

Naga Accord nowhere to be found, Rahul Gandhi slams PM Modi

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New Delhi, Feb. 4: Congress President Rahul Gandhi today slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Naga Accord. Calling the prime minister the first ever "whose words don't mean anything," Rahul Gandhi in his tweet said that more than two years after the signing of the Naga Accord, it is nowhere to be

soon. The Government of India and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) had concluded the dialogue on Naga political issue, which has existed for six decades, and signed a "framework agreement". For decades, Naga rebel groups have been fighting for Nagalim or Greater Nagaland. The agreement was signed to end the Naga insurgency in the country. The objective of

the agreement was to restore peace and pave the way for prosperity in the North East. Rahul Gandhi's tweet has come at a time when all Nagaland political parties boycotted assembly election demanding from Centre a logical conclusion to Naga political process before the polls. On January 28, the NSCN (IM) and six Naga National Political Groups had issued a joint statement asking political

parties to support the demand by tribal bodies and groups to not hold elections in the state. The parties made the declaration at a meeting in Kohima, in the presence of apex tribal hohos and civil society organisations. Representatives from the Congress, the BJP, the NPF, the UNDP, the Nagaland Congress, the AAPN, the NDDP, the NCP, the JD(U) and the NPP took part in the meeting.

NSCN-IM tands firm to boycott Nagaland Election

IT News
Imphal, Feb 4: Even as various political parties of Nagaland state including the NPF had decided to go for the upcoming Nagaland state assembly election differing its earlier stand to boycott the election, the NSCN-IM today reaffirmed its stand and directed all its brigade commanders, battalion commanding officers and all its cadres to boycott the election.

In an order by Liet. Gen. Ningkhon Shimray MC, the outfit said that any officers or personnel going against the directive to boycott the election will be considered going against the national cause and serious action will be taken as deem fit.

Legal awareness campaign held

IT News
Imphal, Feb 4: Center for Women Development, keishamthong Elangbam Leikai today organised a legal awareness campaign at Ibudhou Panganba Community Hall, Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai under the sponsorship of Unite NGO Mission Manipur. Around 100 women from the locality attended the awareness campaign. President of YPAC Oinam Ranjit, Meira Paibi leader Menaka Devi and Vice President of Center for Women Development, L. Binokumari graced the occasion as presidium member. President of Women Action Development (WAD) Mangshatabam Sobita while speaking on the occasion as resource person highlighted the present condition of the women of the state. The rampant violation of women's rights from various sections including armed forces has been highlighted. The increase of rape and other form of crime against women has been highlighted.

ULFA-I, RPF condole the demise of its cadre

IT News
Imphal, Feb 4: Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF) and United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA-I) today condole the demise of Moniram Asom (Manab Deori) of ULFA (I) and Hera (Meitham Khamba) of PLA who were killed in an encounter with Security Force at Sangkapani, Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh on February 1. A joint statement of ULFA(I) and RPF said that Moniram Asom, aka Manab Deori son of Rongai Deori and Dananti Deori of New Mohong, Lohit, Arunachal Pradesh is a Lance Corporal of ULFA (I) and his army number is A-20628. Hera, aka Meitham Khamba Hera (Meitham Khamba) is a Lance Corporal of PLA, SCOM-I. "ULFA (I) and RPF salute and express condolence to the



Lance Corporal Moniram Asom



Lance Corporal Hera

sacrificed Comrades of ULFA(I) and RPF and their families, relatives and friends", the statement said. It added, "Heroes sacrifice and revolution marches forward. Let the souls of the dearly departed heroes rest in peace". "Departed Lance Corporal Moniram Asom and Lance Corporal Hera were the fighters who fight for the

liberation of Assam and Manipur of Western Southeast Asia Region. They joint the respective revolutionary organization having faith in that their birth right were fight for the nation. Truly they were brave and good soldiers who love and fight for their nation without discrimination of races or faith", the statement added.

NSCN-IM condemns the killing of its Deouty Kilonser

IT News
Imphal, Feb 4: The NSCN-IM has condemned the killing of (L) Mr. Dichungbe Nriame (Deputy Kilonser), Care Taker CAO of Asalu (Zeliangrong) Region on 2nd February, 2018 at his residence in Jalukie town by unknown assailant(s) terming it as cold-blooded assassination. "Such a coward and dastard

act of killing a national worker at a time when the whole Nagas are longing for peace and unity is totally uncalled for" a GPRN-MIP statement said. The statement added that the NSCN-IM who heeds to the call for peace by the mass and in the spirit of the forgiveness towards its rivals, has been lying low by

not launching any offensive, for the nation awaits the inevitable coming of a great change. It further sought clarification from whoever has committed the beastly act of murdering the late CAO and threaten to launch its investigation to find out the truth and do whatever it takes to bring justice.

Imphal Jamboree: A new hope for young entrepreneur

Imphal, Feb 4: The second day of "Imphal Jamboree" - youth festival was held successfully at the Trade and Expo center, Lamboikhongnangkhang, Imphal. During the first panel discussion on the topic of "Improving the State of Youths", Prasoon Gupta Co-Founder, Director, Sattviko, delivered opening speech and moderated by Rahul Narvekar, Founder/CEO/Owner at the India Network. Annu Grover, Green Evangelist-MD, Nurturing Green, Rajeev Sharma, Consultant, Niti Aayog, Coo, Wealth Bank and Dr. Paln Khundongbam, Chairman, MD, Shija Hospital Research Institute were the panelists. The Indian Network team also

conducted the start-up pitching session with the young ventures of the state after a process of online screening. The topic of the second-panel discussion was "Youth-Value creators of tomorrow." The discussion was moderated by Sapam Shyamnanda, Founder, Lamjing Meira, Chirag Gupta, Co-founder, 4700 BC Popcorn, Pankaj Judge, Founder, Chai Thela, Sadiya Nadeem, Founder, Glam Studio and Ragesh Keisham, Chairman, MD, The Sui Generis Agronomy Pvt. Ltd was the list of panelists. There are different youth-led stalls and enterprises present at the event. A beautiful musical performance was

delivered by Pentafusion. The aim of the event is to foster the participation of the youths in North Eastern Region to come together and converge to 'improve the state of youth' with the theme of 'Youth-Value creators of tomorrow.' The festival primarily aims to bring the youth together for three days schedule events thus giving them space to unwind, learn and unlearn, create awareness and empower along the way. Firstly, stalls installation of youth-led enterprise and secondly, programmes such as influential talks, panel discussions, seminars, stand-up comedy and performances to name some would be conducted simultaneously.

Delegates of the 2nd Surin Intl Cultural Exchange greeted

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Imphal, Feb 4: Indian Delegates represented by Manipur to the 2nd Surin International Cultural Exchange 2018, Thailand was greeted by Art & Culture Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh today in a simple function held in his Office Chamber at Old Secretariat, Imphal. Speaking on the occasion, L. Jayantakumar said that the rich form of Art & Culture of the state is nowadays gaining momentum. All necessary steps will be taken up to uplift the art and culture of the state in consultation with the Chief

Minister, he added. The Minister also distributed Trophy & Citations to the delegates and congratulated the artists for achieving—the most 'Outstanding Performance Trophy', 'Entertaining Performance Award'. The cultural troupe from Manipur was led by M. Luxmikumar, IAS, Commissioner, Art & Culture and comprised with (eight) artists from Rhythms of Manipur and also 8 (eight) Artists from Sangeet Kala Sangam, Khurai. It is learnt that in the 2nd Surin International Cultural Exchange 2018, the artists

performed 7 (seven) different cultural items including Maibi-Jagoi, Thang-Taa, Pung-Cholom, Dhol-Cholom, Kabui-Jagoi that organised in 7 (seven) different locations of Thailand. Attending the programme, M. Luxmikumar, IAS said that the motive of the cultural event is to build new friendship and to strengthen the bond with different countries through cultural exchange. Joint Director Art and Culture, Manipur L. Keshorjit Singh, Co-ordinator of the troupe Sherjeet Singh and others were also present at the programme

Natl. health protection Scheme to provide Hospitalisation cover to over 10 Crore poor and vulnerable families

Source PMO

New Delhi, Feb 4: The Government today announced two major initiatives in health sector, as part of Ayushman Bharat programme. The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley while presenting the General Budget 2018-19 in Parliament here today said that this was aimed at making path breaking interventions to address health holistically, in primary, secondary and tertiary care systems, covering both prevention and health promotion. The initiatives are as follows:- (i) **Health and Wellness Centre**:- The National Health Policy, 2017 has envisioned Health and Wellness Centres as the foundation of India's health system. Under this 1.5 lakh centres will bring health care system closer to the homes of people. These centres will provide comprehensive health care,

including for non-communicable diseases and maternal and child health services. These centres will also provide free essential drugs and diagnostic services. The Budget has allocated Rs.1200 crore for this flagship programme. Contribution of private sector through CSR and philanthropic institutions in adopting these centres is also envisaged. (ii) **National Health Protection Scheme**:- The second flagship programme under Ayushman Bharat is National Health Protection Scheme, which will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) providing coverage upto 5 lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization. This will be the world's largest government funded health care programme. Adequate funds will be provided for

smooth implementation of this programme. The Finance Minister further said, that these two health sector initiatives under Ayushman Bharat Programme will build a New India 2022 and ensure enhanced productivity, well being and avert wage loss and impoverishment. These Schemes will also generate lakhs of jobs, particularly for women. The Finance Minister said, that in order to further enhance accessibility of quality medical education and health care, 24 new Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals will be set up, by upgrading existing district hospitals in the country. This would ensure that there is at least 1 Medical College for every 3 Parliamentary Constituencies and at least 1 Government Medical College in each State of the country.

World Cancer Day observed across the nation under the theme "We can, I can".

IT News

Imphal, Feb 4: World Cancer Day is being observed today. The day is observed on 4th February every year to raise awareness about cancer, its treatment and to encourage methods of its prevention. The primary goal of the day is to reduce the illness and related deaths by 2020. The day is being observed at RIMS, JNIMS and various other places of the state. 26 Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR South 9 Sector observed the day at Charangpat Mayai Leikai Community Hall under the theme "we can I can". Zilla parishad Member of Charangpat GP, Ph. Heramani, Pradhan S. Imo, Captain Suraj, CO of 26 AR Yairipok, Captain Vijendra Mohito and Geet Tongbram MO of Dist hospital Thoubal.



At the National capital New Delhi, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a medical camp at Swarna Bharat Trust, Atkur in Andhra Pradesh organised on the occasion of World Cancer Day. Mr Naidu noted that use of tobacco, alcohol consumption, obesity, unhealthy dietary habits, lack of physical activity, ageing, exposure to radiation, certain infections

and family history are among risk factors. He said systematic screening of population will help early detection. Health Minister J P Nadda said in a tweet that government has started AMRIT scheme in order to provide relief to poor people from the rising cost of Cancer drugs. He stressed that Cancer is curable if detected and treated early.