

IGAR (S) calls on Chief Minister



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Major General Virendra Singh, VSM, Head of Assam Rifles in Manipur, IGAR(S) Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) along with the IG Designate, Major General KP Singh, YSM called on Chief Minister N Biren Singh yesterday. The IGAR(S) is responsible for ensuring security as well as for countering insurgency in the Manipur state. The Inspector General met on the occasion of relinquishing his command to the incoming General Officer, Major General K P Singh, YSM. During the meeting the General Officers discussed the security and

law and order situation in the state with the Chief Minister and assured him of the Assam Rifles commitment to working towards bringing lasting peace in the region. General Virender Singh, while conveying the unstinted support of his forces for ensuring the well being of the state, emphasized on the fact that a vast majority of the Assam Rifles are from in and around Manipur. Being sons of the soil themselves, they are passionately contributing towards advancement of the state in their own sphere of work. Besides assisting the civil administration in maintaining peace, they are mainly focussed on empowering the children,

women and youth of the state to attain financial sustainability and a secure future. The Assam Rifles is also making a concerted effort towards harnessing the immense talent available in the state in an array of different sporting activities and in the field of art and literature. This is being done by providing them with guidance, counselling, training and suitable platforms to showcase their talent. The close coordination and interaction between the State Government and Security Forces was highlighted and well appreciated by both the Chief Minister and the Military Generals.

Democracy, Constitution under threat: Arundhati Roy

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Civil society members condemn crackdown on activists; bid to divert attention, says Arundhati Roy. Following nationwide crackdown on rights activists on Tuesday, civil society members and prominent citizens on Thursday said that **democracy** and Constitution is "under threat". Speaking at an event held at the Press Club of India, author Arundhati Roy said, "This is an attempt to divert attention from the losing popularity that the BJP is facing right now and to fracture Opposition unity. This means we are living in a dangerous time and there will be a ruthless and continuous attempt to divert attention from the loss of popularity. Divide and rule is an old method but now it is divert and rule."

Defines 'crime'

"To belong to a minority is a crime, to be murdered is a crime, to be lynched is a crime, to be poor is a crime and to defend the poor is a plot to overthrow the government. By such arrests, in effect, they are isolating lakhs of people as these activists are the representatives of those people," she added.

"The current scenario is a coup against the Constitution, which is potentially more dangerous than the Emergency. This is an attempt to overturn the Constitution. This is in order to declare that it is a Hindu *rashtra* and all those who do not agree with this majoritarian point of view will be criminalised," said Ms. Roy.

Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani said, "The arrests seem like a combination of undeclared



Emergency, fascism and the Gujarat model. Every person who opposes the ideology of the ruling dispensation and those who fight for the rights of the people are being terrorised. Their second attempt is to discredit the Dalit movement and Dalit assertions. This is not a war that activists have waged on the State but rather one which the State itself has started."

Mr. Mevani added, "Theories about the Prime Minister's assassination are being floated to create sympathy for Narendra Modi before the 2019 elections. This is an attempt to divert attention from real and concrete issues like demonetisation, GST, farmer suicides and so on. However, we will not get terrorised and shall carry nationwide rallies to make our voices heard."

Rights at stake

Stating that the current situation is that of a "constitutional breakdown and failure of the rule of law", activist and Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) founder Aruna Roy said,

"Today there is maladministration and failure of respect to the **Constitution**. The right to freedom of expression is decreasing constantly and this is dangerous for a democracy. It is an indication to all those who speak for the rights of Dalits, Adivasis and others, that if you speak up, action will be taken against you as well."

"Is it a sin to speak up for the rights of the poor and the deprived? A situation is being created where those on the margins are being suppressed. It is time for every citizen to stand up for their rights at this hour," she said.

'A conspiracy'

Terming the raids as a conspiracy against those who stand for the rights of the minorities, Dalits and others, senior advocate Prashant Bhushan said the arrests indicated that human rights, democracy and the Constitution were at stake. "What we are seeing in the country today is an attack and torture on Dalits, Adivasis and

minorities. First you attack these sections and then you attack the ones who stand up for the rights of these very people," he said. "Lynch mobs have been let loose and cases are being registered against those who have been attacked. Whoever stands up for human rights, opposes the government and advocates the rights of people is termed as 'Urban Naxal'," said Mr. Bhushan.

Systematic fear

Safai Karamchari Andolan founder Bezawada Wilson said, "This is an attack on our fundamental rights and the State is creating a systematic fear among the people. What is wrong if the Dalits came together to celebrate at Bhima Koregaon? Today we are forced to think twice before we speak. While on one hand, they want everyone to stand during the National Anthem, on the other hand why can they not respect the Constitution? This is not the way to run the country. The Prime Minister has to take a call and listen to the people."

Aug 23 joint declaration for Nagas of Manipur only, says Naga Hoho prez

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The fall out among the Naga Hoho leadership over the joint declaration made by its president and the UNC on the Naga political issue continue to drag on. On Thursday, Naga Hoho president, Chuba Ozukum claimed that the joint statement declared on August 23 at Senapati was made solely for the people of Manipur considering the demands of the situation and political scenario and not for any other Naga areas within and outside Nagaland.

In an open letter to Naga Hoho general secretary, Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, and information and publicity secretary, C Daipao, Ozukum said the joint

declaration was not a unilateral decision as accused of but signed in the presence of vice president (admn) HK Zhimomi, vice president (political), Samson Remei, assembly secretary, K Elu Ndag and cultural & customary affairs secretary, Mhonchumo Lotha.

The open letter which was appended by HK Zhimomi, Samson Remei and Mhonchumo Lotha besides Ozukum said the Senapati declaration was made in the best interest of Nagas in Manipur in presence of hundreds of people from different walks of life and all stakeholders. It also termed as 'beyond comprehension' and 'against the stand of the Southern Nagas' that Naga Hoho information & publicity secretary, C.

Daipao, who hails from Poumai tribe would be questioning its president for signing the declaration, while adding that this issue would be left to the wisdom of UNC and its federating units to decide on the matter.

Assam Rifles continue social service; conducts Career Guidance , Community meeting and planted trees

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In order to create awareness about career options available in the defence forces, a motivational lecture and career guidance was organised by Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) at Oriental College and Imphal college on 30th August. Approximately 200 Students from Oriental College and 180 students from Imphal college alongwith their teaching staff attended the lecture wherein students were informed regarding the glorious history and traditions of the Indian Army, types of entries/commission in the Indian army through NDA, CDSE, OTA, Technical Graduate entry scheme , its examinations and the selection procedure and life in Olive greens in general. To further clarify the modalities, an interactive session was also held after the lecture where the queries of students were answered. The college faculty and students appreciated the earnest endeavor of the Battalion and requested for more such interactions in future for



benefit of youth.

More Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) also conducted a lecture on "Community Security Meeting" at Chongjang village, Tengnoupal district on 30th August. A total of 10 villagers attended the lecture. The meeting was held to discuss issues of mutual importance and benefits for the security of all communities in the villages and society. All the villagers were satisfied by the discussion and unanimously desired such a meeting to be a regular feature,

since it promotes mutual understanding and friendly relations between the Assam Rifles and the local populace. At the end, the villagers were served with tea and snacks as refreshments.

On the other hand, Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted Vanmahostav drive on 30th August. The event was organised by Upper Khoripok Company Operating Base at village LairamPhunka in an endeavour to reiterate the importance of forests and the preservation of the

ecosystem. The Company Commander briefed the villagers about importance of plantation and urged them to plant more saplings to avoid the failure of the ecosystem resulting in a tragedy like the recent Kerala floods which in turn caused immense damage to men and material. The event was attended by 60 villagers including ladies and children. Total of 100 saplings were planted. The Village Chief Secretary and all villagers wholeheartedly thanked Assam Rifles for enlightening them about ill effects of deforestation and pledged in preserving the environment.

Article 35A: SC adjourns hearing to January 2019

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The Supreme Court, on Friday, adjourned to second week of January 2019, the hearing on petitions challenging constitutional validity of Article 35 A.

The Court said it would wait for the panchayat polls to get over in December as both the Jammu and Kashmir government and the Centre had submitted to the SC that hearing it now would create a law and order problem.

Any debate and discussion on Article 35 A has direct repercussions on law and order in J-K, the State told SC.

"Let the elections take place. We are told, there is a law and order problem," said the Supreme Court. "Do not want to precipitate matter when elections are due," added Justice Chandrachud. The local body polls are set to be held in 8 phases, beginning in September.

Name changed

I, the undersigned, **Thoudam Sharat Singh**, of Toubul, Bishnupur, Bishnupur district, Manipur do hereby declare that, I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of old name **Thoudam Sharatchandra Singh** as I have assumed my new name **Thoudam Sharat Singh**.

Sd/-
Thoudam Sharat Singh

DOB changed

I, The undersigned, **Ningthoujam Bishwarjit Singh**, do hereby declare that, my son **Ningthoujam Malem Singh**, whose date of birth is 02/05/2013, has been wrong recorded to the Birth Certificate issued by the Imphal Municipal Council as 02/05/2011. That, my son's real date of Birth is 02/05/2013 and not as mentioned in the certificate provided in the birth certificate issued by IMC.

Sd/-
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