered from the room. The adulteration and sale of the items beyond their expiry dates at high prices is extremely dangerous for the

health of local people consuming them, she stated. The narcotic cell will be sending the items to laboratories for testing and stern actions and fine will be imposed on the non-local trader, she said appealing to the people to be conscious of such products being sold in the market and spread awareness to other people as well for health reasons.

Supreme Court rejects plea to make Hindi compulsory in class I to VIII

PTI
New Delhi, May 5: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to entertain a plea seeking a direction to the Centre, the states and union territories to make Hindi compulsory for students of class I-VIII across the country to promote national unity. Taking note of the fact that petitioner Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay was a spokesperson of the BJP's Delhi chapter, a bench headed by chief justice J.S. Khehar asked "why does he not ask his party to do it? He belongs to the governing party. He is part of the government." The bench, which also comprised justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Sanjay Kishan Kaul, said the people speaking other languages may also start asking why their languages are not being taught and added that the government could look into it. The bench also did not allow the plea of Upadhyay, who is also an advocate, that he would withdraw the plea and let it be treated as a representation to the central government. "We will not say anything. You withdraw it," it said. Upadhyay, in his plea, had referred to constitutional provisions

and the non-execution of the three-language formula enunciated in the 1968 National Policy Resolution by the Centre in consultation with the states. The plea said the three-language formula provided for the study of Hindi, English and modern Indian language in Hindi-speaking states and Hindi, English and a regional language in the non-Hindi speaking states and it is still not implemented. "In order to promote fraternity, assuring dignity of individual and unity and national integration, study of Hindi should be compulsory for all the students of I-VIII standard through the country," the plea said. It said the 1968 policy, adopted by Parliament, was framed in response to demands from non-Hindi-speaking states like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. However, all these states have not followed the three-language formula till date, it claimed. Public servants and judges of higher judiciary, who have studied regional languages, find it difficult to read, write and speak Hindi while serving in Hindi-speaking states, it contended.

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