

Nation pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 148th birth anniversary

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New Delhi, Oct 2: The nation offers homage to Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 148th birth anniversary today. President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Senior BJP leader L K Advani and other dignitaries visited Rajghat and paid homage to the Father of the nation.

An all religion prayer was also organised at Rajghat. A series of functions are planned to mark the occasion.

Saplings planted at Raj Bhavan

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Imphal, Oct. 2: Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, Forest & Environment Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar along with the faculties and students of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Manipur planted saplings inside the campus of Raj Bhavan today on the occasion of celebrating the National Cleanliness Day.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrated Lungnila Elizabeth School of Social Work, Senapati

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Senapati, Oct 2: As Mr. Narendra Modiji, bow to beloved Bapu on Gandhi Jayanti, for his noble ideals motivating millions across the world. Lungnila Elizabeth School of Social Work (LESSW) commemorated Gandhi Jayanti with a theme 'Clean & Green environment.' LESSW join hands with the nation to keep the environment clean and green.

The Cleaning drive was kicked off by Mr. R. Jacob, Th, Managing Director, LESSW, at 6.30 am in the campus. Faculty, Students and non-teaching staffs participated in the drive. The father of nation was honored with humble example by maintaining the surrounding 'Clean & Green'. Besides, cleaning drive, LESSW students & Faculty installed dustbin at Senapati District Hospital approach road and Zaming Valley, a Picnic Spot & eco-tourist center, situated at Katomei village, Senapati. Gandhi Jayanti, 2nd October 2017 was celebrated remarkably at LESSW campus.



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IMPHAL, Oct. 2: As in other parts of the country, the State government also observed Gandhi Jayanti-the International Day of Non-Violence and National Cleanliness Day today at the Gandhi Memorial Hall, Imphal. The State function was graced by Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla along with Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh, other cabinet ministers and Chief Secretary. The event is celebrated in commemoration of the 148th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation.

Addressing the function, Dr. Heptulla said that the state of cleanliness which is maintained during the observance of the national cleanliness day should be made a regular feature—a way of life. It should not be just a normal observance but a wake-up call for all to maintain high standards of cleanliness in our

National cleanliness day observed

Healthy people make a healthy nation: Dr. Najma A Heptulla

All government initiatives aimed towards human service: CM Biren

homes, workplace, roads, streets and public place. She further said that Mahatma Gandhi – the great soul has always emphasized on cleanliness for a healthy living. Healthy people make a healthy nation. The Mahatma believed in the spiritual purification of body, mind and soul, she observed.

She elaborated that a clean environment is essential for good health which will beget a pure mind. The "Swachh Bharat" initiative taken up by the Central Government is aimed towards this end of keeping the environment clean. All should endeavour to make it a preserving campaign for a good health and mind, she added.

She pointed out that the Swachhta Hi Seva, 'Cleanliness is Service', a campaign which started on 15th September, 2017, concluded today on Gandhi Jayanti. The campaign is an initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



In his address, Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh said that people should not only focus on cleaning their surroundings, but also aim to free their minds of negativity, hatred, enmity, communalism

and corrupt thoughts. He urged the people to maintain harmony, solidarity and peaceful co-existence amongst each other. He also said, "Good thoughts will pave the way to a better

society and lead to progress and development of the nation."

The Chief Minister explained that the fortnight long Swachhta Hi Seva campaign is a way of realising Gandhi's vision for a Clean India.

The Chief Minister also said that the Imphal Evenings which will be launched this evening aims to bring some entertainment avenues for the people. Explaining that the "Imphal Evenings" is an initiative to provide family-oriented evening life to the public, he sought support and cooperation from the public for the successful implementation of the initiatives and programs of the new government.

On the present United Naga Council issue, the Chief Minister said the government has already held talks with the organisation and further reaffirmed that the government is committed to finding solutions to all issues through talks.



Asserting that several welfare schemes for the people are in the pipeline, Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren also said that his government is mulling to introduce an Old-age Pension Scheme through which beneficiaries will be provided Rs 1500/- per month and a Skill Development Training Course for the differently abled.

Chief Minister Biren also asserted that since his government was formed, several potholes had been mended and repaired however, incessant rain over the past few months has resulted in the washing away of the repaired roads.

As part of the function, the Governor led others in offering floral tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. Artists of Shri Shri Bal Mukunda Dev Government Music College also presented an opening song at the start of the function. Other high ranking officials also attended the function.

AMWJU joins nationwide protest against serial killing of journalists

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Imphal, Oct 2: When the nation celebrates non-violence day to mark the 148th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, journalists across the country today staged protest denouncing the serial killing of journalists in the country. Journalists of the state under the aegis of the All Manipur Working Journalist Union also staged a protest demonstration at Keishampat. Members of the AMWJU hold banner condemning the serial killing of journalist across the country.

The Manipur base journalists, while expressing shock over the killing of journalist in the country, appealed safety & security

measures for working journalists as early as possible.

The third case of journalist murder in September itself was reported from Punjab, as senior Journalist KJ Singh, 66, along with his old-age mother Gurcharan Kaur found murdered in his residence at Mohali on Saturday (23 September 2017). Singh, who used to work for The Tribune, The Indian Express and The Times of India in Chandigarh, was found with his throat slit.

Punjab chief minister and veteran Congress leader Captain Amarinder Singh had already ordered to form a special investigate team (SIT) to probe into the dual-murder. He also reiterated his

commitment to maintain the law & order situation in Punjab accordingly.

KJ Singh becomes the eighth journalist murdered in India this year immediately after Shantanu Bhowmik, 29 (killed at Mandai of Tripura on 20 September) and Gauri Lankesh, 55 (shot dead at Bangalore of Karnataka on 5 September).

Prior to them, a Haryana based television journalist (Surender Singh Rana) was shot dead on July 29. The other victims include Kamlesh Jain of Madhya Pradesh (killed on May 31), Shyam Sharma also of MP (15 May), Brajesh Kumar Singh of Bihar (January 3) and Hari Prakash of Jharkhand (

January 2).

India lost six journalists to assailants in 2016, which was preceded by five cases in 2015. The populous country witnessed murders of only two scribes in 2014, but the year 2013 reported as many as 11 journalists' murders, where three northeastern media employees also fall victims to the perpetrators.

The killings of Sujit Bhattacharya (proof reader), Ranjit Chowdhury (manager) and Balaram Ghosh (driver) inside the office premises of Daimit Ganadoot in Agartala broke as sensational news as Tripura had no recent record of journalist murders. So Tripura repeated its shameful record on journo-murder after three years with Shantanu's killing on duty hours.

90% voters favours secession of Catalan from Spain

IT Desk
Imphal, Oct 2: At least 761 people were injured in clashes in Catalonia today amid the referendum on the region's independence from Spain according to report of the AIR. Another agency report said that 90% of the voters voted in favour for a separate Catalonia from Spain. However the voter turnout rate was 42% and the absentee rate was 58% according to Catalan Govt. figures. Of the total 5,343,358 voters only 2,262,424 cast their ballots.

Late on Sunday Catalan premier Carles Puigdemont announced that his government would push ahead with declaration of Independence in the northeastern region in the

coming days. Catalan emergency officials said that 761 people have been injured as police used force to try to block voting in Catalonia's independence referendum.

The Spanish government had pledged to stop a poll that was declared illegal by the country's constitutional court. Spanish riot police fired rubber bullets and forced their way into activist-held polling stations as thousands flooded the streets to vote in an independence referendum. Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont condemned the action of federal police and said the unjustified use of violence by the Spanish state will not stop the will of the Catalan people

One-day legal awareness programme held

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Thoubal, Oct.2: Legal Aid Clinic, Nungouruk in association with District Legal Services Authority Chandel, on Monday organized a one day legal awareness programme on Making People of remote areas more aware about provisions under these Acts and responsibilities of the Manipur State Legal Service Authority (MSLSA) at Molnoi Village community hall in Chandel District. Dargam Khaling graced the program as Moderator respectively, K.Moikham Secretary ATWO Nungouruk delivered the welcome and Keynote address.

Advocate Rakeshwar, Chairperson CWC Imphal West and Advocate G.Pausing attended as the resource person. Topics like "The Roles and responsibilities of Community leaders and Parents for effective implementation of JJA and POCSO Act" and "Overall views on ICPS the components, Services and facilities available under ICPS for vulnerable children" were deliberated by the resource person.

The programme was participated by Village Authority members, women society executives and students of Molnoi Village.

RIMS celebrated Gandhi Jayanti

The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on the theme "Swachh Swasth Jeevan Divas" today. Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh, Medical Superintendent of RIMS Hospital launched the program in the RIMS campus. Many faculty members, officials, Nursing Officials & staff, members of the Centre for Research on Environmental Development (CRED, Imphal, Manipur Security Services (MSS) took part in the program. A cleanliness competition was also held amongst the hospital wards and the prizes will be given to top three hospital wards. On September 15, 2017, the

Director of RIMS, Imphal Prof. A. Santa Singh and the Medical Superintendent of RIMS Hospital, Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh launched a sanitation campaign "Swachhta Hi Seva" which will be observing from 15th Sept., – 2nd October, 2017 in RIMS & RIMS Hospital, Imphal Campus. On 27th Sept., 2017, the Medical Superintendent Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh administered the Collective Swachhta Hi Seva Pledge to all the doctors and staff whereby the institute resolved to create a clean healthy and new RIMS & new India. Addressing the gathering the Medical Superintendent said "Since Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi launched



Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October, 2014, the RIMS & RIMS Hospital, Imphal is taking up this flagship program very seriously. Cleanliness is not the responsibility of only sanitation personnel and government departments; it is a multi-stakeholder national movement." During the campaign, many volunteers & NGOs also took part in the sanitation program.

Not only the staff of the institute, but also the Centre for Research on Environmental Development (CRED, Imphal, Manipur Security Services (MSS), RIMS and 86 Bn. of CRPF, Lamphepat took very important roles in the campaign. Hospital drains, corridors, offices, wards, campuses, approach roads etc. were also cleaned during the 17 days long campaign.