

3 Persons Nabbed; explosives recovered in Imphal

In a major breakthrough during a joint operation conducted by Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) and Thoubal Commandos three sympathisers of proscribed group PREPAK were apprehended from two locations in Imphal on 03 October 2018. Six Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were recovered from possession of one of the apprehended individuals whereas the other two individuals were involved in the transportation of the explosives from Moreh. The IEDs were likely to be used to target Security forces and cause disturbance as a run up to the PREPAK raising day on 09 October. With the apprehensions the nefarious designs of the proscribed group to disrupt peace and tranquility in the State were thwarted. The apprehended individuals have been handed over to the Police for further legal action.

Indonesia disaster: Search teams make last-ditch efforts to find survivors

Search teams made desperate last-ditch efforts today to find survivors, a week on from devastating quake-tsunami in Indonesia. Officials said, more than a thousand people could still be missing. The death toll from the disaster has already crossed 1,500. Local military spokesman Muhammad Thohir said that the death toll had risen to 1,558, up about 100 from the previous official figure. Search efforts focused on eight key locations, including a beach and the Balaroa area where the quake turned the surface temporarily to mush. About 20 planes carrying vital supplies such as medical equipment and generators are now heading from all over the world to the disaster zone. Indonesia sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire", the world's most tectonically active region, and its 260 million people are vulnerable to earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.

Minister Biswajit inaugurates Right to Information Week Celebration



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Information and Public Relations Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh inaugurated Right to Information Week Celebration 2018, today at Lamyamba Shanglein, Palace Compound, Imphal. The event

was organised by Manipur Information Commission with the objective of popularizing the RTI Act, 2005 and also to spread mass awareness among the stakeholders. The event was sponsored by Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances

& Pensions, Government of India. Addressing the gathering Minister Biswajit stated Right to Information Act is an important Act which helps in bringing transparency and accountability for a good governance. He asserted that the State

Government has taken up various steps to curb corruption in the state. He also maintained that we need to control misuse of RTI Act. Minister Biswajit continued that two State Information Commissioners were newly appointed to strengthen the Manipur Information Commission as RTI Act is very important act. In a democratic country every individual has the right to know the steps taken up by the government. He also welcomed constructive criticism and called upon for contribution for the welfare of the society. In connection with the celebration, a State Level Workshop was also held and various resource persons delivered lecture on the RTI Act.

The inaugural session of the celebration were attended by MLA Y. Surchandra Singh, State Chief Information Commissioner, Th. Ibobi Singh, newly appointed State Information Commissioners Dr S. Ibocha Singh and O. Sunil Singh among others.

Biswajit inaugurates 5 Day Photo Exhibition on 4 yrs achievement of NDA Govt

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A 5 day Photo Exhibition on the theme "Saaf Niyat, Sahi Vikas" showcasing the 4 years achievements of NDA Government was inaugurated by Th Biswajit Singh, Minister IPR, RD, Works, Electricity & Industry at INA Memorial Hall, Moirang today. The photo exhibition is being organised by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Imphal under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

MLA Moirang Assembly constituency P Saratchandra Singh (Retd IAS) and S K Malviya, Addl. Director General (Region), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting attended the function as the guest of honour and president while K Sonikumar Singh, Head of Regional Outreach Bureau, Imphal was the other presidium member.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, Th Biswajit Singh highlighted the various initiatives of the NDA government said that the BJP led government has achieved what other governments have failed to achieve. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has now propelled India into the top echelon of nations with his new initiatives and schemes.

Stating that programmes like Skill India Mission, Demonitisation, Digital India, Beti Bachao, Beti Padoo, Make in India etc. are the brainchild of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Biswajit said all such ambitious initiatives show Modi's love of his citizens in general and his country in

particular. He appealed all the people to take the benefits of the schemes.

MLA P Saratchandra Singh pointed out the strategic location of Manipur state in the success of East Policy. He however cautioned that people of the state should not remain mute spectator to all the changes happening around but instead should try to reap the benefits of the new changes.

Earlier, in his keynote address, S K Malviya, ADG (Region) highlighted the campaigns being taken up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and said Regional Outreach Bureau, Imphal will be organising similar photo exhibitions in other parts of the state during the next few months. He said the Bureau is committed to take the policies and programmes to every nook and corner of the country.

K Sonikumar Singh, Head of Office, Regional Outreach Bureau Imphal said the Bureau is open to work with the stakeholders in the state government in creating awareness on government schemes. He appealed the minister to put forth proposals for holding such programmes in the state on which the Regional Outreach Bureau could work.

More than 70 life size photo panels are at display in the 5 day photo exhibition in which more than 250 people attended. Artists of the Field Outreach Bureau (FOB) Imphal presented a scintillating choral song based on the different programmes and schemes of the central government.

Supreme Court dismisses plea by accused in Kathua case seeking fresh probe

Courtesy - AIR
New Delhi Oct 4,

On Friday dismissed a plea by an accused in the Kathua gang rape and murder case seeking fresh investigation in the matter on grounds that the probe conducted earlier was allegedly motivated. A bench of Justices Uday Umesh Lalit and D Y Chandrachud also dismissed

a separate plea filed by two other accused in the case seeking transfer of the investigation in the matter to an independent agency. The bench, while rejecting both the pleas, said the accused could raise this issue before the lower court during the ongoing trial. The state police's crime branch, which probed the case, filed the main charge



sheet against seven people and a separate charge sheet against a juvenile revealing details about how the minor

girl was allegedly kidnapped, drugged and raped inside a place of worship before being killed.

Rajnath Singh at HT Leadership Summit: Home Minister blames Pakistan for troubles in J&K; calls Naxalism biggest challenge

Courtesy - First Post
New Delhi Oct 5,

Covering a range of subjects from farm distress to security challenges both within and external, Union home minister Rajnath Singh gave a general impression of the government's views on this array of topics while delivering the keynote address at the 16th Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi on Friday. Singh sounded optimistic on two critical fronts sticking to the government claim that the income of farmers would indeed double by 2022 and that Pakistan will be forced to mend its ways as isolation of the country in the international circuit increasingly mounts. The summit themed *Reimagining The Future* for this year's edition, had the home minister in conversation with the *Hindustan Times* editor-in-chief Sashi Shekhar. Following is the assortment of issues that Singh chose to touch upon during the discourse:
On Jammu and Kashmir vis-

a-vis Pakistan

Regarding Pakistan, he stated that though they are our neighbour, if they fire at India, the BSF will retaliate. "I have always told the forces that we should never fire first. Pakistan is our neighbour. But, if they shoot at us then we should not ponder on what to do," said Singh. He also said that the problems that India faces with regard to Jammu and Kashmir are mostly because of Pakistan. "I do agree that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir should improve. The problem that we face in Jammu and Kashmir is mostly because of Pakistan," he said. However, he also spoke about how the terror incidents have drastically improved in Jammu and Kashmir. There were 6,000 terror incidents in 1995. There were approximately 360 such incidents in 2017, said Singh. When asked about stone pelting in the state, he said that stone pelters were present in before they formed a government. He admitted that the BJP-PDP alliance in Jammu and Kashmir was not successful.

Singh said that hopefully at some point, Pakistan will change its ways. "Pakistan will change its way at some point, it has been isolated internationally. Even Islamic countries have spoken against it. I am glad that Muslims in India have not allowed radicalisation to rise," said Singh.
On Naxalism
While speaking about Naxalism, Singh stated that it is the biggest security challenge in the country. He claimed that Maoism needs to be eradicated from the roots. Singh said the government had succeeded in containing the Maoist activities to 52-53 districts of the country, much lower than the 126 districts four years earlier. With regard to the Naxal movement in urban areas that are taking place, Singh said that nobody should be allowed to promote violence in the country. "There are people who are trying to incite violence or support violence using Maoism, we will not allow that," he said. Singh rejected the criticism that the arrest of five activists

with regard to the Bhima Koregaon violence was linked to their ideology or that the police had not done their homework before going public with their allegations. "If the decision had been taken in hurry, the Supreme Court wouldn't have given a free hand to the police," said the Union home minister. He also condemned the murder of TDP leaders at the hands of Naxals in Andhra Pradesh, calling it unfortunate.
On the plight of farmers
On the Kisan Kranti Yatra that took place on Tuesday and how he managed to placate the farmers, Singh said that he understood the plight of the farmers. The Union home minister stated that farmers are the biggest producers and consumers, but not enough has been done to solve their problems. He reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise that by 2022, farmers' income would double. "I agree that the agriculture sector has been shaken. Not enough focus has been laid on the sector. But we are continuing to work

towards their benefit. The prime minister has already promised that farmer income will double by 2022," said Singh. "We are working on increasing Minimum Support Price on various crops. The country's economy will get a good momentum if the farmers' issues are tackled and improved." Praising the current government, Singh said that farmers don't have to stand in queues for urea or fertilizers since their government came to power.
On trigger-happy Uttar Pradesh cops
Regarding the police encounters that have taken place in Uttar Pradesh recently and the killing of the Apple executive by the police, Singh stated that its unfortunate but the state is taking the right action. He also said that the government is working on police modernisation. "We are working on police modernisation but this can't be a Centre-only initiative. The state government will also have to contribute," he said. With regard to the border

security, Singh said that a comprehensive integrated border management system has been launched. "Our border security is not foolproof but we have launched pilot projects to improve security. We are working towards a unified command and control centre," he said.

On mob lynchings

Singh also spoke about mob lynchings in the country. The Union home minister said that tackling mob lynchings is a state subject. "The Central government can only issue advisories to states, tell them what to do," he said.
On Rahul Gandhi's comments against BJP

Singh hit back at Congress president Rahul Gandhi's comments saying that BJP government is strengthening institutions as that is an important aspect for democracy. "Rahul Gandhi's allegation that BJP is taking over institutions is baseless. He should have given at least one example of where this has happened. We have always maintained the dignity of every institution in the country," the Union home minister said.