

## Shillong violence: Internet services still suspended, curfew imposed on Saturday night too



Agency  
Shillong, June 3,

Parts of Shillong remained under curfew for the second consecutive night on Saturday, and the suspension of internet services was extended till Sunday afternoon to prevent the spread of rumours, PTI reported. The Army held flag marches in disturbed areas and rescued around 500 people on Saturday after 10 people were injured in violence and arson the previous night. Curfew was first imposed in some parts of the city early on Friday after clashes broke out the night before between two

groups following an argument between a woman and a bus conductor. The local Khasi community then started demanding that the government should act against illegal settlers. Miscreants tried to attack residents in Punjabi Lane in the Motphran locality, *The Tribune* reported. They threw stones at police personnel in the locality on Friday night, prompting police to use teargas shells. Late on Friday, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma assured his Punjab counterpart Amarinder Singh on the safety of the Sikh community. Director General of Police SB Singh said the

situation was "totally under control", and the police were on high alert. About 700 Sikh families live in Punjabi Lane. Defying the curfew on Friday night, a mob set a shop and a house on fire and damaged at least five vehicles. Superintendent of Police (City) Stephan Rynjah was injured after being hit by a rod, and was taken to Shillong Civil Hospital, a police officer told PTI. The Army was summoned and kept on standby. East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner PS Dkhar said. Eight persons have been arrested in connection with the violence, News18 reported.

## India successfully test-fires Agni-5 off Odisha coast

Agency  
Odisha, June 3,

India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Long Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-5 from the Abdul Kalam Wheeler Island off the Odisha coast at 9:50 this morning.

The state-of-the-art surface-to-surface missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has a strike range of 5,000 kilometres and can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne. It is about 17 metres long, 2 metres wide and has launch weight of around 50 tonnes.

This is the sixth developmental and third trial of the long range missile. Unlike other missiles of Agni series, the latest one 'Agni-5' is the most advanced having new technologies incorporated with it in terms of navigation and guidance, warhead and engine.

Defence sources said after some few more trials, Agni-5 will be inducted into the Services. Once this missile is inducted in Services, India will join the super exclusive club of countries with Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles ICBMs alongside the US, Russia, China, France and the UK.

## Letter from PRO, IGAR (South)

### Thietham- a story of grit of a girl drawing strength from benevolence of Assam Rifles

Imphal, June 3,

The Indian Success Story of Polio Eradication is known across the world. Long after years when our nation was declared Polio free, there are cases which pop up that remind us of the sordid state in which a polio patient is left with once it is infected by the deadly virus thereby shaking our conscience, telling us that there is so much more desired to be achieved. One such case has been MS Thietham who at a tender age of twenty is ridden with the disease which she picked up when she was mere six months old. You would imagine a twenty year old girl bustling with dreams and ambitions and chuckling around with her bunch of 'gitl pals' smitten by the beauty of the hills surrounding her residence.

But not Thietham. She has had to fight with the agony of having to drag herself slowly and painstakingly as her body below her waist lies paralyzed. Deep within the confines of her one room thatched apartment which she calls home, she knew that she would never get the opportunity to move out of her house. Alas, she found happiness in creativity. She would spend hours trying to bring life to the artificial flowers that she would create out of litter. Thietham belongs to a green hill far away from the hustle and bustle of the city life. A place called Tuitong which lies near



Sehlon which is in the Samtal Salient of Chandel District. An extremely remote place devoid of basic amenities, the place would offer her nothing but despair. The grapevine has it that an officer of Sehlon Battalion of Assam Rifles saw her plight. He was so impressed by the grit and determination of the young girl that the Sehlon Battalion took upon itself to support her. Sehlon Battalion of Assam Rifles forms part of IGAR (South) which is located at Mantripukhri. Sehlon Battalion inspired with Thietham's will to fight decided to adopt her. In order to pave way for her economic reliance the Assam Rifles unit started providing her with raw materials required for the

handicrafts and helping her with acquiring skills to attain export quality finishing products. The unit is also organizing formal training for her wherein she will be trained at Arts and Crafts Training Centre, Thoubal, for one year. The school is a Government of Manipur initiative. Yesterday the girl was also gifted with a Wheel Chair, something which she had seen for the first time. Now whenever you cross the village, you can witness the young girl moving around on her own boasting a twinkle in her eyes. We can only hope and pray that the Samtal Samaritans can finally get her to stand on her own feet.

## Israel strikes Hamas in Gaza after 'projectiles' fired

Courtesy Al Jazeera  
Gaza Strip, June 3,

Israel launched a series of airstrikes on Palestinian positions in the besieged Gaza Strip, in what it said was in response to rocket fire from the enclave. Israeli warplanes hit at least 15 targets belonging to Hamas' armed wing, the Al Qassam Brigades, the Israeli military said early on Sunday. There were no reports of injuries. The strikes targeted at least three Hamas compounds in the northern part of the strip. There was no immediate comment from Hamas on the attacks. The strikes came days into a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. The truce went into effect on May 30, following one of the worst days of

violence in Gaza since the 2014 Israeli assault on the strip. Daily life in Gaza: 'There is no future in this place' | Talk to Al Jazeera in the Field On Wednesday, Hamas said that armed groups in the Gaza Strip had agreed to a deal with Israel following a night of air attacks targeting several Hamas and Islamic Jihad positions in the coastal enclave, so long as the "occupier" did the same - referring to Israel. Last week, Israel hit more than 35 targets belonging to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, after the Israeli army said Palestinian fighters were behind a "barrage of projectiles" fired from Gaza into southern Israel. The escalation came after Islamic Jihad vowed to take revenge after a deadly attack against its members last month.

120 Palestinians killed in Gaza Sunday's strikes came a day after Razan al-Najjar, was killed by Israeli live fire during a protest, which was the 10th Friday demonstration held by Palestinians since March 30 near the fence with Israel dubbed the Great March of Return. The 21-year-old volunteer paramedic died of a gunshot wound in Khan Younis, a city in the south, the Palestinian health ministry said. According to witnesses, al-Najjar was shot in her white uniform while running towards the fortified fence to help a casualty. Since March 30, 120 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces since the popular protests began calling for the Palestinians' right of return to the homes from which they were expelled from in 1948.

More than 13,000 others have been wounded. In a statement, the Israeli army blamed Hamas, the group governing Gaza, of "activities" that took place in the strip over the weekend, referencing the demonstration that had taken place near the fence with Israel. Last week, residents in Gaza attempted to break a 12-year crippling siege that has trapped more than two million Palestinians since 2006. Some 17 people had sailed off the coast of Gaza with the intention of reaching Cyprus, before Israel forces intercepted the boat and transferred it to the Israeli port of Ashdod. With severe restrictions on access to basic services, Gaza - home to more than two million people - has been dubbed the world's largest open-air prison.

## New Office bearers of RSF elected

Thoubal, June 3,

Thoiba Khumancha has been elected as the president of the students' body Reformist Students' Front (RSF) Head Quarter for the term 2018 to 2021.

The president of the RSF along with other executive members has been elected in a meeting held at the temporary head office of the students' body at Thoubal, a statement said. Other office bearers elected are Dayalaxmi Wangiam as Vice-President, Amarijit Ningthouja as General Secretary, Jiranjit Luwang as Finance Secretary, Dinesh Thokchom as Secretary Organisation and Henary Moirangthem as Secretary Publicity.



Imphal, June 3,

Red Shield Division has been organizing free Medical Camps for local population of various districts in Manipur from time to time, with an aim to ameliorate medical issues

## "Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Programme" at Kairembikhok

Thoubal, June 3,

Kairembikhok Students' Union & Club (KSUC) today conducted a cleaning drive as a part of the "Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Programme". Surchand Usham, Secretary of KSUC said that the cleaning drive is being conducted ahead of the upcoming World Environment Day programme. He appealed people of the area

on the importance about the protection of wild life and forest as well as Rivers and our rich fauna and flora. On June 5, the KSUC in association with the RSF is organising a Painting competition at Keirembikhok to mark the World Environment Day observance. Meanwhile, Other clubs and organisations across the state are also observing the World Environment Day.

of local populace and create health awareness. The Field Hospital of Red Shield Division has conducted medical camp at six different villages located near Leimakhong from May 23 to June 2. The Medical team attended more than 800 patients of four villages, Leimakhong Bazaar, Prem Nagar, KhunkooKuki and P Moulding. During these camps, team has provided free Medical checkup, Dental treatment and various blood investigations apart from providing awareness on various seasonal diseases and their preventions.

The Business Excellence group, a group of young entrepreneurs of the state is also organising a painting competition at the Foothill of Baruni Hills. At Kaching the youths of the area planted 100s of trees at Anganching of Kaching area. At Waikhong too youths of the villages are preparing to observe the World environment Day.

## Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan urges students to help overcome plastic pollution

Agency  
New Delhi, June 3,

Environment Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has urged school children to become environment protectors and help the government and society overcome the menace of plastic pollution. The Minister was addressing a gathering of over 10,000 school children in New Delhi today, who had assembled to participate in Envithon - a mini-marathon, organised in the run-up to the World Environment Day to be observed on Tuesday. Dr Harsh Vardhan said, the children have an

immeasurable capacity to infuse vigour and enthusiasm into any activity they indulge in and also inspire other people. He also administered a pledge

to the children to undertake one Green Good Deed every day, minimise the use of plastic and contribute their might to totally stop the single use of plastic in day-to-day life.

## Lost

I, the undersigned, have lost migration certificate for my Class XII examination bearing Roll No. 25242 of 2017 and Registration No. 871 of 2015 issued by the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur on the way between Singjamei and Moirangkhom on May 24, 2018. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned

Sd/-  
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