

Farewell to Lt Gen LN Singh, Vsm**

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One of the most distinguished son of Manipur retires from service. Lt Gen LN Singh, VSM**, the third Lt Gen ever from North East and second from Manipur is hanging up his uniform today after nearly 40 years of glorious services dedicated to the nation. Currently he is the only serving Lt Gen from the North East. Lt Gen LN Singh, VSM** had his early education from Thingen LP School at Konok Thingen. The school did not have either walls or chairs and tables; the students were required to carry 'bori' (gunny bag) to sit upon. His next schools were Gurukul Junior High School and Tombisana High School. He joined Sainik School, Purulia in 1968. Being from a very poor family with 10 siblings, there was no electricity and the house was a thatched hut, with the roofs liking when it rains. Kerosene lamps were used for lighting. Hence, getting up early in the morning for studies was normal. Being from a Manipuri medium school, when he joined Sainik School, he was absolutely at a lost. In fact, neither could he converse with other students, who were all non-Manipuris, nor understand what was being taught. In fact, in the first monthly test, he managed to score barely 80 marks out of 800, of this approximately 50 marks were for drawing, thereby, he managed to score 30 out of 700. However, he worked very

hard and eventually did exceedingly well, coming out with flying colours at the end.

In 1975, he joined National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune and finally got commissioned into the army on 09 June 1979 at the age of 20 years only. Those days he could not even cast a vote as the minimum age for voting was 21.

He has served all over India and was in Bhutan for 3 years. He visited Myanmar a number of times since 2001 as a part of our delegation. On 26 February 2010, when the Indian medical mission in Afghanistan was attacked, he led the rescue mission. In fact, Maj (Dr.) Laishram Jotin was martyred during this operation. Lt Gen LN Singh, VSM** was contributed towards ensuring award of Ashok Chakra to Maj (Dr.) Laishram Jotin.

The general officer and his wife have travelled to nearly 25 countries. The general represented the country in military to military contacts with a number of countries in India's strategic interest including USA, UK, Afghanistan, Iran, South Africa, Myanmar, Bhutan, Bangladesh, China amongst others. He contributed in bringing peace to Assam and was deeply involved in accords with the Bodos and ULFA. He is a thinking General. As the senior most officer of his Corps, he contributed to reforming and revamping the security and intelligence set up of the country. He is diligent, mature and passionate of task



assigned to him. He is extremely honest and his integrity is beyond doubt. He runs his organisation well and is very popular with all his co-workers. He can work nearly 13 to 15 hours a day, sleeping/ resting barely 5 to 6 hours and normally gets up at 4 am in the morning. His biggest assets is his ability to visualise the future scenario through a thorough SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Weakness) analysis. During his long career of 40 years in the Army, the General has carried out in a number of operational and sensitive assignments. He is an expert in the field of Intelligence and Security, besides he has an in-depth knowledge of China, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Pakistan and North East. He has vast experience in teaching, training and handling of educational institutions. For the last five years, he has been the head of a World class premier educational institute of

the Army, where professional and fresher from India and foreign countries were imparted basic and advance military education. He has also served as a professor in Army War College and also in Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan. His a nationalist and in his spare time he has been doing social work and contributing as a think-tank for the betterment of the society. After his retirement, his 40 years of experience in the Army should be utilized for the Nation specially for the betterment of North East and Manipur. Post retirement, he has declined offers from Multinational Companies as he intends settling down in Manipur but he has no house and is planning to stay on rent. His expertise and experience could be fruit fully utilize by the central and state government for the betterment of the state and society.

HC refuses to stall SIT probe into varsity sex scandal

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The Madras High Court has made it clear that it cannot stall the probe by the Special Investigation Team appointed by the Tamil Nadu Governor into the alleged sex scandal at Madurai Kamaraj University in the state. A division bench of Justice M Sathyanarayanan and Justice P Rajamanickam said Thursday, "We cannot stay the probe by SIT, all we can do is only ask the university whether it has implemented the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and

Redressal) Act." The bench also directed the university to file a report on the proper implementation of the Act in its institutions. The direction came on a plea by Revolutionary Students Youth Front seeking to stall the probe conducted by the SIT and constitute a new team headed by a woman official to investigate the scandal in which assistant professor Nirmala Devi allegedly tried to lure college girls to offer sexual favours to higher officials. When the plea came up for hearing, the Advocate General filed a status report, which said the professor "voluntarily" confessed during

custodial interrogation that she tried to lure girl students of her college only to offer sexual favours to other two accused in the case Murugan and Karuppasamy. It was further submitted that with the assistance of cybercrime cell the call data records (CDR) of Nirmala Devi, Karuppasamy and Murugan were obtained from Mobile Service Providers (MSPs). The report said the records were analysed and relevant evidences of conspiracy was established. "The calls made and received by the accused were analysed, and were

summoned, examined and statements recorded. The calls among the three were corroborated based on the voluntary confession and the facts were verified," it was submitted. "The seizure of all digital evidences was done after following due legal procedure, the report added. Nirmala Devi, assistant professor at Devanga Arts College in Aruppukottai, was arrested on April 16, a day after an audio clip went viral on the social media, in which she purportedly sought to persuade girls to consider extending sexual favours to senior officials of MKU, to which the college is affiliated.

Farmers begin march towards Parliament from Ramlila Maidan; 3,500 cops deployed

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New Delhi, Nov 30

Thousands of farmers from across the country, who have been camping at the Ramlila ground here since Thursday, began their march to Parliament Street on Friday amid heavy police deployment, to press for their demands, including debt relief and remunerative prices for their produce. Over 3,500 police personnel have deployed on the route of the march. According to a senior police officer, special arrangements have been made in Central and New Delhi police districts. As many as 850 police personnel, up to the rank of sub-inspectors, have been deployed in the Central district. They have been augmented by the presence of 12 police companies, including two of women, each comprising 75-80 personnel, a police official said. In New Delhi district, 346 police personnel, up to the rank of sub-inspectors,

have been deployed and 600 personnel from other districts will also help them, the official said. Nine police companies, along with 71 officers, from the rank of inspectors up to additional DCPs, are also present. Farmers from different parts of the country, including Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh converged at the Ramlila ground on Thursday. Traffic was disrupted in many parts of the city on Thursday as the farmers marched to the Ramlila ground in the heart of the city on four different routes, starting from Anand Vihar, Nizamuddin and Bijwasan railway stations and Sabzi Mandi. Banded under the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC), which claims to be an umbrella body of 207 organisations of farmers and agricultural workers, many farmers arrived in the city on

Thursday, on trains, buses and other modes of transport. Kamla, a functionary of the All India Kisan Sabha's Delhi unit, said farmers from nearby areas converged at Majnu Ka Tila on the outskirts of Delhi from where they marched in groups to Ramlila Maidan on Thursday. About 1,200 members of the National South Indian River Interlinking Agriculturalists Association reached the national capital in the early hours of Thursday carrying skulls of two of their colleagues who had committed suicide, their leader P Ayyakannu claimed. The group from Tamil Nadu had threatened to march naked if they are not allowed to go to Parliament on Friday. They had last year staged protests at Jantar Mantar with the skulls of eight farmers who killed themselves owing to losses. The AIKSCC has claimed that the two-day rally will

be one of the largest congregations of farmers in Delhi. Five Gurdwaras in the Delhi region have extended their help to the farmers. Also students from various universities turned out in large numbers to lend support to the farmers. The protest also saw participation of a number of women farmers who travelled from various parts of the country. Volunteers, including doctors, lawyers, professors and artists, all came out in large numbers to help the farmers. Around 600-700 volunteers of a solidarity group 'Nation For Farmers' marched with the protesters from the four assembly points. The AIKSCC was formed under the aegis of All India Kisan Sabha and other Left-affiliated farmers' bodies in June, 2017, following protests by farmers in states such as Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for debt relief and remunerative prices.

US welcomes efforts by India, Pak to increase people-to-people contact

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Washington, Nov 30

The United States said on Friday that it welcomes efforts by India and Pakistan to increase people-to-people

contact, days after the two neighbouring countries laid foundation stones for a corridor linking two revered gurdwaras on both sides of the border. I'm aware of reports on

this Kartarpur corridor. I understand that it's kind of a visa-free way for Indians to visit this important Sikh site. And of course, the United States would welcome efforts to increase people-to-people ties between India and Pakistan, State Department deputy spokesman Robert Palladino told reporters. Palladino was responding to questions on the construction of the much-awaited corridor that will connect Darbar Sahib in Pakistan's Kartarpur the final resting place of Sikh faith's founder Guru Nanak Dev with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district and facilitate visa-free movement of pilgrims. The Kartarpur corridor, which India had proposed to Pakistan around 20 years ago, is expected to

be completed within six months. Thousands of Sikh devotees from India visit Pakistan every year to celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. Replying to another question on President Donald Trump's tweets on stopping aid to Pakistan at a time when the US is seeking its cooperation on Afghanistan, the State Department Spokesperson stressed the need for Islamabad to build confidence in bilateral relations. The Secretary (of State) has emphasized the need for Pakistan to deliver outcome and build confidence and trust between our two countries, and our policy towards Pakistan is clear, Palladino said.

Jammu University professor accused of calling Bhagat Singh a 'terrorist', probe ordered

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Jammu, Nov. 30

A professor of Jammu University, Mohammad Tajuddin, has been accused of calling Bhagat Singh a terrorist. Some students of the university lodged a complaint with the varsity administration in this regard and also took up the matter with vice chancellor Professor Manoj K Dhar. Speaking to news agency ANI, the Jammu University vice chancellor confirmed that the complaint had been filed, following which a six-member committee had been asked to look into the case. He further said that the accused professor had been disassociated from teaching till the inquiry

would be completed. "Some students came to me last (Thursday) evening and told me about this incident. They submitted a CD as proof. I have immediately formed an inquiry committee. We have disassociated him from teaching till inquiry committee submits the report," said the vice chancellor. Dhar added that further action would be taken only after the findings of the inquiry committee are submitted. The accused professor, however, defended himself, claiming that a 25-second clip was cut out from his two-hour lecture and the remark was shown out of context. Professor Tajuddin further said that even he considered

Bhagat Singh a revolutionary. "I was teaching Lenin (Russian revolutionary) and in that context, I said state calls any violence against it 'terrorism'. Someone took a 25-second video out of my 2-hours lecture. Terrorist

word came in that. It was not what I meant. Still, if anyone is hurt, I am really sorry for it," said the professor. "I also consider Bhagat Singh a revolutionary. He is one of the people who sacrificed their lives for the country," he added.

Cold morning in city

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New Delhi, Nov 30

Delhiites woke up to a cold morning with the minimum temperature falling at 10.7 degrees Celsius, a notch above the season's average. Humidity was recorded at 91 per cent at 8.30 AM. The Met office has forecast clear skies for the day with the

possibility of haze and smoke towards the afternoon. "The maximum temperature is likely to hover around 26 degrees," the weatherman said. The minimum temperature on Thursday was recorded at 12.2 degrees Celsius and the maximum temperature settled at 26.2 degrees Celsius.

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