

Eid to be celebrated across India tomorrow; Guv', CM among others wishes

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Eid Ul Fitr, which marks the culmination of the holy month of Ramadan, will be celebrated across the country tomorrow. Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid Syed Ahmed Bukhari and Shahi Imam of Fatehpuri Masjid, Dr Mufti Mohammed Mukarram Ahmed said, as the new moon of Eid-ul-Fitr was not sighted yesterday evening, therefore Eid will be celebrated tomorrow. However, in Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates Eid-ul-Fitr, is being celebrated today. The announcements were made following the sighting of the moon of Shawwal, the month following Ramadan. Official Twitter for Haramain, which gives updates about Makkah and Madinah announced the sighting of the moon. Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, Works Minister Th Biswajit, Opposition leader O Ibobi, Senior Congress leaders and ruling MLAs wish the Muslim community of the state on occasion of the Eid.

Govt planning to set up 20,000 wifi choupals

New Delhi, June 15,

Minister of Electronics and IT, Ravi Shankar Prasad today said the government is planning to set up 20 thousand wifi choupals across the country to bring government at the doorstep of people's houses. The IT minister attended the Prime Minister's interaction with the beneficiaries of Digital India in Dankaur, Uttar Pradesh. He said he was inspired and excited to find out impact stories shared by the beneficiaries of Digital initiative.

The minister congratulated a 19-year-old girl who cleared Uttar Pradesh police exam using wifi service provided by the common services centres (CSCs). The minister said the CSCs are serving more than their purpose and the real benefits can be seen. Mr Prasad said this medium has brought significant changes in women's lives through Village Level Entrepreneurs and has connected them with the government directly.

Academic activities crippled in Manipur University following resignation of 5 Deans

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Academic activities in Manipur University have been totally crippled with five more deans resigning from the post after the resignation of the dean of Student Welfare Khumukcham Tomba Singh. VC's unequivocal manners and unwillingness to listen suggestions from Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) has prompted the teachers' community to proceed with series of agitation.

Five more deans of academic affairs - Prof. Rajmuhon, Dean School of Mathematical And Physical Science, Prof. Loken, Dean School of Social Science, Prof. Shantibala, Dean School of Life Sciences, Prof. Arun Shaxena - Dean School of Human and Environment Science and Prof. Yasawanta, Dean School of Humanities tender their resignation yesterday.

Following the resignation academic atmosphere has been severely affected. It is likely that the Vice Chancellor silence over the matter will now prompted more

series issues in the Manipur University.

Meanwhile, the Governor of Manipur, who is also the Chief Rector of the Manipur University has reportedly invited the representatives of the Manipur University Students' Union to talk over the issue. A source from the MUSU said that the intimidation came through phone calls and the students' body did not give positive response to the Governor's invitation.

Following the resignation the committee formed by the VC which comprises of Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh, Senior most Professor, Prof. N. Rajmuhon Singh, Dean, School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Prof. Th. Ratankumar Singh, Director CDC, Prof. RK. Hemakumar Singh, Principal (i/c) MIT, and Prof. M. Shyamkesho Singh, Registrar (i/c) is likely to abolish, however, no official report is being received regarding the matter.

Invitation from the committee had been rejected by the MUSU, standing firm to their demand for the removal of the

MU Vice Chancellor Prof. AP Pandey

It may be mentioned that a general body meeting, the MUTA on June 4 had resolved to urge the Vice Chancellor to clarify in public the allegations levelled against him, besides requesting him to bring an amicable solution to the present crisis in Manipur University at the earliest. After VC failed to respond to the resolution adopted by the MUTA another emergency meeting convened on June 9, denounced the VC for giving no respect to the teachers' body. A resolution was resolved to stage protest and subsequently MUTA staged a sit-in-protest on June 11.

Other resolution adopted in today's emergency general body meeting included appraising of the current development in the University to the Visitor, Chancellor, Chief Rector and the Ministry of Human resource. The meeting however expressed appreciation to the Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla, who is also the Chief Rector of the University in her initiative to bringing an amicable solution to the present impasse.

Two more tunnels completed in Imphal -Tupul railways



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Two more tunnel constructed inbetween Imphal to Tupul for Railway track has been reported complete today, the Tunnel no. 2 which is about 641 metre in length and Tunnel No. 4 which is about 1289 meter has been completed today evening. The tunnel located at Maramching in Noney district

is ready for the railway said a source.

The tunnel work is being carried out by Senbo Engineering Limited under the North Eastern railway frontiers.

The source added that with the completion of the two tunnel it will not take long to complete the Imphal -Tupul railway track too.

The Imphal -Tupul Jiribam railway track is scheduled to

be completed by 2019 and there were many critics over the issue of whether it will be completed or not by 2019, however after the completion of the tunnel no. 2 and tunnel no. 3 at Marang Ching it is likely that the railway reaches Imphal by 2019.

Once the rail track is completed than the time consumption from Imphal to Jiribam will be around 2 hours, a source said.

Funds collected under GST anti-profiteering rules to be split between Centre, state

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The Centre and the 'concerned state' will equally share the amount deposited by erring businesses in the consumer welfare fund set up as part of the GST anti-profiteering rules, as per a Finance Ministry notification.

The Government set up a national anti-profiteering authority to penalise businesses for failure to pass on tax benefits to consumers. In case the customer is not identifiable, the penal amount has to be deposited in the consumer welfare fund.

The Finance Ministry has amended the Central GST rules

stating that 50 per cent of the penal amount is to be deposited in the consumer welfare fund constituted by the Centre and the remaining to the fund set up by the 'concerned state'. The 'concerned state' would mean the state where the anti-profiteering authority has passed its order against the business.

Thousands rendered homeless as Assam, Tripura & Manipur reel under floods



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Even as water level at almost all major Rivers in Manipur had receded, many places in Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Kakching district continued to be submerged under flood water leaving thousands of people homeless. Many are still taking refuge at temporary relief camp open by the Government and the local body authority.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his cabinet colleagues along with almost all staffs from top to bottom spent sleepless night fighting the flood and also preparing to tackle the after flood situation which is likely to be the worst in the state.

In Imphal East district, even as the water receded, houses

are left in a more horrific way. Over 10 house hold were displaced in Songphel Village in Chandel district after the incessant rain in the few days creates landslide at the area. The landslide occurred amidst Valley area of the state has been flooded.

The Chief Minister has advice the state health department to remain alert to face any outbreak of diseases in the aftermath of the flood. Meanwhile, various MLAs, social workers club s, organisations and other individuals are also extending help to the flood affected victims. Many houses in Thoubal district are also still submerge under water.

The state government of Manipur has declared holiday till today in all educational and government establishments in Imphal and its adjoining districts in view of the flood

situation. Police sources said, two persons drowned in swollen rivers in separate incidents.

The state officials said the water level in major rivers of Manipur is receding, but the situation continues to remain grim. Fifteen relief camps have been set up across the state to help those affected by flood. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh reviewed the flood situation in the State in a high-level meeting held at the Chief Minister's Secretariat the last evening.

State Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, State Chief Secretary, State Director General of Police and other senior officials looking after the departments of, relief and disaster management, water resources, consumer affairs, public health engineering, power and works attended the meeting.

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Slain Kashmiri journalist Shujaat Bukhari laid to rest at his native place in Baramulla district

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Srinagar, June 15,

Slain Kashmiri journalist Syed Shujaat Bukhari was laid to rest at his ancestral graveyard in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Our correspondent reports thousands of people from cross section of society attended funeral prayers of Bukhari, held at Idd Gah Ground at Kreeeri area of Baramulla.

Bukhari was killed yesterday by unidentified gunmen outside his office near Press Enclave in Srinagar. State government ministers, legislators, officials, leaders of political parties, media fraternity besides people from local and adjacent areas attended the funeral prayers



and the last rites. National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, Congress leader Prof Saif ud Din Soz, top separatist leader Yasin Malik were among the prominent people who attended the funeral. The killing of Bukhari and his

personal security officers has been widely condemned. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, I & B Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore, Governor NN Vohra, Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, Separatist Leaders Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq & Yasin Malik, strongly condemned the killing and expressed shock and grief over the brutal assassination. So far, no terrorist outfit has taken responsibility for the attack. Meanwhile, Journalist fraternity from across the country has condemn the killing of the journalists terming it as the most barbaric and cowardice act. Editors' Guild Manipur also condemn the killing of the journalist.

7 killed, 28 injured as bus falls into deep gorge at Mandada

Chennai, June 15,

Seven people, including three women, were killed and 28 others injured when a bus fell into a 500-feet deep gorge at Mandada in hilly Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu.

The state-run transport

corporation bus, which began its journey from Coonoor, fell into the gorge when its driver was trying to avoid a pit on the ghat road. Nineteen people have been admitted to a government hospital in neighbouring Coimbatore while others were

brought to the state-run hospital at Udahagamandalam.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami expressed deep condolences and announced a solatium of 2 lakh rupees for the family of each of the deceased.