

Book on Vaishnavism “Shreeshreemadanmohanjiu” Released Dharma needs to be included in school curriculum, says Minister K Shyam

Imphal, Oct 15.

A religious book titled “Shreeshreemadanmohanjiu” by Parthasarathi Das (N.Poulendrajit Singh) was released by Hon’ble Minister, CAF & PD, Revenue, Shri Karam Shyam at Priyogopal Sana Auditorium, Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal yesterday. The book is mainly based on the intense devotion of the Vaishnavites of Manipur for the Tribhanga Rup of Lord Shree Krishna. It contains 13 chapters.

The event was organised by Bhagyachandra Research Centre, University of Bhagavata Cuture, ISKCON, Imphal. Speaking at the occasion as the Chief Guest, Minister K Shyam stated that it is due to the lack of dharma in this present day society that crimes are so much prevalent in spite of the highly educated and qualified status of its people. “There is a strong need for dharma and its principles to be included in the school curriculum”, he stressed.

Prof. H. Tombi Singh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bhagavata Cuture, (UBC); Prof. N. Tombi Singh, Ex-Vice Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru



Manipur Dance Academy and Shri L. Upendra Sharma, Director, J N Manipur Dance Academy also attended the function as Special Guest. Guest of Honour and Minister respectively. Politicians should also have faith in God to render public service effectively, Minister Shyam said. “Writers have some innate quality in them and their works will always remain as wealth for the human society”, he also added. He also expressed regret that the place of worship for the Manipuris at Radhakund, Mathura have been put on lease for the last 30 years. The Government will take up steps for its revival after talks

between the CM of our State and that of Uttar Pradesh are over, he also informed. Appreciating our rich culture and civilization for holding a unique place on the global map, he appealed Prof. N. Tombi to take up measures for proper maintenance of books, novels, epics and other written records of Manipur for future reference. Prof. H. Tombi said that after reading the book, one can learn that Manipur a unique Gouriya Vaishnavism and know the continuation features of Maharaj Bhagyachandra. Giving a review on the book “Shreeshreemadanmohanjiu”, Prof. N. Tombi said that he feels religion should be

discussed with a broad outlook and adding that the beauty of Hinduism is universalism. Diversity in unity is the basic concept of Hinduism and it acts as an integrity force binding all other religions, he further mentioned. He also gave his criticism on the book saying that it lacks scientific, historical and cultural approach. Floral tributes were paid to the photo of Damodar Swami, the first founder Acharya of ISKCON in Manipur, during the function. Teachers and students of J N Manipur Dance Academy, members of ISKCON, writers and art lovers of the State took part in the function.

Government school teachers to have uniform: Th. Radheshyam

Imphal, Oct. 14:

Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam said that the Government planned to initiate uniform for teachers of Government schools. He added the uniform for teachers has already been started in some private schools it will be implemented for the teachers engaged in Government schools too.

The van services for transportation of school students will also be scrutinised soon after discussing with the people concerned, he said. The norms and regulations will be set once decided. The Minister was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the New Academic Block of the N. Gulap Memorial English School, Hararou. He said that children face lots of pressures from high demanding parents leading to unwanted circumstances driving them away from dear and near ones. He appealed the parents and guardians to encourage the children rather than, too demanding. He said that every child has their own capability and talents and should be led



to grow instead of imposing the desires of the elders. Th. Radheshyam stressed that education is to prepare the children for life and not just to get good marks and a job. Children, he said, are the future pillar and it is therefore important to boost their creativity and to dream big that would lead to new inventions and innovations, he added. He also urged to use the audio-visual teaching and learning method to make learning more interesting. The children, he urged, should be made to have discussion and experimentation among their peers under the guidance of the teachers and guardians to inspire and help them in discovering their innate abilities imbued with moral values. Emphasising on need to make the school a place of attraction for the children, he said that the financial and social shortcomings should not be made to become an impediment. He appealed the teachers to treat the students as their own, supporting them to overcome their weaknesses. The ceremony was attended by the dignitaries, teachers and students.

Telangana Cong gearing up for Rahul Gandhi’s visit

Hyderabad, Oct 15

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee Chief N Uttam Kumar Reddy and other party leaders Monday inspected the arrangements for the visit of party President Rahul Gandhi to Telangana on October 20.

Reddy and others left from Hyderabad by a chopper to meet the gathering on the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Yatra commemoration day, a public meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Reddy attacked the TRS government in Telangana for allegedly ignoring farmers’

and other sections and highlighted the promises of Congress for the December 7 Legislative Assembly elections. Gandhi would address two public meetings in Telangana on October 20. He would hoist the Congress flag near Charminar here and address the gathering on the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Yatra commemoration day, a public meeting. Former Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh K Rosait will be conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana

Yatra commemoration award. Later, the Congress leader would visit Bhainsa town and address a public meeting and another one in Kamareddy, they added. The party has formed an alliance with the TDP, CPI and Telangana Jana Samiti (TJS) and been holding talks on seat-sharing for the polls. Gandhi had visited Telangana in August last and interacted with women of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and others. The state Congress hoped Gandhi’s visit would give a boost to its prospects in the assembly elections.

7 army men, including a Major General, given life sentence by Army court for fake encounter

Guwahati, Oct. 15

An army Summary General Court Martial (SGCM) has sentenced seven army personnel, including a dismissed Major General, to life imprisonment for their alleged involvement in a fake encounter case that had taken place in Assam in 1994. However, army officials said that the judgment of life imprisonment needs to be confirmed by the competent authority, which can take a few more months. The Summary General Court Martial (SGCM) on Saturday awarded life imprisonment to

Major A K Lal, two other officers and four Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) for the fake encounter of five youths. Lal was removed as commander of the Leh based 3 Infantry Division in September 2007, after a woman officer accused him of “misconduct” on the pretext of teaching her yoga. He was dismissed from service, but later the Armed Forces Tribunal restored his retirement dues. The other two officers were also dismissed from service.

The SGCM on the incident began on July 16 and ended on July 27. “The SGCM held at Dinjan has pronounced judgement in an encounter case of 1994 in North East. The judgement of life imprisonment needs to be confirmed by the competent authority and this may take two to three months,” said an official. The case relates to 1994 when a manager of a tea estate was killed by ULFA militants. Army personnel from the 18 Punjab Regiment had detained nine youths belonging to Assam’s Tinsukia district over allegations that they played a role in the killing. The youths were All Assam Students’ Union (AASU) leaders. Five of them were allegedly killed by army personnel in a fake encounter, after they were branded as ULFA militants. The other four were released in a jungle, after being threatened at gunpoint. Jagdish Bhuyan, then an AASU leader, had filed a Habeas Corpus petition in the Gauhati High court, seeking to know the details of these

youths. The High Court ordered the army to produce the nine AASU leaders at the nearest police station. Later, the army produced five bodies at the Dholla Police Station. The case’s probe was later handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The CBI chargesheeted seven army personnel in the case. The High Court had asked the army to conduct a court martial, which was challenged by the army in the Supreme Court. On being asked by the Supreme Court, the army started the process of holding the SGCM. “Justice is finally delivered in the infamous Dangari encounter case where five innocent youths were killed. The verdict of the court martial yesterday once again brought to the fore the neutrality of Indian Army. It has proved that one must have faith in Indian judicial system, democracy and the discipline and neutrality of an Institution like Indian Army,” said Jagdish Bhuyan, who has been fighting the case for last 24 years.

Four arrested for assault on TV journalist in Mumbai

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Mumbai, Oct 15

Four persons have been arrested for allegedly assaulting a television journalist near his house in south Mumbai, police said Monday. The accused, all city residents aged between 20 and 25 years, were nabbed late Sunday night from Tardeo area, a senior police official said. Herman Gomes, working with a private TV channel, was returning home along with a friend in a taxi on Sunday when he saw four to six men waiting near his house in Gamdevi area. The men started abusing Gomes and later allegedly

assaulted him and also hit his friend, as per the victim. Gomes was injured in the attack and later received six stitches near his eyes. Deputy Commissioner of Police (zone-II) Dnyaneshwar Chavan, said prima facie it appears the incident might have taken place in the heat of the moment following some argument. “However, we are trying to go into the depth of the matter,” he said, adding, the accused do not have any criminal background. Based on Gomes’ complaint, the Gamdevi Police had registered a case under IPC sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting), 324 (voluntary causing hurt by dangerous weapons) and

other relevant provisions. Journalists’ associations in the city had Sunday condemned the attack and alleged that police did not file the victim’s complaint promptly. The Mumbai Press Club termed the attack on Gomes a “dastardly act”. An association of crime reporters in the city have urged Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis to take action against police officers who allegedly delayed registration of the First Information Report (FIR) in the matter. Minister of State for Home (urban), Ranjit Patil had later said an investigation was on into the incident and “correct steps will be taken in the direction”.

Trump admits climate change not a ‘hoax’

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Washington, Oct 15

President Donald Trump on Sunday backed off from his claim that climate change is a hoax, but said that it’s not man-made with permanent impacts and climate will “change back again”. In an interview with CBS News’ ‘60 Minutes’, Trump accused scientists of having a “very big political agenda” and asserted that he does not want to put the US, the second-largest emitter of greenhouse gasses, at a disadvantage in responding to climate change. Asked whether he still thinks climate change is a hoax, Trump said, I think something’s happening. Something’s changing and it’ll change back again. I don’t think it’s a hoax, I think there’s probably a difference. But I don’t know that it’s manmade.” I will say this. I don’t wanna give trillions and trillions of dollars. I don’t wanna lose

millions and millions of jobs. I don’t wanna be put at a disadvantage,” the US president said. Trump, who had previously called the climate change a “hoax”, in June last year pulled the US out of the historic Paris Agreement on climate change arguing that deal agreed by more than 190 nations unfairly benefited countries like India and China and hit American economy and jobs. When asked if he could go to Greenland, watch these huge chunks of ice just falling into the ocean, raising the sea levels, Trump said one doesn’t know whether or not that would have happened with or without man. “I’m not denying climate change. But it could very well go back. You know, we’re talkin’ about over a millions of years.” Trump accused scientists who say hurricanes are getting more frequent and intense because of climate change of having “a very big political agenda”.

completed on Saturday, they said. The injured were admitted to the Bonai sub-divisional hospital and three of them with serious injuries later shifted to the Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH). Efforts are on to ascertain the circumstances that led to the collapse of the bridge which is being constructed by the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC), they said.

14 labourers injured in bridge collapse in Odisha

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Rourkela, Oct 15

At least 14 labourers were injured, three of them seriously, when an under-construction bridge collapsed at Bonai in Sundargarh district, the police said. The incident occurred when one of the five spans of the bridge came crashing down injuring 14 workers near Kunjipani on NH-215 on Sunday. The span that crashed was

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