

## Gujarat assembly elections on December 9 and 14

**New Delhi, Oct 26:** Gujarat will go to polls in two phases on 9th & 14th December for 182 assembly seats. Announcing this Chief Election Commissioner AK Joti said 89 seats will go to polls in the first phase and the rest 93 in the second phase. He said 4.33 crore electorates will exercise their right at 50128 polling stations. Notification for the first phase will be issued on 14th of November while 20th November will be the date of notification for the second phase. Counting will be held on 18th December along with Himachal Pradesh, which goes to poll on 9th of next month. Mr Joti said EVMs with VVPAT will be used at all polling stations. He said 182 polling stations will be managed by women only. Model code of conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The term of the Gujarat Assembly ends on 22nd January next year. Following the announcement of the State Assembly elections in Gujarat, the Model Code of Conduct has become effective with immediate effect. The Chief Electoral Officer B.B.Swain told the media persons last evening that new project, programs, announcement of financial and other relief would not be allowed.

## JAC meets CM over issues of govt. employees

**IT News Imphal, Oct 26:** Representatives of Joint Action Committees of AMTUC & AMGEO today meet the Chief Minister of Manipur and discussed on various issues for the welfare of the State employees. The meeting comes a day after a group of government employees yesterday called cease work strike paralysing government offices of the state government. The strike was called amidst appeal from the government of Manipur as well as the JAC of AMGEO and AMTUC on the ground that the government is doing all it can for implementation of the 7th pay commission, the demand that the other employees' group has been demanding.

## Govt is in process of drafting new consumer Act: PM Narendra Modi

**Source AIR New Delhi, Oct 26:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the Government is committed towards consumer interest protection and is in process of drafting new consumer Act. Addressing an international conference on consumer protection in New Delhi, Mr Modi said, a Central Consumer Protection Authority with executive powers will be constituted for quick remedial action. The new law will incorporate the revised 2015 UN guidelines on consumer protection. The Prime Minister said, due to GST, the various indirect and hidden taxes have ceased to exist. The biggest beneficiaries of GST will be the consumers and middle class. He said, a new business culture has been started after the GST and consumer will be most benefited.

Mr Modi said, there is a need to move ahead from only consumer protection towards best consumer practices and consumer prosperity. He said the focus of his government is on consumer empowerment and ensuring consumer faces no difficulties. The Prime Minister said, effective grievance redressal systems are vital for a democracy and the government is integrating technology and ensuring stronger grievance redressal mechanisms. Mr Modi said, the Government's efforts ensured inflation has been kept under check and the consumer saves money. He said, the Government has devoted effort and resources towards digital empowerment of the rural consumer. The Prime Minister said, one person each from 6 crore rural houses of the country will be empowered to be digitally

literate. He said, 57 thousand crore rupees worth leakages annually have been stopped due to Direct Benefit Transfer scheme. Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister of State for Food C R Choudhry, and Secretary General UNCTAD Dr Mukhisa Kituyi were present in the conference. Mr Paswan said, the upcoming Consumer Protection Bill will be a revolutionary Bill. The Minister equated ISI trademark with international standard. Dr Mukhisa Kituyi said, defining consumer interest in a changing world is a challenging task. He said, protecting interest of online consumers is very important in the era of digital revolution.

## MSF bans book for contradictory contents



**IT News Imphal, Oct 26:** Students' body Manipuri Students Federation (MSF) today declare ban on the book titled - 'The writers of Mahabharata and Ramayana as the religious scientist' for its contradictory contents which maligned the religious identity of the Meitei community. Speaking to media persons, Vice President of MSF O. Premsagar said that the book

is written by one Omar Singh Wangkhem and it is confusing on whether the book is based on religion or glamour or auto-biography. He further said that on page 13 of the book there is a sentence which stated that 'in Meitei legendary history a Meitei woman who is a prostitute and whores', this sentence is contradictory to the Meitei religion and history. He said that the book is banned from today.

## Kwatha villagers not happy with the govt.

**IT News Imphal, Oct 26:** Villagers of Kwatha in Tengnoupal district, the only meitei village in hill district of the state has expressed its anger to the government of Manipur over its negligence towards the people of the village. In a meeting with the team of All Manipur Working Journalists' Manipur, the Villagers said that the village inhabited by around 400 people has been left neglected by the government. A villager said that the nine Km stretch road from Kwatha Lamkhait to Kwatha Village has not been maintain properly even after knowing the condition. He said the villagers had to face various problem due to the road condition. He also said that as the PHC inaugurated was left without any manpower the villagers still have to depend at Moreh Hospital if any of the villagers falls ill.

## Global IDD Prevention day observed

**IT News Imphal, Oct 25:** Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day was observed today at IMA Hall Lamphelpat under the theme Daily Consumption of Iodised Salt is the Solution to the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. The observance was organised by the State Health Society (IDD Cell), NHM Manipur. Dr. K Rajo, Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, SMD (NHM) Manipur, Dr. H. Ranjit Singh, Additional Director (MC), Medical Directorate Dr. LA Singh, Regional Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, GOI and

Dr. Kh. Sasheekumar Mangang, Additional Director (PH), Medical Directorate graced the occasion as Chief Guest, President and guests of honours respectively. Speakers on the occasion highlighted the needs for prevention of iodine deficiency was using the easiest way that is by consuming iodised salt. Certain diseases that might be caused due to iodine deficiency to both common people and the pregnant lady have also been highlighted and said that iodine deficiency can be easily prevented but once cause cannot be treated.

## Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee meeting concludes



**IT News Imphal, Oct 26:** 11th round meeting of the Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee meeting concludes today at IG AR South Mantripukhri today. The Myanmar delegates was led by Major general Phene Myat, Commander, Northwest Command leader of Myanmar. Indian delegation leader thank the Myanmar delegates for their cordial and constructive engagement during the meeting. During the meeting various issues ranging from border management security, free movement and communication aspect.

According to Indian delegation the commitment made by both sides during the discussion reflected a high degree of cooperation and understanding and also strengthen the ties between the two countries. The meeting also sees hopes to ensure peace and prosperity in the region. The meeting is being organised under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has made significant progress on her 'Act East Policy'. The objective of the policy is to promote economic cooperation, cultural ties and develop strategic relationship with countries in the Asia-Pacific region. North East India has been a priority in the Act East Policy. Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has also formulated the state's own 'Act East Policy'. Being India's gateway to the ASEAN region, Manipur shares close affinity with the region in terms of culture, customs and food habits and is well-connected by air. Manipur's border post at Moreh, on Asian Highway 1 handles 99 percent of formal

overland trade between India and Myanmar. The Indo-Myanmar RBC Meet is a bi annual landmark event which provides opportunities for representatives of Security Forces and Civil establishment of both nations to discuss and resolve crucial issues. The meeting began from October 25 at Mantripukhri Assam Rifles Headquarter.

## Territory of Govijang village still not certain in Indo Myanmar border

**IT News Imphal, Oct 26:** Village chief of Govijang Village in Indo Myanmar border still wander which side of the country his village belongs to. Speaking to a team of All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) who were on their way for rural reporting at Tengnoupal district, the village chief said that in 2015-2016 the India and Myanmar authority had erected the border pillar number 79-8 and

Border Pillar No. 79-9 in the middle of Govijang village. Govijang village on the Indian side of Indo-Myanmar border was inhabited by around 200 people and the villagers live on the Jhoom cultivation and carpentry jobs of the woods from Myanmar. With the installation of the border pillar in the middle of the village, the villagers still are restless on their faith. The Border pillars are installed for border fencing work.

## Donation to Chief Minister's relief fund



**Imphal, Oct. 26:** Jiri College Employee Association donated Rs. 50,000/- to Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to help the flood affected people today. The amount was handed over to Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh at Chief Minister's Secretariat. The Chief Minister thanked the association members for their generosity

## Shiva Thapa, Devendro advance in the 2nd Elite Men's Natl Boxing Champs

**Visakhapatnam, Oct.26:** Assam's Shiva Thapa underlined his class in the Second Elite Men's National Boxing Championship, defeating Tripura's Naveen Kumar 5-0 here on Wednesday. Former World Youth Champion Devendro Singh (Manipur) also eked out a 5-0 victory against Arunachal's Kumar Beyong to advance into the next round. In the 60 kg bout, the onus was on Shiva Thapa to show the way. He began in his typically aggressive way, attacking from the word go I Round 1. The next round saw Naveen land a few punches of his own

but Shiva remained steady and counter-attached with his speed and agility. That put the brakes on Naveen but the bout still went into the third round. By then, however, Naveen had started feeling the heat. Shiva, though, didn't slow his pace down and as the bout eased towards the bell, he even showboated a little. Shiva eventually won the fight unanimously 5-0. In another encounter, Devendro Singh edged past Kumar Beyong even though the referee had to stop the contest in the second round after he got injured through an accidental cut over his

right eye. In a hard-fought clash, Devendro landed significant jabs from the first round itself. One of them even saw Kumar bite the dust. But he shrugged off the fall and got on with the game. In the latter stages of the second round, an attempted hook by Kumar left a deep cut on the former 2012 Summer Olympics quarterfinalist's right eye and brought an end to the contest. But by then Devendro had sealed his win. He was awarded the bout 5-0. "On a given day anyone can win, but I dominated from the start of the bout against this young boxer," said the

injured Devendro after his win. The biggest domestic tournament in Boxing has a formidable field of 309 pugilists and will surely see a few come up the ranks as they rub shoulders with the country's top placed boxers. The foreign coach of the senior national team and Chief Performance Director, Santiago Nieva, agreed: "All boxers I have seen till now have been great but it is too early to say who will earn a call up to the national team. However, a local boy called K Kranthi has caught my eye."

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