

The world pay homage to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee; mortal remian reach Smriti Sthal for funeral rites



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The mortal remains of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has reached Smriti Sthal for the funeral rites. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the funeral procession from BJP headquarters to Smriti Sthal. Mr Modi along with BJP President Amit Shah, host of cabinet Ministers, many Chief Ministers and other leaders walked alongside the casket. Thousands of people joined the procession along the route till Smriti Sthal, where the mortal remains will be consigned to flames.

A huge crowd of people showered petals at the procession and jostled to get a glimpse of the departed leader. People chanted the slogan "Jab Tak Suraj Chand Rahega, Atal Ji Ka Naam Rahega" and "Atal Ji Amar Rahe". Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Chief Ministers of Chattisgarh,

Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and others prominent leaders also arrived at Smriti Sthal for the funeral. 93 year old Vajpayee, passed away at AIIMS in New Delhi last evening after a prolonged illness.

The US, Russia and Japan today condole the demise of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The American Embassy in New Delhi in a statement said, the US grieves with India on the loss of the former prime minister. It said, the veteran leader will be remembered for his immense contribution in bolstering US-India relations. It said, the US mission in India extends its deepest condolences to the family of Vajpayee and the citizens of India.

Ambassador of Russia to India Nikolay Kudashev said, Russia mourns the death of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a great statesman. The envoy said, Vajpayee's name became an integral part of a whole era in Indian politics.

Japanese envoy to India Kenji Hiramatsu said, he is deeply saddened by the passing away of the great leader. Hailing Vajpayee as one of the most inspiring world leaders, the envoy said the upswing in India-Japan relations was only possible by the initiatives started by the former Indian prime minister. The envoy said, the demise of such a great leader is a great loss not only to India but also to Japan and other part of Asia as well as the entire international community.

Shyamkumar condoles

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Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar condoled the demise of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. In a statement Shyamkumar wrote, "With his death, we have lost a true leader and a great statesman, who won over million hearts"

SSUM says , Sanahal already relieved from the presidentship

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Socialist Students Union of Manipur (SSUM) in a statement today said that Nongthombam Sanahal, who hold the post of President of the students body had already relieve from the post of the president after his family member requested the students' body on August 10 and following his removal, Vice President Sarajiam Yaima has been taking charge of the President.

The SSUM statement said that the matter relating to Nongthombam Sanahal had

been made public through media on August 15 by announcing that Nongthombam Sanahal has no relation with the students' body. It appealed the government not to connect with the student body while arresting him to malign the image of SSUM. The SSUM statement said that if the allegation levelled against Sanahal by the state government will be looked upon to find out the truth. If the allegations are set up one then SSUM threaten serious democratic agitation besides taking the help of Judiciary.

Locally made household sanitary products Launched Huge money drained away from poor state to meet daily requirements: Dr Dabhali

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When we analyse the products which the Manipur people use from morning to night, there is hardly any product made by ourselves. A huge amount of money has been drained away from the economically backward state to meet the daily requirements of essential items, said Dr Dhabali Thangjam, MD, Babina Healthacare & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.

Three new household sanitary products - Yumbi phenyl, Konshine and Cleanext manufactured by The Lois, Manipur, Leimaram was formally launched today at Manipur Press club, Manipur Times shopping hoisted the programme.

Attending the event as chief guest, Dr Dhabali Thangjam, MD, Babina Healthacare & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd said that the state depends on others for every essential items being used in the state from the morning rise to night sleep, resulting to draining away a huge amount of money from the poor state. If more entrepreneurs are coming up, such money drain can be curbed down thereby boosting up the state economy.

While lauding the Lois Manipur for its courageous venture, Dr Dhabali said, competition with the outside brands/ multi national companies which had already dominated the local markets is not an easy task for the local entrepreneurs.

"We need to capture the local



market first. For it, we need to maintain quality in our products, followed by Price competition plus wide publicity," Dhabali maintained.

He observed that coming out of more success entrepreneurs will also help solve the unemployment problem, the biggest headache of the state. Dr. Keshorjit Shorokhaibam, MIMS, MU, Business Adviser of Manipur Times Shopping who graced the

function as president said the biggest challenge the local entrepreneurs in the state is marketing. Almost costumers want the "best quality brand with the cheapest price". Success of local entrepreneurs depend on the people of the state. We often talk of patriotism or nationalism, but no one is ready to support the local entrepreneurs and use the products made by them. Cooperation and interdependent among us is

the need of the hour. If all the people in the state are ready to use the locally made products, our entrepreneurs who are facing market problem will succeed in their venture. Local entrepreneurs should not be considered as profit making. The thing which we should value is their "service". When we support them, they will contribute to the state after sometime, Dr Keshorjit said adding that Entrepreneurs are the parameter which decide the national development. Naorem Prabin, IAS DC Imphal west said lauded the local entrepreneurs for their venture against all odds. He advised the local entrepreneurs to maintain quality in their products so as to attract more costumers. Local entrepreneurs may face hurdles in their initial stage but they will enjoy the fruit of such hurdles someday. When the "Make in Manipur" venture is successful, the state will no longer be poor, he said while urging the people to support the locally made products.

Heavy rains and floods continue to batter Kerala

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Heavy rain and floods continue to lash Kerala, triggering landslides and stranding people across the state. The Centre has deployed all three wings of

the armed forces in a massive rescue operation. A red has been issued in all the 14 districts. Thousands have been shifted to relief camps.

At least 59 people have been killed in the last 24 hours taking the death toll

to 103 in a week. Most numbers of deaths are reported from Thrissur, Malappuram, Kannur, Idukki and Palakkad due to landslides. Rail, air, road traffic has been hit and the Kochi Airport will continue to be closed till 26 August.

AR arrest drug peddlers

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Personals of 12 Assam Rifles arrest two drug peddlers along with 4960 piece of WY tablets at Khudenthabi yesterday afternoon.

Report said that the drugs were hidden in the seat of a two wheeler Kenbo bike where the two drug peddlers came from Indo Myanmar Border town Myanar towards Imphal.

The two drug peddlers are identified as Jangkhangam Touthang (52yrs) S/o: Jongkhangam Touthang from T. Bongmol Village- Tegnoupal District. Both were reported handed over to Moreh Police station along with the seized drugs for further investigation and procedures.

KSA to continue its agitation for protection of the Indigenous People

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Regarding the demand for reservation of seats for the indigenous people while contesting election in the 8 Assembly constituencies of Manipur, the Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) today stated that government has silence to all the agreement it reached with the KSA.

"We will now continue the agitation until the demand are fulfilled", a statement signed by N. Chetan, President of KSA said.

The Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh had assured the representatives of the KSA to take up all the needful in filtering out the illegal migrants from the voter lists of the Eight Assembly Constituencies viz. - Thangmeiband, Sagolband, Uripok, Kangpokpi, Sugnu, Bishnupur, Wangkhei and Jiribam and also assured to urge the central government for reservation of seats in the said constituencies for the indigenous people of the state. The Chief Minister also

assured the KSA to direct the DCs concerns to look into the matter within three months during the agreement reached on August 25 of 2017 however, even after a year nothing on the issue has been seen taken up by the government, the KSA statement said.

The demands of the KSA are reservation of the mentioned 8 assembly constituencies for indigenous people while contesting for election, to set up a commission for update of the NRC, to enclose a provision that the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 will not be implemented in North Eastern States, to remove the Angami, Ralte, Sema, Simte, Sute from the ST list of the state and to replace the so call Kacha Naga, Any Mizo and the any Kuki tribe by the name of the community.

The statement further said that Article 29 of the Indian Constitution guarantees preservation of culture of the minority. However no authorities are seen taking the matter seriously as the present day Manipur is being engulfed by the outsiders.

In Article 21 (1) (d) (e) all citizens of the country are guaranteed the right to free movement in any part of the country as well as right to residence. However, as per article 19 (5) of the Indian Constitution the state can make laws for the interest of its people. The KSA questioned the government on whether it is the need of the hour to frame a legislation for protection of the people of the state.

As per the "Representation of the people Act 1950" voters registered can be done in three criteria. The voter should be a citizen of India, should be 18 years of age and should be from the assembly constituency where he or she is being registered. However due to insincerity of some people who are taking advantage of the condition voters are added from backdoors which result the rise of outsiders in Kangleipak, the statement said. It added that what is fearing most is the statement of Minister of State , Home Govt. of India Kiren Rijju during monsoon session of the Parliament on July 26,

2018 at which he stated that all those Hindu Bangladesh who entered the country till 2014 will be considered as Legal and the statement by the Chief Election Commissioner on August 1 regarding the NRC of Assam in NDTV which he stated that even though if a person is included in voter list no matter he comes under the NRC or not he can exercise his franchise created apprehension to the indigenous people. The KSA said Manipur need to formulate a process like NRC to filter out the illegal migrants and added that the KSA welcomes the statement of the vice president of BJP Om Mathur which stated that NRC will be implemented across the country. It said that the KSA had already demanded to establish a Manipur State Population Control Board (MSPC). The KSA also expressed apprehension on the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016. The KSA statement also elaborated on the condition adopted by the Meghalaya Govt. for protection of its citizens.