



Weapons recovered from cadres of NSCN-IM by 36 AR in Nagaland

WY tablets seized

IT News
Imphal, May 7: A team of Narcotic Cell, Imphal West today seized psychotropic drugs popularly known as WY-tablets from two persons at Langthabal Meitei Leikai at around 5.30 am today. The psychotropic drugs were seized from two persons travelling in a passenger auto vehicle. 4 packets were seized from a person identified as Md. Ithemcha @ Samu (33 yrs) of Sora Mamang Leikai under Kakching police station and 3 packets of the WY tablets were seized from Md. Safiqur Rahman @ Bobby from Sora Mayai Leikai under Kakching Police station. Each packet seized from the two contains 200 numbers of WY tablets. The value of the WY tablets seized is around Rs. 7 Lakh at international market.

AR rounded up 9 NSCN-IM cadres

IT News
Imphal, May 7: Troops of 36 Assam Rifles rounded up 9 cadres of NSCN-IM along with sophisticated arms and ammunitions during a search operation conducted on May 5 at Julukie town, Pheren in Nagaland. During the operation, 5 AK series Rifles, one US Made Gun, one Shot gun, one pt 22 Rifle, one Pellet gun, 2 Pistols, 5 Hand grenades, one Radio set, 300 rounds of various calibres and various documents related to NSCN(IM) were seized, said a statement. Among the 9 individuals one is a Self Style Captain and another an Area Political Organiser of NSCN(IM).

Development of North-East is govt's priority: PM Modi

Shillong, May 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, development of the North East region is a top priority for his government with special focus on connectivity and infrastructure. He was addressing the centenary celebrations of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha in Shillong through video conferencing today. Mr Modi added that his government is also improving the electricity situation in the North East and trying to bring even more tourists to the region. The Prime Minister said, he is stressing on the development of the region as there has not been balanced development there. He said his government is making efforts to make North East the gateway to South East Asia. The Prime Minister also gave a call to work towards a Clean India and a Clean Northeast. He said, Gangtok is only city from North East among top 100 in Swachh Survekshan 2017.

Saying that this year marks 100 years of the Champaran Satyagraha, Mr Modi pointed out that Mahatma Gandhi emphasised on Swachhata along with Satyagraha. Mr Modi said, centenary celebrations are unique moments to remember the good work of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha. He expressed his best wishes to the organisation for taking the nation forward through labour and service. Mr Modi said, BSS teams have served people with great dedication during several natural disasters and their good work is widely remembered. The Prime Minister said, some people tried to create a false perception that spirituality is different from service, but Bharat Sevashram Sangha proved them wrong. He said, Swami Pranavananda, who founded the organisation, never liked social divisions and inequalities and achieved societal development through devotion and people's empowerment.

Bandh suspended

IT News
Imphal, May 7: The 48 hours bandh called by the All Manipur Refresh Written Test Successful Candidate of Police Constable Male (2013 Batch) 2016, from the midnight of May 7 has been suspended after the state government had assured to conduct the viva voce at the earliest possible time. Speaking to reporters at Manipur Press Club, Publicity Secretary of the body said that the bandh is being cancelled after the government issued an order for conduct of the viva voce for 2013 refresh batch. He however said that if the government failed to conduct the viva voce on or before May 15 then the JAC of the candidates will launch serious agitation. He also condemn government statement of referring the case at High Court.

'We are voters not no right to contest since 1952 in Manipur'

IT News
Imphal, May 7: Representatives of voters from 8 assembly constituencies of Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency today staged a sit-in-protest at Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi demanding their political right to contest in Lok Sabha election or else to nominate the Rajya Sabha seat to a person from among the 8 assembly constituencies. The 8 assembly constituencies are Heirok, Wangjing Tentha, Khangabok, Wabagai, Kaching, Hiyanglam, Sugunu and Jiribam assembly constituencies of Thoubal, Kaching and jiribam district. As the seat for the outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency is reserved for the ST, none from among the assembly constituencies could contest the election since 1972. "We are almost 2nd class citizen in the Republic of India and at



many occasions, the aggrieved people under different organisations demanded for the redressal of the genuine and specific problem", said a statement of the Thoubal District MP Candidature Demand Committee, which organised today's protest at New Delhi. The committee had earlier staged a protest on April 21, 2003 and submitted a memorandum to the Chairperson of the Delimitation Commission highlighting the problems. "The continued denial of the democratic right to contest in our own home constituency is a gross injustices and the trend is destined to linger into the next delimitation -2026, thereby extending the denial for another 10 more years", the committee said. It further demanded to nominate a person from among the constituencies in the Rajya Sabha Bye-Election for the state of Manipur scheduled to hold on May 25 after the death of Haji Abdul Salam on February 28, 2017.

BMC student begins fast unto death protest

IT News
Imphal, May 7: Four students of Biramangol College Sawmbug began fast-unto-death protest against the negligence of the government authority towards the demand of the college. The four students of the college who have begun the fast-unto-death protest are Mayengbam Angam, Secretary of Games and Sports; Ningthoujam Roshan, Magazine Secretary; Lairenlakpam Sophia, Secretary of Debate and Extension and Yumnam Poonam, Secretary of Girls Common Room. According to the college students' union, there were no regular classes in the college due to the absence of a governing body. Biramangol College is one of the state's oldest aided colleges. The college is now survived for namesake due to



the absence of the governing body. The teachers of the college are left without any pay for the last more than one year said the student body. "There is no regular Principal and none of the teachers have conducted regular class in the college depriving the rights around 2500 students", said Amarjit, secy. Boys' Common Room of the College. The student union further said that the student body has been compelled to launch stir as government authority failed to listen to their demand. Mention may be that large number of Biramangol College students holding placards inscribed with different slogans preceded towards the education minister's office at around 1 pm on Friday where they were halted by the police as soon as they reached the CM's gate. The student unions' also threatens to boycott second semester exams slated on May 9 if the education minister and authorities concerned fail to fulfill their demands by May 8.

NEET exam to be held on May 7 in 103 cities

NEW DELHI: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is conducting the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-2017 Exam on Sunday, May 7, at 1,921 examination centres in 103 cities across India. The examination is being held in the offline mode and is being organized in 10 languages. NEET this year is open to NRIs, OCIs, PIOs and foreign students as well. A total of 11,38,890 students

are scheduled to appear in the examination. Among the examinees are 1,522 NRIs, 480 OCIs, 70 PIOs and 613 foreign students. AS many as 490 CBSE officials have been deployed to supervise the test centres in 103 cities across the country. In addition to city coordinators of CBSE schools, 3,500 additional observers have also been appointed to monitor the test centres.

Earlier CBSE used to conduct the NEET only for 15% of the quota seats; the rest were conducted by the various States. This year, arrangements have been made for an integrated NEET examination. Of a total of 95,000 UG seats, 65,000 seats are set aside for MBBS and 25,000 seats are for BDS in all government, private and deemed medical colleges and universities across the country.

Railways to save Rs 41000 crore in next 10 years

New Delhi, May 7: Union minister Suresh Prabhu has said the railways will save 41,000 crore rupees in the next 10 years on energy cost on account of its thrust on solar power generation and electrification. Addressing a function in Guwahati, he said only 42 per cent of railway tracks across India have been electrified and will be doubled in the next five

years, which will reduce cost and increase efficiency. Mr Prabhu said railways is committed to reach the target of generating 1,000 MW solar power across the country in the coming years. He said, railways will also focus on having LED lamps which will reduce carbon footprint and benefit the whole world. Mr Prabhu launched the work

on electrification of the Raninagar-Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon-Guwahati railway route, which is being done by the Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd at a total cost of 655.55 crore rupees. Mr Prabhu said the northeast has the potential of becoming the hub of the South East Asia network and the railways will develop the region accordingly.

Impact of October Revolution in British India and Manipur

The Russian October Revolution of 1917 was an epoch-making event in the history of mankind. I am sure most of the comrades who are speaking on this occasion to commemorate the centennial program touch upon the significance of the event. I shall not go further into the details. But let me quote the international significance of the event as elaborately stated by J.V. Stalin, in 1927, on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the October Revolution in 1927. Stalin, in his work entitled *The International Character of the October Revolution* termed the revolution "a revolution of an international character towards a new world order." According to him, it was "a source of the profound sympathy which the oppressed classes in all countries entertain... as a

pledge of their own emancipation... (it) has shaken imperialism not only in the centres of its domination, not only in the metropolises. It has also struck at the rear of imperialism, its periphery, having undermined the rule of imperialism in the colonial and dependent countries." In the words of the Indian historian Prof Amar Farooqui, "The experience of the October Revolution in Russia and the excitement over the revolutionary initiatives of the Bolsheviks, attracted an increasing number of activists to socialist ideas and communism. ... (it) was of momentous significance for the oppressed peoples of the world. It inspired new revolutionary movements; radicalized people's struggles; and had a profound impact on national liberation movements. Further, it made Marxism-Leninism a potent ideological

force internationally." My focus, today, is to provide with a brief overview of the direct impact of the October Revolution on the then British India in the first two decades and the indirect impact, several decades later, on the then princely state of Manipur. Before going into this, it is worth pointing out that British India was directly ruled upon by the British. On the contrary, there were several princely states in the Indian subcontinent that were indirectly ruled upon through the respective monarchs and feudal lords. Due to uneven process of development, means of transport, communication, exchange of ideas of political organization; there was no uniform standard inflow of information and spread of political ideas across the subcontinent. The princely states and tribal communities in what today

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constitute the Northeast India predominantly lived in the confines of their respective world. As a result, when seen from a holistic overview, the direct or indirect impact of the October Revolution across different regions in the subcontinent differed in time, space, magnitude and implications. Let me now present the overview in two sub-sections; (a) Direct Impact of October Revolution on British India, and (b) Indirect Impact on Manipur in different time. **DIRECT IMPACT OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN BRITISH INDIA**
In the immediate decade after 1917, the Russian Revolution was a major source of inspiration to many Indian nationalists, in British India who were spearheading struggles to liberate from the

British colonial rule. The commitment of the Bolsheviks to national self-determination, the grant of independence to Finland, Declaration of the Rights of People of Russia (15 November 1917), Lenin's thesis on *National and the Colonial Question* 1920, the call for an end to imperialist war and for peace, and the principle of national liberation and social emancipations; all these seemed to have produced an unprecedented model that was coveted by many who had wanted to establish a social system that would be freed from various forms of external and internal subjugation, oppression and exploitation. What was most attractive to the nationalists across different political strands seemed to be the Soviet attack on imperialism. **(Contd. on page 2)**

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