

Angry protester shutdown Imphal Moreh route at Usoipokpi area

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Large number of angry protesters came out at National Highway 102 today morning and block road protesting alleged extra judicial killing of Md. Abdul Gafar @ Sahit (36years) son of Babu Macha of Lilong Usoipokpi Makha, after he was alleged pick up combined team of 20AR and Thoubal District Commando. A protester talking to media said that Md. Abdul Gafar is a civilian and had been living life by working as Auto driver. He was picked up at around 2am today by combined troop of CDO and AR from his residence at



Usoipokpi Makha. He was later found this morning at JNIMS Morgue. He is survived by 5 children – 2 daughters and 3 sons. As per

statement of the deceased wife the security force did not provided any arrest memo at the time he was picked up. Local protester

threatened intense agitations if those involved in the killing of Md. Abdul Gafar is not punished as per the law of the land.

Jammu and Kashmir to come under President's rule from midnight today

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President Ram Nath Kovind signed the proclamation paving the way for imposition of central rule in the State. President's rule will come into force in Jammu and Kashmir from Thursday, after expiry of six months of Governor's rule, an official order said on Wednesday. President Ram Nath Kovind signed the proclamation paving the way for imposition of Central rule in the State which was placed under Governor's rule on June 20 after the BJP withdrew support to the PDP

government led by Mehbooba Mufti.

The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the decision on Monday after Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik sent a report recommending imposition of President's Rule in the State. After the proclamation, the powers of the Legislature of the State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament.

Since the State has a separate Constitution, in such cases, six months of Governor's rule is compulsory under Article 92 of the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution, under which all

the legislature powers are vested with the Governor. The Governor on November 21 dissolved the 87-member State Assembly after the PDP, supported by the Congress and their arch rivals National Conference, had staked claim to form the government. Simultaneously, the two-member People's Conference led by Sajjad Lone had also staked claim to form a government with 25 members of the BJP and other 18 unknown members.

The Governor had dissolved the Assembly citing horse trading and lack of stability to form a government as the reasons

Allahabad HC dismisses plea for namaz at Ayodhya disputed site, fines petitioner Rs 5 lakh

Agency
Lucknow Dec 20,

The Allahabad High Court Thursday rejected a petition seeking permission to offer 'namaz' at the disputed site in Ayodhya while imposing a fine of Rs 5 lakh on the petitioner saying the appeal was filed for "cheap publicity".

Justices DK Arora and Alok Mathur of the Lucknow bench of the high court passed the order on the petition of Al-Rahman Trust, which had requested the court to give permission to offer namaz at the disputed site. The court termed the petition as an attempt to gain "cheap publicity" and imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on the petitioner. The court directed District Magistrate Faizabad to realise the fine amount if it is not deposited by the Trust.

Calcutta High Court allows Amit Shah's rath yatras in Bengal

Agency
New Delhi Dec 20,

In a major setback to the Mamata Banerjee-led government, the Calcutta High Court on Thursday allowed the West Bengal BJP to hold its proposed rath yatras, which was scheduled to be flagged off by party chief Amit Shah, across the state. The court also directed the administration to ensure that there is no breach of law and order. Laying down a set of conditions to avoid trouble, the single bench of Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty said the yatras must not cause any inconvenience to the public and must be peaceful in nature. Besides, the state police must be prepared 12 hours in advance. **Read in Bangla.** The BJP has

welcomed the verdict, calling it a "victory of democracy". "It is a victory of democracy and the people of West Bengal. It is a defeat of those who are murdering democracy here. The state government without any reason had said that this Rath Yatra will deteriorate the law and order situation here. The court has rejected this theory and said it is the duty of the administration to ensure law and order and directed it to provide adequate security to all three of our rallies. The court has asked us to conduct the rallies peacefully and we will abide by that. The court has also directed us to inform respective district administrations 12 hours prior to our yatras entering those districts. We welcome

this verdict," said state BJP vice-president Joy Prakash Majumdar who was present at the hearing. Justice Chakraborty had given BJP lawyers 15 minutes to make their final argument and the state government 10 minutes to present their counter-argument before delivering the verdict. The saffron party had moved the court on Monday after the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) government had denied it permission, for the second time, to hold the yatras. Despite holding a meeting with the party leaders last week, the government had on Saturday said, in a letter to BJP, that it would not be able to grant permission to take out the rallies due to law and order concerns.

Three new medical colleges to be set up in Kokrajhar, Nalbari and Tinsukia

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Guwahati Dec 20,

Assam will have three new medical colleges, state Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Wednesday. Addressing the media, he said the three medical colleges will be set up at Kokrajhar, Nalbari and Tinsukia in the next three years. Each new medical college with 100 seats for medical education

will have 500-bed capacity, he said. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will lay the foundation stone for the new colleges in January. At present there are six medical colleges in Assam: Gauhati Medical College, Assam Medical College, Silchar Medical College, Tezpur Medical College, Jorhat Medical College and Barpeta Medical College. These six

colleges together have 726 MBBS seats. Apart from the three proposed colleges, four medical colleges are under construction at Dhubri, Lakhimpur, Nagaon and at Diphu, which will together have 400-student capacity. After completion of all the medical colleges, Assam will have 1,426 seats for medical students, the minister said.

Maring Activist Memorial Stone Unveiled



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Pallel, Dec. 20:

The memorial stone of Meshangkhum Makunga Maring, a revered Maring figure associated has been unveiled at Laiching Meipou village, Pallel in Chandel district today. The memorial stones were unveiled by MNBA Finance Secretary Rev Y. Modarshim Makunga Maring and Moderate by T. Kobin, Church Secretary LMBC. Social Activities of (L) Meshangkhum Makunga Maring are Laiching Meipou Village Mantri Since 1957 till his last breath, Executive Member of Maring Racial Association

1954-1964, Committee of Maring Naga Market of Khangshim Bazar in 1971-1975, Executive Member of Uparap Maring Naga Assembly 1973-1975, Committee Member Electoral Revision Protest Committee 1981, Maring Naga Tribe Representative invited to New Delhi 26th January 1979 & Representative invited at Imphal for The Republic Day Celebration in 1990 and Representative of Maring Naga Tribe at Panchayati Raj Samelan at Kolkata Salt Lake, ect. President of Maring Uparap Assembly (MUA) L. Modun Charanga talking to reporter, Always a Proud moment in the life of Late Meshangkhum

Makunga one of the pioneer of the Maring Uparap Assembly who dedicate and relentless Services for the welfare of the Maring Tribe. He was a true social worker, he love to help peoples, always thing for the Society Development, Modun said. During the programme, Local Pastor Mr. D. Kodang Released a Souvenir and Family Member of (L) Meshangkhum Makunga Maring delivered a short speech. The programme was also attended by Founder Secretary of SEMCO Rev. W. Roel, President of All Laiching Action Committee T. Kothang and Chairman of Laiching Meipou Village Authority Ch. Angdar.

Mamata Pours Cold Water on Rahul-for-PM Call, Says Discussions Only After 2019 Polls

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Kolkata Dec 20

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has said the issue of opposition prime ministerial candidate could be discussed after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Her comments came in the backdrop of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) president M K Stalin's proposal to announce Congress chief Rahul Gandhi as the opposition's prime

ministerial candidate. "It could be discussed only after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, once the opposition alliance emerged winners. All (opposition) parties will meet and decide on the issue. We will accept that," Banerjee said on Wednesday. Asked whether she was one of the contenders for the job, the Trinamool Congress supremo said, "This is not the time to discuss this issue. And I am not alone. We are

working together. We are solidly together," she said. The TMC earlier said announcing prime ministerial candidate now would be premature would as it would divide the Opposition camp. On reports of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Samajwadi Party (SP) coming together for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls without the Congress, Banerjee said, "This is very good. It is local compulsion. We appreciate that."

British-National Raped Near Goa's Palolem Beach, Accused on the Run

Agency
Panaji Dec. 20,

A 48-year-old British tourist was allegedly raped by an unidentified man while she was walking towards a beach in Goa on Thursday. The incident took place around 4 am in Canacona town, located about 100 km from Panaji. The survivor had been walking towards Palolem beach in South Goa district when she was accosted,

police inspector Rajendra Prabhudesai told PTI. She was also robbed of her belongings by the man who fled after committing the crime, he said. "The woman complained to the police that while she was walking from the Canacona railway station towards the beach, an unidentified person forcibly took her to a roadside where he raped her," he said.

The survivor was returning from Thivim station, in a North Goa district, after her train to Canacona got delayed. "The accused, who saw the woman walking alone, pushed her to a paddy field on the roadside near a telecom company's office. He first hit her in the eyes, due to which her vision blurred for a few minutes, and then raped her," the police official said quoting

the complaint. The police are now on the lookout for the accused, who fled with survivor's bags. According to Prabhudesai, some suspects from the area have been rounded up. The survivor has been regularly visiting Goa for the past 10 years, police said. Canacona taluka in South Goa is a tourist hub with popular beaches like Agonda and Palolem.