

CM opens Indo Myanmar Sangai Business Summit 2018 Visa office to open in imphal shortly: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that Visa facilitation Office would be open in Imphal shortly for issuing visas for more than 30 countries. This was stated by him at the Indo Myanmar Sangai Business Summit 2018 held at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal today. The Summit is organised by Act East Policy Committee, Government of Manipur in association with Business Excellence Group Manipur.

Speaking at the function, Chief Minister said that the Manipur Government would provide land for the construction of Guest house for the Myanmarese pilgrims who are visiting Bodhi Gaya every year. He announced that to overcome the gas and petroleum products during bandhs and blockades, the Union Ministry has initiated the survey for the construction of the fuel pipeline from Guwahati-Silchar-Imphal.

To deepen the relationship between the two countries, Chief Minister mentioned that the State Government of Manipur has constituted a State Level Committee to aid and advice in the effective

operationalization of Act East Policy in Manipur in association with Government of India. Manipur shares strong cultural affinities with Myanmar and in terms of taste and preferences with huge potential for partnership in trade, commerce, culture and tourism, he added.

Highlighting that Manipur is the India's gateway to the South East Asian countries, Chief Minister said that the people of the State should grab such golden opportunity to prosper the State. We all should work together towards building a better society and bright future. He further stated that Manipur will be developed soon if we work systematically together.

Chief Minister said that After the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi transformed the 'Look East Policy' into 'Act East Policy'. North-East Region of India is seen as the "new engines of growth" for India and a keystone in India's Act East Policy. Sangaing and Manipur state of India are vital in realizing the Act East Policy of India, he added. To facilitate greater people to people contact, trade and commerce between the two countries,



Integrated Check Post at Moreh was inaugurated in the beginning of this year, he added. He promised that he would visit the Sangaing region of Myanmar soon.

Chief Minister of Sangaing Dr. Myint Naing said that we must ensure a stable and sustainable economic

development and build prosperous and strong relations between the two countries. Mentioning that the two regions have similar culture and tradition, he believed that such initiative would provide a great opportunity to support each other at various intervals. He

invited the Chief Minister for Development, Sangaing, Myanmar Shri U. Myint Kyi, Minister for Social Welfare, Sangaing, Myanmar Dr. Zaw Win, MLA of Kakching AC Y. Surchandra, MLA of Khurai AC Shri L. Susindro, delegates from Myanmar and India and others attended the function.

May form an alliance with like-minded parties: Lal Thanhawla

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With just three days left for the Mizoram Assembly elections, Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla on Sunday said the Congress was open to the idea of a post-poll alliance with like-minded parties, excluding the BJP and Mizo National Front, if the ruling party falls short of majority. He added that such a situation will not arise as the Congress will get full majority on its own.

"If like-minded parties come to me and want to support my leadership, they are welcome," Mr Thanhawla told news agency.

In Mizoram, the support of 21 legislators is needed to form a government in the 40-member Assembly.

Mizoram is significant for the Congress as it remains the only state under its rule in the north east, as compared to as many as five just about two years ago, which included Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

Mr Thanhawla said there was no difference in the campaigning this time, compared to that in previous

two terms. On being asked about the exit of senior ministers and political leaders, he said, "I don't see any worker leaving my party at this stage. But unwanted and corrupt people have left. Congress workers are very grateful and they are much inspired because these corrupt people have left the party."

At least five Congress MLAs have resigned from the Assembly and the party in the run-up to the polls and joined either the BJP or the Mizo National Front (MNF).

Asked about the anti-incumbency factor in Mizoram, Mr Thanhawla said, "Not all. Only MNF is feeling anti-incumbency factor. They don't have anything to point fingers at me — no scandal, no misuse (of funds). How can they say anti-incumbency wind is blowing in Mizoram? It's only their wishful thinking."

The Congress has been in power in Mizoram since 2008 and is eyeing a third consecutive term. In the 2013 elections, the Congress had won 34 seats, while the MNF got five and the Mizoram People's Conference one.

Youth arrested and fined for sharing news against Tripura CM

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Agartala, Nov 26,

A youth was arrested late Saturday night from his home at Gandhigram area in West Tripura for sharing a news item published in a local news website against Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb. Assistant Inspector General Smriti Ranjan Das said Dipak Debnath, 32, was arrested late last night from his residence by a team of police officers from New Capital Complex (NCC) police station. Debnath belongs to Rajnagar village of Gandhigram area, around 7 kms from Agartala. The arrest was made following a police complaint by a resident of the same locality. The complainant, Kajal Dey, accused Debnath of spreading rumours and mala fide campaign through his post on social media. After being produced before the court of Judicial Magistrate SL Tripura today, he was released on bail with a security bond of Rs 30,000.

President Kovind says Constitution empowers the citizen, but the citizen too empowers the Constitution by following it



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New Delhi, Nov 26,

President Ram Nath Kovind has said that the duty of safeguarding and strengthening the Constitution is a shared enterprise among the judiciary, the executive and the legislature, in partnership with the people of India. He was addressing Constitution Day event in New Delhi today.

Mr Kovind said, the Constitution empowers the citizen, but the citizen too empowers the Constitution by following it, adhering to it, protecting it, and by persevering to make it more meaningful with words and deeds. He said, the Constitution is the modern ure of independent India and for Indians, it is an inspirational and living document. He said, Dr Ambedkar and his colleagues in the Constituent

Assembly were remarkably large-hearted and generous in their approach as they allowed for flexibility in amending the Constitution and were accommodative of various streams of thought. Mr Kovind said, they trusted future generations to not just amend the Constitution, but to constructively re-imagine

and reinterpret it. In his address, Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi said, the Indian constitution is voice of marginalised and prudence of majority and its wisdom continues to guide in the moments of crisis. He said, it is a matter of pride that the constitution has lived with great vigour in the last 7 decades.

Addressing the gathering, Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, ordinary Indian's inherent trust in Indian democratic process, regardless of his religion, caste, community, economic status or literacy is the most defining moment of India's constitutional governance. Raising the issue of Constitutional morality, Mr Prasad said, it should be defined with clarity and should not differ from judge to judge.

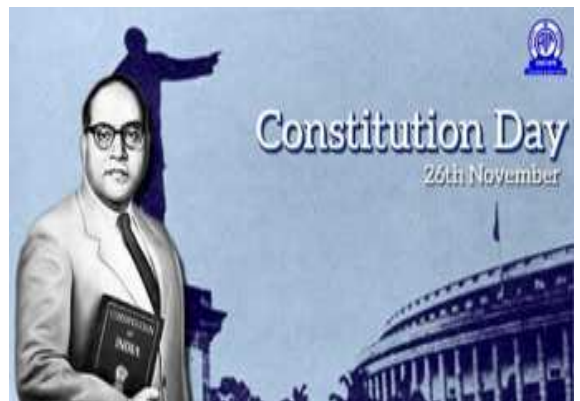
Six years old girl vomited after consuming colour snacks

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Imphal, Nov 26,

A six year old girl yesterday vomited and admitted to Advance hospital yesterday evening after she reportedly consume colour snacks sold by individuals on streets. The snacks commonly known as "Mayang Makoi" was found

sold inside the Sangaing Festival premises. Whether these people got permission from the government authority or not is yet to be confirmed. But photo shared by reporter said that the snacks was sub standard and may be hazardous to health. Food Safety department is yet to response to the matter.

Today is Constitution Day



Today is Constitution Day. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.

On 19th November 2015, during the year-long celebration of the 125th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, Government of India in a gazette notification declared November 26th as the Constitution Day. The Constitution continues to be the nation's

guiding light on all matters connected with governance and jurisprudence. The founding fathers gave people one of the best constitutions in the world and by displaying foresight, vision and a flexible approach, they accommodated various viewpoints and made it adaptable to the Indian situation.

During the Mann Ki Baat programme in All India Radio Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about constitution day and appealed the people to take

forward the values enshrined in the constitution and ensure peace, progress and prosperity in the country.

The constitution has strengthened parliamentary democracy and has stood the test of times, even as it evolved through several amendments. The Constitution empowers the people as much as the people empower the Constitution.