

## KNF(P) cadre arrested

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**Imphal, Sept. 3:** Imphal West police yesterday arrested an active member of KNF(P) identified as Paominthang Kipgen (30), S/o (L) Thenmang Kipgen of Kipgen Veng, Tuibong, Churachandpur district from Khuyathong, Imphal. He reportedly admitted that he along with his associate named Arshat Hangshing of Saparmeina extorted money and mobile phones from truck drivers plying on the NH-2 under the command of S.S Sergeant Major Tiger Kipgen of Mulsang. He joined the outfit in 2015 through one S.S Corporal Satminlun and trained in the same year at Haipiching, Kalapahar.

## MSF organised Social Service camp

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**Imphal, Sept. 3:** A one day social service camp organised by Manipuri Students' Federation (MSF), Jiribam unit was held at Jiribam Higher Secondary School, Jiribam today. More than 60 students of the school took part in the social service camp which aimed at keeping the school campus neat and clean. MSF Jiribam district committee donated seven dustbins to the school.

## Four more Rohingyas found dead at border points in Bangladesh

**By Siam Sarower Jamil Dhaka, Sept 3:** Four more dead bodies of Rohingyas have been found in border areas of Bangladesh near Cox's Bazar and Bandarban as Myanmar continued to target the minority group in a violent "clearance operation". The bodies were found in Howaikyang point of the Naf river in Teknaf and near the Ghundum point at Naikhyanchhari on early Sunday, according to Border Guard Bangladesh. The bodies of at least 54 Rohingya Muslims have been recovered in Bangladesh in the past five days amid the latest wave of refugees fleeing the troubled Rakhine State. Clashes and widespread arson are being reported by victims fleeing the Myanmar army's assault that followed terror attacks on police and army posts by Muslim insurgents last week.

## Modi Cabinet reshuffle; 9 new ministers join; 4 elevated to Cabinet Rank

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Sept 3:** Four junior ministers were today elevated to the cabinet rank and nine new faces, including four former government officers, inducted as Ministers of State, in a rejig by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a focus on his agenda on good governance. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Dharmendra Pradhan, Nirmala Sitharaman and Piyush Goyal, who were all holding independent charge as state ministers, were promoted to the cabinet rank, which is being seen as an acknowledgement of their performance. The new Ministers of State sworn in by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony in the Rashtrapati Bhavan include Virendra Kumar, Anant Kumar Hegde and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, former IAS officers.

Alphons Kannanthanam and R K Singh, former diplomat Hardeep Puri and ex-Mumbai police chief Satyapal Singh. Two other new faces are Ashwini Kumar Choubey, a member of the Lok Sabha from Bihar, and Shiv Pratap Shukla from Uttar Pradesh. All the new ministers are from the BJP as its allies were not part of the exercise. Six ministers of the Union Cabinet had put in their papers, days ahead of the reshuffle. A highlight of the third reshuffle of the Modi cabinet in as many years was the induction of people with proven administrative ability like Puri, R K Singh, Satyapal Singh and Kannanthanam, underlining the Prime Minister's efforts to give a fresh impetus to governance. Kannanthanam and Puri are currently not members of



Parliament and are likely to be elected to the Rajya Sabha within the stipulated six months.

The promotion of Naqvi, Pradhan, Sitharaman and Goyal, who were all Ministers of State with independent charge, is an endorsement of their good performance, official sources said.

As Minister of State for Power, Goyal had initiated a number of reform initiatives to improve health of power distribution companies in states.

Sitharaman's elevation is also seen as a reward to her performance as Minister of State for Commerce.

With his promotion, Naqvi, who is holding charge of Minority and Parliamentary Affairs, will be the lone Muslim face in the cabinet. Pradhan as the Oil Minister is also credited with successfully implementing government's policy in the crucial sector including the initiative to forego subsidised cooking gas voluntarily. The focus of the reshuffle has been who will be given the defence and railways portfolios. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has been holding additional charge of defence since Manohar Parrikar was sent to Goa as the Chief Minister in March. Incumbent Suresh Prabhu

today indicated his exit from Railway Ministry, saying he will cherish memories with "rail family". He had offered to resign on August 23, taking "moral responsibility" for two recent train accidents.

Three of the BJP MPs being inducted — Kumar, Hegde and Shekhawat — are from Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan respectively where Assembly polls are due next year.

While Virendra Kumar represents the Tikamgarh constituency of Madhya Pradesh in the Lok Sabha, Hegde is a five-time Lok Sabha MP from Uttara Kannada in Karnataka. Shekhawat represents Jodhpur seat in the Lower House.

Former Home Secretary R K Singh is a first time MP from Ararah in Bihar.

While Shukla is a Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh, Choubey has been elected to the Lok Sabha from Buxar in Bihar. Satya Pal Singh is a Lok Sabha MP from Baghpur in Uttar Pradesh and a former Maharashtra-cadre IPS officer of the 1980 batch.

Kannanthanam was known as the 'Demolition Man' for having ordered razing of thousands of illegal constructions when he was heading the Delhi

Development Authority. Hardeep Singh Puri, 65, is a 1974-batch of the Indian Foreign Service and has served as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2009 to 2013.

Known for his experience and expertise in foreign policy and national security, he is the president and chairman of think-tank Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and was the vice president of the International Peace Institute, New York. The selection of nine new names for ministership has been done by Modi keeping in view the '4 Ps' — passion, proficiency, professional and political acumen, to deliver on his vision of a new India, official sources said.

## 'Locky Ransomware'

**AIIR**  
**New Delhi, Sept. 3:** The government has issued an alert on spread of new malware 'Locky Ransomware' that can lock computers and demand ransom for unlocking them.

Electronics and IT Additional Secretary Ajay Kumar tweeted that an alert regarding spam spreading Locky Ransomware was issued by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team yesterday.

Ransomware is a malicious software and the Locky Ransomware is learnt to be demanding ransom of half bitcoin, which at present rate is equivalent to over 1.5 lakh rupees. The alert, issued on Cyber Swachhata Kendra, said it has been reported that a new wave of spam mails is circulating with common subject lines to spread variants of Locky Ransomware.

## 2 Days Library Awareness Programme held

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**Imphal, Sept. 3:** A two days Library Awareness Programme sponsored by Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) organised jointly by Manipur Library Association (MALA) and Kakching Khunou Athletics and Cultural Organisation (KACO) was held at Kakching Khunou Community Hall, Kakching Khunou.

The awareness programme was attended by various organisation and students. The awareness programme stressed on the importance and role of Library in building a developed knowledge society. Resource persons Dr. Ch. Ibohah Singh, Associate Professor DLIS, MU, H. Rajendra Singh, Library and Information Officer, NEILIT, Imphal, K. Chaoba Singh, President, MALA, Senior

Librarian Govt. Polytechnic, Takyel, L. Sabita Devi, Librarian Manipur Public School, Dr. S. Sophiarani Devi, Librarian, JNIMS and Kh. Achouba Singh, Retd. HM Kakching Khunou Chekshapat High School speaks on topics such as Role of Library in Knowledge Society and Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Library Management.

## Lambui High School inaugurated

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**Imphal, Sept 3:** Ramva/Lambui High School, constructed under RMSA was inaugurated on 2nd September 2017 by K Leishiyu, Parliamentary Secy, PHED, P&S, Horticulture and Soil Conservation in the presence of SP Mashungam & Mr Khayinghor, ADC members. Speaking on the occasion, Leishiyu laid stress on the importance of proper maintenance and management of the school infrastructures provided by the government. He also appeals the students to set clear goals in life and to pursue the same wholeheartedly. The inaugural function was attended by



LMMakaohei Singh- ZEO Ukhrul, Lungshim Horam-Principal Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Lambui, Major Sridhar and Captain Sagar of Assam Rifles Lambui Post, Wungnaoyoo- Headman

Ramva and other dignitaries. The village headman expressed gratitude to the state government for providing the much needed infrastructure while Major Sridhar gave his assurance of

providing assistance in teaching Mathematics, Science and Hindi to the students on seeing the shortage of teachers for these subjects.

The Parliamentary Secretary also inspected JNV School Lambui where he interacted with the principal and his staffs. He also inspected the ongoing construction of NEC funded rainwater harvesting scheme scheduled to be completed in April 2017 and below the whole activity below the specifications and unsatisfactory. He appeals to the contractors and others involved to act responsibly for the welfare and in the interest of the public.

## Sri Sri Ravi Shankar wants to protect 'indigenous communities' in North East; many wary of intent

**By: Rajeev Bhattacharyya Guwahati, Sept. 3:** The Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has now joined hands with a faction of the pro-talks United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) for a brainstorming session in Guwahati whose goal is to stitch an alliance of all "indigenous communities" in the North East.

Leaders of many indigenous outfits across all the seven states in the region will converge at the conclave, scheduled for 6-7 September at Sankardeva Kalakshetra in the city. Ravi Shankar chips in as the founder of International Association for Human Values which has partly sponsored the event. He will deliver the keynote speech at the programme after the welcome address by ULFA general secretary Anup Chetia. Chetia said that more than a thousand delegates were expected to turn up at the programme that will explore "ways and means" to protect the identity and interests of all native groups in the North East.

"We would all like to connect and there is an increasing need for all indigenous communities and their allies to voice their views in a common platform and to reach out to a wider audience," said Chetia. He clarified that only a few functionaries of ULFA were involved in the programme. A committee has been formed to ensure participation of as many communities as possible in the region.

Coordinators and their deputies have been appointed in every state to draw up a list of local groups, civil society organisations and their senior functionaries. The coordinators are expected to call on the important and senior leaders for giving the invitation.

Reactions began to pour in after posts appeared on Facebook giving details about the event. Many of them were critical about the involvement of Ravi Shankar with the programme while others questioned why the The Art of Living founder had never raised his voice on the burning issues of Assam. A section of overground ULFA functionaries had been equally upset over engaging the

spiritual leader in the event. The answer for Ravi Shankar's association lies in the funds that International Association for Human Values has contributed for the event.

"His (Ravi Shankar) organisation has agreed to provide funds for the event. We have also managed to gather an amount on our own but that was not sufficient to meet the expenses of the two-day event," Chetia said. A few Guwahati based persons associated closely with Ravi Shankar's organisations and who have also been entrusted with tasks for the forthcoming event refused to comment but explained that a press conference would soon be held.

Ravi Shankar's participation at the event in Guwahati comes close on the heels of a highly publicised ceremony in Manipur on 14 August when as many as 68 militants surrendered before Chief Minister N Biren Singh. The surrender, billed as the outcome of "efforts" by The Art of Living to bring peace to the troubled areas in the North East, has raised eyebrows among a section of journalists and bureaucrats.

Ravi Shankar's website which is replete with photographs of the ceremony proudly proclaims, "...many groups opened up and their intermediaries have met Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar several times in Bengaluru and Manipur and stayed in touch with his emissaries. The confidence-building measures initiated by Gurudev played a major role in changing the hearts and mind of the cadres." Years ago, Ravi Shankar had also put in efforts to bring ULFA chief of staff Paresh Baruah to the negotiating table and had also spoken to the rebel chief on a couple of occasions.

Baruah, who has a Red Corner notice against him and one of the most wanted men in the country, is believed to be staying at a camp along the Sino-Myanmar border.

In the past decade or so, The Art of Living Foundation has carved out a vast network in the North East, especially Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, and its list of disciples include several bureaucrats and businessmen.

Courtesy: The First Post

## Arunachal Pradesh Ministers, MLAs to sponsor IAS aspirants

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 3:** In a very positive development and a boost for the youths of Arunachal Pradesh, elected representatives of the state have agreed to sponsor two brightest poor graduates from each assembly constituency from their MLA LAD Fund under 'MLAs/MPs IAS Coaching Scholarship' scheme set up for the purpose. The initiative was taken up by

Robin Hibu, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police after detailed suggestions were given to the MLAs, Ministers and MPs. The selected meritorious aspirants will undergo coaching at ALS IAS Institute, Delhi or at Regional Institute at Itanagar. Robin Hibu also met Arunachal Ministers Bamang Felix, Alo Libang and MLAs Techhi Kaso, Tage Takiand few others at Delhi.