

# AP to have Permanent HC soon

Agency  
Itanagar, May 30

A permanent high court would be set up in Arunachal Pradesh soon, Chief Minister Pema Khandu told a public meeting.

A permanent bench of Gauhati High Court was established at Naharlagun and inaugurated by the then Chief Justice A S Anand of the Supreme Court in August, 2000.

The chief minister made the announcement on the second day of his visit to Lower Dibang Valley district yesterday, an official release said.

On the demand for deploying paramilitary force in Dambuk

area to check intrusion of anti-social elements from a neighbouring state, the chief minister said he would hold talks with the state DGP, for the stationing of state police battalion.

Khandu said that state government was taking all possible measures to strengthen law and order in the state.

Khandu also assured the people that he would take up the Bomjir-Paglam road project with the Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), for its inclusion in the highway project.

The project in Lower Dibang Valley district is important for improving the economic

scenario of the area, the chief minister said. Compensation demand should not become a hurdle in completion of the project, Khandu said.

The chief minister also inspected the flood protection site at Patsing situated near the 14 km point of the states longest bridge over river Dibang, the release said.

Since the last two years, the Dibang river that flows near Bomjir village, had washed away more than 100 metres of the riverbank inundating farmland and was posing a threat to the Dibang bridge, according to the officials here.

The chief minister

accompanied by WRD parliamentary secretary Gum Tayeng, administrative and departmental officials undertook a 30-minute car journey from the national highway towards the riverbank to assess the damage of the nearby farmlands.

Addressing a public meeting, Khandu appreciated the parliamentary secretary for taking timely measure in mitigating flood by constructing flood protection work at the Patsing site.

He assured to fund the phase II of the flood protection work and take up the project with the Centre in composite way.

## TN Deputy CM's son gets party post

Agency  
Chennai, May 30

The ruling AIADMK in Tamil Nadu today effected a shake-up in its party ranks, appointing its Coordinator O Panneerselvam's son to a key post.

Panneerselvam and AIADMK co-coordinator K Palaniswami announced the appointment of P Ravindranath Kumar as Theni District Secretary of 'Puratchi Thalaivi Amma Peravai', a forum named after the late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa.

Kumar is the son of

Panneerselvam, the state Deputy Chief Minister. Palaniswami is Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

The top AIADMK leaders also appointed J Jayavardhan, son of senior party leader and Fisheries Minister D Jayakumar, and South Chennai MP, as Joint Secretary of the Peravai.

They appointed others to various posts in the forum, including in districts like Tiruchirappalli and Vellore.

Panneerselvam and Palaniswami urged the party workers to extend their cooperation to the newly appointed members.

## Election for 3 RS Kerala seats falling vacant on June 21

Agency  
New Delhi May 30

The Election Commission today announced biennial polls to three Rajya Sabha seats from Kerala, including the one held by upper house deputy chairman P J Kurien, falling vacant on July 1.

The election would be held on June 21 for which the notification would be issued on June 4, the poll panel said. Kurien (Congress), Joy Abraham (Kerala Congress-M) and C P Narayanan (CPI-M) are retiring on July 1.

As of now, out of the nine RS seats in the state, three each are held by Congress and CPI (M) and one each by Kerala Congress-M, IUML and an Independent member.

## Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov to visit North Korea

Agency  
Moscow, May 30

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will travel to North Korea tomorrow to discuss the reclusive state's nuclear programme and bilateral cooperation, the foreign ministry said.

"Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's official visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will take place on May 31," the foreign ministry said in a statement today.

## Armed forces a rare breed of human beings: Prez

Agency  
Mumbai, May 30

President Ram Nath Kovind today described the armed forces as a "rare breed of human beings" and said they are a symbol of excellence and dedication for the entire country.

The president was here to review the passing out parade of the 134th course of the National Defence Academy (NDA) at Khadakwasla near Pune.

"The armed forces are not merely about doing a job they are about answering a calling. And this is a calling for a rare breed of human beings," he said during the event.

Delighted to review the passing out parade, Kovind said as the supreme commander of the armed forces, this was a moment of immense satisfaction for him. "The armed forces are a

symbol of excellence and dedication for the entire country. This parade comprises cadets from all parts of India and from a variety of communities. Its harmony speaks for our essential unity as much as for our pluralism as a society," he said.

The president said a soldier or an officer in uniform, irrespective of whether he or she is from the Army, the Navy or the Air Force, evokes admiration and trust everywhere in the country.

"If a fellow citizen sees a member of the armed forces at a railway station or a market or at any other place, there is an immediate emotion of pride and reassurance," he noted.

Commending their unparalleled and unquestioning service to the nation in times of war and peace — on the border or

within the country — during a natural calamity, Kovind said "the armed forces represent the best of the Indian ethos".

Talking about the NDA, the president called it a crucible of valour and bravery, and complimented it for inculcating a resolve and spirit of national service in generations of cadets and officers.

It is because of this heritage that in December 1978 (the then) president Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy conferred the president's colours on the NDA, he said.

"Today, the cadets have become role models for our young people, guarantors of our peace and prosperity, and guardians of our nation," he added.

The president expressed confidence that the graduating cadets would prove worthy successors to the unflinching and fearless officers who have preceded them.

## Chidambaram moves court for protection from arrest in Aircel-Maxis case

Agency  
New Delhi, May 30

Former Union minister P Chidambaram today moved a Delhi court seeking protection from arrest in the Aircel Maxis money laundering case.

The senior Congress leader moved his plea for anticipatory bail before Special Judge O P Saini, who directed Chidambaram to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on June 5 as already summoned by the agency.

The court, which issued notice to the ED seeking its reply by June 5, also directed the agency not to take any coercive action against Chidambaram in the

matter till then.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Chidambaram, urged the court to grant him the relief considering the former minister has clean antecedents and deep roots in society.

In his plea, Chidambaram said all the evidence in the matter appears to be documentary in nature which is already in the possession of the incumbent government and nothing was to be recovered from him.

However, special public prosecutor Nitesh Rana, appearing for the ED, opposed Chidambaram's plea saying he did not join the investigation today, for which

the ED had already issued summons.

The court has already granted interim protection from arrest till July 10 to the former minister's son Karti Chidambaram in two cases filed by the CBI and ED in 2011 and 2012, respectively in the Aircel-Maxis matter arising out of 2G spectrum cases.

The relief was granted to Karti after the ED sought time to argue on his application seeking anticipatory bail.

The matter pertains to grant of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance to firm M/S Global Communication Holding Services Ltd for investment in Aircel.

## U.N. Security Council to meet on Gaza rocket firings on Israel

Agency  
United States, May 30

The U.N. Security Council will meet on Wednesday to discuss Palestinian rocket strikes on Israel, at the request of the United States

which wants the top U.N. body to strongly condemn the attacks.

The rocket and mortar firings from the Gaza Strip were claimed by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, prompting Israel to respond with air strikes on bases of the militant Palestinian groups.

It was the worst flareup since the 2014 war between Israel in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

"Mortars fired by Palestinian militants hit civilian infrastructure, including a kindergarten," U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said in a statement on Tuesday.

"The Security Council should be outraged and respond to this latest bout of violence directed at innocent Israeli civilians, and the Palestinian leadership needs to be held accountable for what they're allowing to happen in Gaza."

The United States circulated a draft statement calling on the council to condemn "in the strongest terms the indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian militants in Gaza" toward Israel, according to a copy of the text seen by AFP.

The council will hear a report from U.N. envoy for the Middle East Nickolay Mladenov during the meeting scheduled for 3:00 pm (1900 GMT).

Israel's military has said it was not seeking an escalation, but

warned Hamas, with whom it has fought three wars since 2008, to rein in its fighters. Three Israeli soldiers were wounded in the exchange of fire.

**Ceasefire reached with Israel** Islamic Jihad announced an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement with Israel.

The confrontation followed weeks of deadly demonstrations and clashes along the Gaza-Israel border. Dozens of Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in the unrest.

## After 16-day price hike, petrol and diesel price cut by just 1 paise a litre

New Delhi, May 30,

Indian Oil Corp (IOC) has blamed a "clerical error" for a typo that earlier showed the slashing of fuel prices by 60 paise. It was revised to just 1 paise a litre each for petrol and diesel.

State-owned oil companies this morning announced reduction in petrol price by 60 paise to Rs 77.83 a litre and diesel by 56 paise to Rs 68.75 in Delhi.

"The reduction was supposed to be 1 paise but due to a clerical error the price prevalent on May 25 was communicated as today's price," a senior official of Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's largest fuel retailer, explained to news agency PTL.

Petrol in Delhi now costs Rs 78.42 per litre and diesel Rs 69.30. Since the Karnataka election, the straight fuel price hike has caused inconvenience and disappointment among the general public for the last 16th

The revised diesel prices in metropolitan cities are-	
Delhi	69.30
Kolkata	71.85
Mumbai	73.78
Chennai	73.17
The revised petrol prices in metropolitan cities are-	
Delhi	78.42
Kolkata	81.05
Mumbai	86.23
Chennai	81.42

days. Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan earlier assured the public that the government will soon take out a solution to tackle the situation. He had further pointed out that less production of oil in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and hike in crude oil price in the international market are some of the factors affecting the fuel price.

### News from IGAR(S)

### Iftar party and Ramazan celebration

5 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised an Iftar party at Bengoon, Imphal West District. The event acted as a measure to connect with people to celebrate Ramazan wherein the locals fast for a month. The holy month of Ramazan began on 17 May on sighting of new moon and will conclude when the first crescent of new moon is sighted followed by Eid celebration. The Iftar party was attended by 275 people including village elders Maulvis of local Mosques, councillors and several other civil dignitaries.

### AR distribute chair

In a noble gesture, 6 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (S) distributed chairs to Dorcas Compassion Home (DCH) at Manipur Baptist Convention (MBC) campus on 29 May 2018. A total of 25 ladies attended the same. Mrs Easter, Secretary Manipur Baptist Convention thanked Assam Rifles for the help.

## Police clear biggest migrant camp in Paris

Agency  
Paris, May 30

Security forces moved in on the biggest migrant camp in the French capital today where some 1,700 people lived in makeshift tents alongside a canal.

The migrants would be housed temporarily at more than 20 sites across the Paris region while the authorities checked their identities, Interior Minister Gerard

Collomb said in a statement. CRS riot police were deployed at dawn, some arriving by boat, as the migrants emerged from their tents and waited patiently to be bussed away from the Port de la Villette camp in the northeast of Paris.

"We don't really know where we are going," said a Libyan who reached Paris seven months ago and gave his name as Issam. "It was hard here," he added,

holding on to his one piece of baggage.

The "Millenaire" or Millennium camp was home mainly to Sudanese, Somali and Eritrean migrants. Two similar camp sites in the capital along the Canal St Martin, which houses 800 mostly Afghan migrants, and the Porte de la Chapelle, home to 300-400 people, would also be quickly evacuated, said regional prefect Michel Cadot.

## AR conducts outreach training and placement drive

Imphal, May 30,

In order to facilitate an outreach of the National Government's vision of 'Transforming Rural Youth into an Economically Independent and Globally Relevant Workforce', a mega training and placement drive under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) was organised at company operating base Thoubal by 26 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) yesterday. The event was organised in conjunction with Social Amelioration Society (SAS), an Imphal based NGO and Gyanjyoti Foundation, Imphal.

The Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana



aims to engage youth, as a part of the 'National Rural Livelihood Mission' (NRLM) and Government's 'Skill Development Initiative' tasked with the dual objective of adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and cater to the career aspirations of rural

youth. A total of 300 students from different colleges and schools of Thoubal district attended the said event. The Secretary and Chairman of Gyan Jyoti Foundation briefed the students about the importance of skill development and various other related schemes being

run by the Gyan Jyoti Foundation. The Authorities from SAS and Gyan Jyoti Foundation expressed their gratitude towards the efforts made by the Assam Rifles to broaden the preview of the civilian populace in regards to various avenues of opportunities.