

CGST Special Refund Fortnight

Imphal, June 1,

The Commissionerate of Central GST, Imphal is organizing a special 'Refund Fortnight' from 31.05.2018 to 14.06.2018 to dispose off all cases of refund claims application received till 30.04.2018. This was stated by a press release issued today by the Joint Commissioner, Central GST, Imphal Commissionerate. A press release in connection with this has informed all the concerned taxpayers to file refund application in FORM GST RFD-01A online on the Central Government Portal (www.gst.gov.in) and submit the print out of the same along with all necessary documentary evidence as applicable, to the Assistant Commissioner, CGST Division, Imphal. All those Taxpayers who are not yet allotted either to the Central or the State Authority may also file the said Refund Application with either of them.

The release further stated that in case of any difficulties, Taxpayers may approach the Central GST Seva Kendra or at the Facilitation Centre of Manipur State Taxation Department

Security forces put on high alert in J-K

Agency Srinagar, June 1

Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir have been put on a high alert following reports of large scale infiltration of militants in the Valley from across the Line of Control, officials said here today. There are reports of infiltration of over 20 militants into Kashmir from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) recently, the officials said. They said most of the militants are believed to be affiliated to Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit headed by Maulana Masood Azhar. The security grid is apprehending a spike in militant attacks in the state, particularly in the Valley, the officials said. The security forces have been asked to remain on a high alert and maintain vigil around sensitive security installations across the state, they said. The officials said it is rare for such a large number of militants to infiltrate in one go and indicated the desperation of their handlers across the LoC to keep the Kashmir pot boiling.

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PDA nominee Tokheho Yepthomi wins by-poll of the sole Lok Sabha seat in Nagaland

Kohima, June 1,

Ruling People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) nominee Tokheho Yepthomi (has won the by-poll to the sole Lok Sabha seat in Nagaland. The bypoll was held on 28th of last month. Making the official announcement of the result last night during the press briefing, Nagaland Commissioner and Returning Officer for the by-poll, M Patton said Yepthomi won the by-poll by a huge margin of 1,73,746 votes out of the 10,18,842 votes polled. Yepthomi polled 5,94,205 votes against the only opposition NPF nominee C Apok Jamir who polled 4,20,459. He said that a total of 3991 votes went to NOTA. PDA comprises of NDDP, BJP, NPP, JDU and Independent while NPF was supported by Congress in this bypoll. Counting of vote for the by-poll held on May 28 last was taken up yesterday

in 13 centres across the State. As per the results made available, PDA nominee Yepthomi won in 9 districts, except for Phek and Peren districts. Phek has been a strong bastion of NPF while Peren is Opposition leader TR Zeliang's district. In Phek district, NPF bagged 47,630 votes while ruling candidate polled 41,136. The biggest winning margin in favour of Yepthomi was 37,573 from Zunhebo. He polled 60,830 while Apok got 22,772 votes. The closest margin of 680 votes was in Pughoboto election district where Yepthomi polled 6587 and Jamir got 5907. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has said that the result of the Lok Sabha by-poll in electing PDA nominee Tokheho Yepthomi has shown that the people of the State believe in the PDA government to deliver them with goods.

Addressing a quick felicitation programme in honour of the new MP of the state in Kohima last night, Rio said, "our adversaries had taken their campaign on false propaganda to woo the people but it failed to fool the people." He said that winning by over 1.73 lakh margin is a thumping victory and PDA has proven to our adversaries that we have the absolute mandate of the people. He therefore called upon all to work together in the same spirit of unity so as to implement the election manifesto and common minimum program of the PDA. The MP elect, Yepthomi affirmed to represent all the Nagas including the adversaries in the parliament. He expressed gratitude to the people and PDA coalition for giving him the opportunity to work for the people of Nagaland through a greater platform. He assured to give his best to work, alongside the

vision of PDA, for the welfare of people of Nagaland. Meanwhile, the NPF Legislature Party while congratulating NDDP candidate Tokheho Yepthomi for winning the Lok Sabha by-election has expressed the hope that he will fulfill the expectations of the electorates. The NPF also conveyed gratitude to the electorates of Nagaland for extending their support to its candidate C Apok Jamir. Meanwhile, the NPF Legislature Party during its meeting held yesterday recognized that genuine voters in the State, though lesser in number, had voted for NPF candidate despite unprecedented proxy-voting and booth-capturing by the PDA alliance which had rocketed the overall voting percentage despite low voters turn-out.

Kumaraswamy to be Karnataka chief minister for 5 years, agrees Congress

Agency New Delhi, June 1

Congress and JD(S) are likely to announce a power-sharing deal for their coalition government in Karnataka on Friday, with unambiguous reiteration that H D Kumaraswamy will be chief minister for the full term and the two parties will contest the 2019 Lok Sabha polls together.

Contrary to speculation, the protracted negotiations were focussed not just on ministerial portfolios to be apportioned between the two partners but also on other dimensions — setting up a

coordination committee, common minimum programme and stability of the government, as reported by TOI in an interview with Congress general secretary Ashok Gehlot on Thursday. Among key portfolios, finance will go to JD(S) while the home department will be run by Congress. JD(S) secretary general Danish Ali told TOI, "The announcement will be a written agreement resolving all issues to run a stable coalition for five years. That is why it has taken so long. We wanted everything to be on paper so that the government could run

smoothly for its full term under the chief ministership of HD Kumaraswamy." On Thursday, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal and JD(S)'s Ali flew to Bengaluru for final talks with local leaders after five rounds of negotiations in the national capital. On Wednesday night, Congress president Rahul Gandhi joined the negotiators through a conference call to settle matters. Venugopal also held discussions with Kumaraswamy. The CM, before going to the meeting, said details of portfolio allocation may be announced

on Friday. The CM also rubbished reports about discontent between JD(S) and Congress over portfolio allocation. The power-sharing announcement will clearly spell out that the two parties will contest the 2019 Lok Sabha polls together and that a coordination committee will be set up which will meet regularly to ensure effective management of the partnership. It will also state that a common minimum programme will be drawn up, largely by distilling the manifestos of the two parties which contested elections separately.

Trump faces criticism for pardoning Indian-American

Agency New York, June 1

US President Donald Trump's decision to pardon Indian-American conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza is being strongly criticised here, with New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood describing it as thwarting the cause of justice. Trump yesterday pardoned D'Souza, who was sentenced to five years of probation in 2014 for violating federal campaign laws. "Trump's latest pardon makes crystal clear his willingness to use his pardon power to thwart the cause of justice, rather than advance it. By

pardoning Dinesh D'Souza, President Trump is undermining the rule of law by pardoning a political supporter who is an unapologetic convicted felon." Underwood said in a statement. The president, who has never met D'Souza or spoken to him, last night called him on the phone to inform him about his decision. Trump said he spoke to D'Souza "for three minutes last night...he almost had a heart attack. Referring to previous pardons by Trump, Underwood said "we can't afford to wait to see who will be next." Underwood called on

lawmakers to act now to close New York's double jeopardy loophole and ensure that anyone who evades federal justice by virtue of a politically expedient pardon can be held accountable if they violate New York law. In April, the Attorney General's office sent a letter to state lawmakers urging them to close a loophole in New York's double jeopardy law. Closing the loophole would ensure that individuals who broke New York law could not evade accountability for any state crimes as a result of a strategically-timed pardon by the president. The New York Times, in a

scathing editorial on Trump's pardon of D'Souza, said the president "uses whatever power he has to attack the people he feels have wronged him, and he will do what he feels he must to protect himself. For him, pardons are a means of vengeance." The editorial titled "Dinesh D'Souza? Really?" said the message that can be taken from Trump's executive clemency is that "maybe the president is sending a signal of loyalty and reassurance to friends and family members who may soon find themselves facing similar criminal charges in connection with the special counsel's Russia inquiry.

Manipuri Fencer Kh. Kalambia Chanu Financial Assistance

New Delhi, June 1,

Union Minister of State (I/C) Youth Affairs and Sports Col Rajyavardhan Rathore has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 5 Lakh (Five Lakh) to Fencer Ms. Kh. Kalambia Chanu of Manipur

for her medical treatment from Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS). Ms. Chanu is suffering from multiple Sclerosis and could not continue her sports and living in indigent conditions.

CM presents 'jeevan raksha padak award-2017' to John Lalditsak

Imphal, June 1,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh presented 'Jeevan Raksha Padak Award-2017' to Master John Lalditsak. The award ceremony was held at CM's Secretariat today.

The Civilian Award 'Jeevan Raksha Padak Award 2017' was conferred by the President of India and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to Master John Lalditsak in recognition of his indomitable courage and selfless heroic act for saving three persons from drowning on 12th October, 2015.

The Civilian Award consists of Jeevan Raksha Padak Award-2017, Jeevan Raksha Padak Medal, Miniature Medal, Certificate and a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000. Master John Lalditsak is the son of Mr & Mrs. Edwin Larosiem Hmar, resident of Saikot, Tuithaphai, Churachandpur District. Speaking to media persons, Chief Minister said that it is indeed a matter of pride for the State that we have such a brave and courageous child

like Master John Lalditsak in the State. He believed that the present and future generation of the State should be having such courageous spirit, sacrificial and selfless characteristics like that of Master John Lalditsak. It may be mentioned that the President of India has approved the conferment of Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards-2017 on 44 persons which includes Sarvottam Rasha Padak to 7 persons, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak to 13 persons and Jeevan Raksha Padak to 24 persons. Out of these, 7 awards were given to 7 persons posthumously. The Jeevan Raksha Padak Award is a civilian life saving award presented by the Government of India since 1961.

MLA of Khurai A.C.L. Susindro Meitei, OSD to Chief Minister Sumant Singh, Secretary (Tribal Affairs & Hills) and Special Secretary (Home) Kh. Raghunani Singh, Secretary to Chief Minister Ningthoujam Geoffrey, Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur District Shyamal Poonia and parents of Master John Lalditsak attended the function.

AR organises awareness and training on Cultivation/ Plantation Of Banana And King Chilli



Imphal, June 1,

19 Assam Rifles under the aegis of Headquarter IGAR (South) is located at Shelon, Chandel district, Manipur is taking up various welfare programme for villagers at far flung area. The Samtal Salient which is blessed with plethora of natural resources is an ideal region for cultivation of commercial agricultural products. To exploit this unventured thread of livelihood for the local populace, Shelon Battalion of Assam Rifles organised a one day workshop on cultivation of banana and king chilli in collaboration with Agricultural training and Management (ATMA), Imphal on at Tuitong village this week. The aim of the workshop was to impart knowledge to the villagers about cultivation of Banana and king chilli (U-MOROK) which has a high commercial value in open markets of valley. The workshop was attended by

villagers of Tuitong, Gamnom, Kovang, Wayang, Gelmol and Moljol. Various techniques and procedures of harvesting as well as marketing their products were explained to villagers. Attendees took keen interest in the lecture cum demonstration given by the members of ATMA, Imphal and clarified various doubts regarding harvesting span and usage of pesticides etc. At the end of the lecture villagers were hosted with a quick lunch and refreshments. Assam Rifles statement said that the villagers were extremely happy with the various initiatives undertaken by Shelon Battalion to empower them socially and economically by amalgamating them in the inclusive growth of the nation. Deputy Commandant of 19 Assam Rifles Felicitated Mr Katrimayun Manikhamba, Block Technology Manager of ATMA, Imphal for their selfless guidance and participation in a noble cause.

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