

PLA's hand reaches Tinsukia, 2 cadres killed in encounter

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Imphal, Feb 2: Rebel group Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), which have its origin here in the state of Manipur is spreading its network in the entire North Eastern states of India by building up good relationship with other rebel bodies operating at various part of the region. A highly placed source told Imphal Times that the army wing of the RPF called People's Liberation Army (PLA) strike an ambushed to a convoy of 13 Assam Rifles in Tinsukia district of Assam. The source added that cadres of the United Liberation front of Asom (ULFA) a major rebel group operating in Assam waging war against the government of India to liberate Assam from India also assisted the PLA cadres in the attacked to the Assam Rifles trooper.

Report said that the encounter between the 13 AR troopers and the combined team of the PLA and ULFA took place at Kanubari Village of Tinsukia district of Assam on February 1. At the moment casualty on the part of the AR troopers could not be known but two rebel cadres were killed during the encounter.

The two deceased has been identified as Meitham Khamba of Jiribam Ningthem Khumou Maning Leikai of Manipur, a lance corporal of PLA and Manab Deori @maniram, a Private of the ULFA.

On the other hand report from the Security force said that troops of 13 AR conducted search operation at A Shankopani village in Tinsukia located in between Kharsang and Nampai 1 after getting specific information about the presence of 3 cadres of CorCOM at around 7 am today. The security force report said that as the AR troopers approached to the area the rebel group fired upon them. On retaliation 2 of the rebel were killed on the spot, another managed to escape, it added.

Based on specific input provided regarding presence of 3 CorCOM cadres in gen A Shankopani vill The AR troopers claimed to have recover 1 pistol Beretta, 1 pistol Block with magazines and a bag containing Grenades. More troopers reinforced and conducted search operation till late evening today.

Finally Nagaland BJP unit has decided to file candidates in the upcoming state election

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Imphal, Feb 2: Nagaland State BJP Unit has finally taken the decision to contest the upcoming assembly poll even though it had earlier decided to stay off the election following unanimous decision of 12 political parties not to go for poll.

NSCN-IM and other civil society organisation supporting the settlement of the Indo-Naga Crisis had boycotted the Nagaland Election demanding solution to the Indo-Naga issue before the election. Some civil bodies had even called total shut down in the state yesterday however, was partially succeeded as many are against such boycott called.

The BJP had suspended two of its member for aligning the resolution for differing of the state Assembly election.

In a major significant development a delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party Nagaland State Unit led by State President Visasolie Lhonugu, accompanied by former State President Dr M.Chuba Ao and former Home Minister Y.Patton met the National BJP General Secretary Ram Madhav, in - charge for North East Political BJP election affairs at New Delhi today.

Source from the BJP said that The General Secretary is authorised by the BJP high command to discuss and sort the matters pertaining to the

Nagaland State BJP Election affairs. During the meeting the State team apprised the Central leaders about the present political situations in the State of Nagaland.

After a thorough deliberation, it was agreed upon that BJP would contest the Election for the cause of Solution in the State as per scheduled.

Mention may be made that Ram Madhav had earlier said that the upcoming election is for the solution to the Naga problem. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju, who is the election in-charge of BJP in Nagaland, has also stated that "Elections are a constitutional process and the central government is bound by the Constitution".

The series of development taking place in the political theatre of Nagaland is a clear indication which showed that the BJP is taking part in the upcoming election.

Mention may be made that in 1998, all parties except Congress had boycotted the elections following a called by the Naga Hoho and the NSCN-IM. Congress had swept the elections winning in 53 seats and while independents bagged seven. In Manipur too the NSCN-IM and its frontal bodies boycotted the 7th Manipur Assembly Election in 2000 and the 13th Lok Sabha Election in 2002, however, the election was held under tight security arrangement giving a blow to the outfit as some

candidate from each constituency had filed nominations. It was after these experiences that the NSCN-IM had projected the NPF as they felt that restraining from election did nothing good to the aspiration of the NSCN-IM.

This time the NSCN-IM leadership had openly declared to restrain candidates or political parties to stay away from the election. But one thing that was witness yesterday was that the total shut down called in favour of the Naga solution before the election had affected only in 5 districts. Civil bodies from the remaining 6 districts supported holding of the election.

Govt. disqualifies TMC Chairperson

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Imphal, Feb 2: Perhaps for the first time in the history of the Municipal Council in Manipur, Councillor of Thoubal Municipal Council (TMC) Th. Shyamo has been disqualified by the state government in the name of the governor under the power conferred under Section 58 and 59 of the Manipur Municipalities Act 1994, for negligence to the collection of Municipality's fund as well as irregularities to the awarding toll tax collector to a contractor. As per source available with the Imphal Times, 8 councillor

of the TMC submitted proposals to the Executive Officer Thoubal district for disqualification of the Chairman Th. Shyamo and the same was submitted after thorough enquiry by the executive officer to the government with supporting documents about eh negligence and irregularities of the Chairperson. Another 9 Councillor of the TMC also submitted reports about the irregularities of the Chairperson to the government demanding disqualification.

The source said that, the government after due consideration and examination of the reports along with the supporting documents furnished by the Executive Officer, TMC and 9 Councillors rules lapses/ negligence in the functioning of Th. Shyamo Singh, Chairperson TMC. Shyamo was charged for non collection of outstanding amount of Rs. 29,85,400/- of Entry Toll Tax from Leimapokpam Sushilkumar Singh, Contractor for Entry Toll Tax at Thoubal Okram and Thoubal Awang leikai, near

power house.

The source also added that Shyamo also awarded work for Entry Toll Tax at Athokpam Sorok Patchao, near Agri Shopping Complex on June 9, 2017 to the defaulter Leimapokpam Sushilkumar without following due bidding norms, which indicated direct or indirect involvement and vested interest in the award of work to the concern bidder. An order for the disqualification of the Chairperson Shyamo was issued by Bobby Waikhom, Secretary MAHUD.

UP Govt. recommends CBI inquiry to Pravish Chanam case

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Imphal, Feb 2: Finally the hue and cry of the people of the state to deliver justice over the suspicious death of Pravish Chanam at Noida in UP has been hard. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Aditya Jogi Nath today sent a letter to the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh assuring handing over of the case over the suspicious death of Pravish Chanam to Central Bureau of Investigation.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had urged the UP government to take the matter seriously and to investigate over the death in the earliest possible time by meeting the UP Chief Minister twice.

Meanwhile, civil society body and students' bodies of the state had began statewide campaign demanding handing over of the case to the CBI. Committee formed against the death of Pravish Chanam has been suspecting murder by some organised criminal as the was the death body was cremated when family members were searching by complaining to Noida police.

Manipur Maoist appreciates Govt. on the move to set up First track Court to deal with drug case

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Imphal, Feb 2: Maoist Communist Party Manipur today lauded the effort of the state government in its commitment to establish a first track Court to deal with drug smuggling related case in the state.

In a statement the outfit said that an organisation called MAFYF had long time back struggled hard to fight the menace of drug and had received many support from all sections of the people. "We appreciate every good work and we will support to any works meant for the people" the statement of Maoist said. On the other hand the outfit appealed to correct the wrong to the distribution of PDS items. The outfit also appreciated the UNLF on its stand against rapist. The Maoist said that it will support the UNLF move to award capital punishment to rapist.

SC to hear tomorrow pleas seeking independent probe into judge Loya's death

New Delhi, Feb 2: The Supreme Court will resume tomorrow hearing on the pleas seeking an independent probe into the alleged mysterious death of special CBI judge B.H. Loya. The apex court, during the last hearing on 22nd January, had dubbed as "serious" the issues raised in the pleas.

The two petitions are pending in the apex court. Later, an

application was also filed by former Navy chief L. Ramdas seeking an independent inquiry by a panel of retired apex court judges and former police officers into Loya's death.

The petitions would come up for hearing before a bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud.

World Wet Land Day observed

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Imphal, Feb 2: Editors' Guild Manipur and Department of Environment Govt. of Manipur today jointly observed the World Wetland day at Manipur Information Center Palace Compound under the Theme Wetland for a sustainable Urban Future.

Professor Bishwanath of Manipur University attended the occasion as resource person, while A.Mobi President EGM moderated the session.

MSPDCL strike suspended

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Imphal, Feb 2: The ongoing cease work strike by Managers, Deputy Managers and Assistant Managers of MSPDCL which began from January 30 has been called off in view of the ongoing Budget-

Assembly Session and the inconveniences caused to the general public. The strike will remain suspended until further order, a statement by Managers, Deputy Managers & Assistant Managers, MSPDCL said.

Imphal Moreh Bandh call off

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Imphal, Feb 2: The 48 hours bandh on Imphal Moreh road called by Moreh based CSOs

including HTC Moreh, KSO Moreh, KWU&HR, Moreh from yesterday's midnight has been called off immediately.

SC seeks Centre's response on CPI-M's petition challenging govt's decision on issuing electoral bonds

New Delhi, Feb 2: The Supreme Court today sought the Centre's response on a plea by the CPI(M) and its General Secretary Sitaram Yechury challenging the government's decision on issuing electoral bonds.

A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud issued notice on the plea and said it will be tagged along with a pending petition.

Challenging the Centre's decision, the CPI(M) said in its pe-

tion that the move undermined democracy and it would lead to greater political corruption.

Yechury said the party was left with no choice but to move the apex court. He said they had taken up the matter in Parliament and sought amendments to the bill when the government moved the proposal.

The NDA government had announced electoral bonds in the previous budget, claiming that the scheme would clean up political funding.

AMWJU membership

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Imphal, Feb 2: A statement by the organisation Secretary All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) today said that the renewal date for members of the union has been extended till February 15.

All members can renew their membership with payment of Rs. 100 during office hour - from 10 am to 4 pm.