

Mizoram polls Tribal group appeals to Presbyterian Church to vote for CM

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A tribal organisation has appealed to Mizoram's powerful Presbyterian Church to support Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla in the Assembly election, describing him as a "prominent Christian leader" in the country. The Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust (KOHRT) — a Manipur-based organisation of the Kuki tribe — has alleged

that the current political climate was promoting religious intolerance and affecting the Christians. In his letter to Rev. Lalrinnunga, the moderator of Mizoram synod of the Presbyterian Church of India, KOHRT chairman T Lunkim said he considered Thanhawla as a prominent Christian leader in the country. Thanhawla is also considered to be a conscientious and inclusive leader for all the

Kuki, Chin, Mizo people across the globe, Lunkim said. He alleged that money power was being used in the northeastern states, terming it a great shame to any state where the larger population follows Christianity." The Kuki leader, however, did not say who was promoting religious intolerance or using money power in the northeastern region. When contacted, state

Congress spokesperson Lallian Chhunga alleged that the religious factor was a major issue in this election because of a "secret understanding" between the main opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) and the Bharatiya Janata Party. "They (KOHRT) have rightly said that Thanhawla is a good Christian leader. We can even say that the church is now supporting us at the last moment of the campaigning," Chhunga said.

Arunachal Pradesh MP urges PM Modi to take up state's issues with China at G-20 Summit

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Lok Sabha MP from Arunachal Pradesh Ninong Ering on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take up several issues involving the state with Chinese President Xi Jinping during the upcoming G-20 Summit. The next G-20 Summit would be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina, from November 30 to December 1. In a letter to PM Modi, the Congress MP said the

relation between India and China is critical from the viewpoint of Arunachal as the state shares border with China. "The issue of China providing stapled visa to the people of Arunachal Pradesh is not new and must be brought to their notice tactfully. The Government of India must assert the territorial integrity of India, and convey the feelings of the state people in a firm manner," Mr Ering wrote in the letter. As a policy, China issues

stapled visas to people of Arunachal Pradesh leading to problems for them. They were prevented from boarding China-bound flights because of this. The MP of Arunachal East constituency also drew the attention of the Prime Minister at several instances in recent time when Chinese troops have tried to enter into the state's territory and build roads.

the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country for a peaceful co-existence, as envisaged in historical Panchsheel agreement," Mr Ering said. The Panchsheel agreement, or the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, was signed between the Tibet region of China and India in 1954. The MP urged PM Modi to take up the issues with the Chinese president and stand up to the hopes and aspirations of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

NIA to probe Kishtwar killings

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The Jammu-Kashmir Government has handed over the probe into the killing of a senior BJP leader and his brother in Kishtwar to the National Investigation Agency.

Advertising A senior police official confirmed the news, saying that investigations into the matter will now be done by the NIA. BJP state secretary Anil Parihar and his brother Ajit Parihar were shot dead from close range by unidentified gunmen in Kishtwar town earlier this month. They were shot while returning home after closing their shop in Kishtwar. State Governor Satya Pal Malik had described the killings as a terror incident and added that those involved in the killings have been identified. The police had taken into custody several suspects for questioning.

Tripura State to decide Kokborok script after thorough discussion

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Tripura government intended to hold open discussion on deciding the script for Kokborok language (tribal dialect), as the matter is sensitive and a threat bear discussion on the issue is essential to take final decision. Making statement in the assembly on Tuesday,

Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath said that the state government is willing to freeze the script controversy of Kokborok after taking all section of people into confidence even if it takes longer time. "The government is sensitive about indigenous culture, language and heritage and there is no scope to misunderstand the

government. The government in last eight months did some works, which indicated the intention of the government. We need time to take the decision," Nath said.

Assam Rajnath Singh, Sarbananda Sonowal review state situation after protests over Citizenship Bill

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Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and top officials on November 27 night reviewed the situation in Assam in the wake of strong protests against the Citizenship Amendment Bill in the state, sources said. Sonowal and his ministerial colleague Himanta Biswa Sarma

briefed the home minister about the continuous protests against the Bill in Assam, they said. The proposed amendment to the Citizenship Bill of 1955 seeks to grant citizenship to people from minority communities Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after six years of residence in India instead of 12 even if they do not possess proper

documents. A large section of people, organisations in the Northeast, particularly in Assam, have opposed the Bill saying it will nullify the provisions of the Assam Accord of 1985, which fixed March 24, 1971 as the cut off date for deportation of all illegal immigrants irrespective of religion. Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Director of Intelligence Bureau

Rajiv Jain and others attended the meeting. The home minister held the meeting hours after a joint parliamentary committee discussed the Bill where some opposition members sought exclusion of Bangladesh under the purview of the proposed legislation. A BJP supported member suggested that a provision should be brought in the Bill so that it does not come into effect in Assam, sources added.

Former state-level cricketer goes missing in Vadodara

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A former state-level cricketer associated with the Baroda Cricket Association (BCA) has been reported missing in Vadodara on Tuesday afternoon. Mittal Saraiya, 51, who has been living in Florida, USA, came to Vadodara five days ago to meet his ailing uncle. Advertising

On Tuesday afternoon, Mittal had gone to the ICICI bank at Amrapali complex in Karliabaug area of the city to open a new bank account. However, he did not return home and repeated attempts to reach him on his phone went in vain, and his phone was later switched off, the police said. A missing person

complaint was lodged at the Karliabaug police station late on Tuesday night. "We have begun investigating the matter but we are yet to get any leads. As per the CCTV footage of the complex, he had boarded an auto rickshaw towards his home and we are trying to track the auto based on the CCTV footage," said JD Taral, investigating officer.

Lashkar terrorist, allegedly involved in editor Shujaat Bukhari murder, killed in Kashmir encounter

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New Delhi Nov 28,

Lashkar-e-Taiba commander and Pakistani terrorist Naveed Jatt, wanted in the murder of Kashmir editor Shujaat Bukhari, was killed in an encounter in Kashmir's Budgam district on Wednesday. Another militant was also killed and three army personnel injured in the gunfight. Advertising



Confirming Jatt's death, Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Dilbag Singh said, "We'll be writing to the home ministry to inform Pakistan to take back the body. It was a swift operation carried out by security forces. We finally got the prize catch Naveed Jatt. He has managed to give us the slip in six different encounters but today our boys managed to pin him down." Jatt was once arrested in June 2014 but escaped earlier this year from

SMHS Hospital in Srinagar where jail authorities had taken him for a medical checkup. He is alleged to be involved in a series of terror crimes, including the murder of an ASI in Pulwama in 2013, several grenade attacks on security forces and killing of CRPF personnel in Shopian in 2013. He was also involved in conspiring and executing several bank robberies in South Kashmir. As per police

records, Jatt had earlier trained with Ajmal Kasab in Pakistan. Earlier in the day, the encounter broke out after security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Chattergam village of Budgam. As the forces were zeroing in on a house, militants opened fire triggering the encounter. The police has advised citizens not to venture near the encounter zone until it is completely sanitised. The

authorities have snapped internet services in Budgam as a precautionary measure. In June, Bukhari, editor-in-chief of Rising Kashmir, was attacked by three bike-borne gunmen near the newspaper's office at Lal Chowk. J&K Police said two of the three gunmen were from Kashmir and the third was a Pakistani. Two security personnel accompanying Bukhari were also killed in the attack.

Supreme Court directs CBI to probe Bihar shelter home abuse cases

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New Delhi Nov 28,

The Supreme Court Wednesday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the alleged abuse of inmates at 16 shelter homes in the state. The central investigation agency is already probing the Muzaffarpur shelter home case.



Dismissing the state government's appeal against a CBI probe, the court also said that the officers probing the case shall not be changed. The CBI informed the court that it will file a chargesheet by December 7. An audit report by the Tata Institute of Social

Sciences (TISS) in April this year, which was handed to the Bihar government, had revealed alleged abuse of inmates, many of whom were minors, at 14 shelter homes across the state. The report, which found that abuse is "prevalent in almost all institutions", cited sexual exploitation, physical

abuse and inmates being "always locked up", among other allegations. During a hearing on Monday, a three-judge bench comprising of Justices Madan B Lokur, Deepak Gupta and S Abdul Nazeer, had rapped the government for going "soft" on charges of child abuse at

the shelter homes. It had indicated that it may hand over the case to the CBI. The Bench had accused the Bihar government of being "very selective" in registering FIRs against the perpetrators and asked whether these children were not citizens of India.

Telangana polls: Transgender candidate Chandramukhi missing, feared kidnapped

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New Delhi Nov 28,

A transgender activist, who is contesting the upcoming Telangana Assembly elections on December 7, was reported missing on Tuesday morning. The police have filed a case based on a complaint that "she is

feared to be kidnapped", reported news agency PTI. Chandramukhi M, the first and sole candidate to stand for elections in the state, is contesting on a CPI(M)-led Bahujan Left Front (BLF) ticket from Goshamahal constituency. She had started campaigning for the polls on Monday.

Advertising The complaint, filed by her friends at the Banjara Hills Police Station, claimed: "She has been unreachable and her mother has been in a state of extreme despair. She is feared to be kidnapped." "We fear for her safety and condemn the lack of safety measures organised for her

and for other women and transgender candidates, which acts as a strong force that dissuades transgender people and women from joining politics," her friends were quoted as saying by PTI. Chandramukhi, a prominent face among the transgender community in the state,

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