

## Nagaland Centre approves Rs.65.26 crores for state flood relief

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The Centre has approved Rs. 65.25 crore from the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) towards relief necessitated by natural calamities of severe nature in Nagaland.

According to Finance commission division under Finance ministry, Rs. 65.69 crore was approved by the high level committee of which the balance of Rs. 43 crore was adjusted as the amount was available in the SDRF account of the state for instant disaster/calamity as on April 1, 2017.

In this regard, the remaining amount to be released was



Rs. 65.26 crore. The amount is being released based on recommendations of the Home ministry OMDated July 7, 2018.

It may be recalled the High-

Level Committee (HLC) meeting chaired by Union Home minister Rajnath Singh, held in June 2018 approved Rs. 65.69 crore for Nagaland (affected by floods/landslides during 2017-18).

## New Igar (south) calls on hon'ble governor of manipur

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Major General K P Singh, YSM, Inspector General Assam Rifles called on Dr Najama Heptulla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur on 19th September. The Governor appreciated the efforts made by Assam Rifles in maintaining a peaceful environment in the state which is very well evident from the reduced presence and hold of prominent UG outfits in the state. She credited Assam rifles for the prevailing peace situation in the state and attributed its improved social condition to the meaningful Civic Action activities undertaken by the force for upliftment of the society.

The General Officer complimented the Governor for portraying Manipur in a befitting manner at national level and playing a pivotal role in bringing about a positive change in the state during



her tenure. Indicating towards the rich history of the Manipuri society, the General Officer also expressed his views on how Manipuris make the finest soldiers of Assam Rifles. He also mentioned that the Manipuris have showed tremendous potential and have surpassed their

contemporaries in making themselves a sought out cadre of the force. Towards the end the Hon'ble Governor appealed to the General Officers for continued efforts from the Assam Rifles in maintaining peaceful environment within the state as well as friendly relation between India and Myanmar along the international border.

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The State Cabinet has decided to introduce the Manipur Mob Violence Control and Prohibition Bill in the State Legislative Assembly soon.

The decision was taken in a historic Cabinet meeting held for the first time at Jiribam District Headquarters yesterday. It was the fifth Cabinet meeting held outside the State Capital.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Works Minister

and Government Spokesperson Th. Biswajit said that the rate of awarding instant punishment by mob without any fair trial is increasing day by day in the State. As such, the new Bill would be introduced in the House to check such injustice, he added.

The Minister said that the Cabinet also decided to restart functioning of Jiri tea estate in PPP model through open tendering. He said that the total area of the estate is 1100 acres, out of which 400 acres would be used in tea

plantation, 600 acres in rubber plantation and 100 acres in coffee plantation.

He further said that the Cabinet also gave its nod to revive Manipur State Lottery as well. However, lotteries would be conducted outside the State, and no lottery ticket would be sold in Manipur, he said. The State is likely to earn Rs. 50 crore to Rs. 60 crore through this lottery every year, the Minister said.

The Spokesperson further informed that the Cabinet also fixed Rs. 40 per square

feet as land compensation regarding construction of Ukhrul-Tolo-Tadubi National Highway. He said that National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) would start construction of the road soon once the issue of land compensation is sorted out.

The Cabinet also approved reimbursement amount of Rs. 20,53,740 for 17 Manipur police, Manipur Rifles and IRB personnel treated at Shija Hospitals and Research Institute.

## Assam Rifles Organises Yoga Workshop

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A Yoga workshop was organised by Patsoi Company Operating Base of Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) on 19th September. The Yoga workshop was organised in coordination with Vihangam Yoga and Para Vidya Yoga Sanstha Manipur unit at Patsoi-II community hall. A total of 70 Persons including troops of Patsoi attended the workshop. Two yoga instructors named Mr N Nile singh and Mr L Ibemhal educated the participants on benefits of Yoga and healthy life style. The workshop emphasized on the importance of maintaining balance between physical & mental well being, stress management and prevention of lifestyle diseases. Assam rifles organised security meet.

A Security Meet was conducted by Keihelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) at Community Hall AndroAwangLeikai by Andro Company Operating



Base on 19th September. The forum was attended by 50 people including MeiraPaibis, ward members and Youth Club members of Andro. The attendees were briefed regarding the prevailing security situation and necessary cooperation required from the people to maintain peace in the area. The platform helped the locals to discuss the security perspective in the area and suggest measures to improve synergy between Assam

Rifles and local populace. Assam rifles conducts integrated awareness program Chassad Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted an awareness program for the villagers of far flung areas in extreme eastern parts of Kamjong District in Manipur on 18th September. Villagers including elders and youth both participated in this program wherein they were enriched on the current

recruitment procedures, minimum qualifications and preparation required to achieve the aim of joining Indian Army. Session conducted was highly appreciated by the locals as "it was a guidance towards a brighter future for the youth of the region", according to Headmen of villages. More number of similar programs were requested by the locals to be conducted for the youth and also for development of Kamjong District.

## Simultaneous polls.....

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This contrived situation being brought up by Modi has very dangerous implications and is against the basic structure of our Constitution.

According to Article I(1), India is a Union of states, which means a federation of states. Our Constitution empowers the Central Government to legislate exclusively on certain subjects in the List-I in the Seventh Schedule. The states alone can legislate on subjects under the list-II. Both the Centre and the states can legislate on subjects mentioned in the List-III. The state list includes very important subjects like agriculture and law and order on which the Centre has no jurisdiction. Obviously, voters have different priorities when voting for state assemblies and Parliament. In the Delhi laws Act the Supreme Court of India (1951) specifically held, "The state legislature under our Constitution is not a delegate of the Union Parliament. Both legislatures derive powers from the same Constitution. Within its appointed sphere, the state legislature has plenary powers".

Modi wants to deny this strategic advantage of states and weaken decentralisation, which is the core of our

constitutional jurisprudence. Examples of the US and European countries would show that it is constitutionally recognised that the priorities and interests of a state in day-to-day governance are emphasised differently. Thus in the US a rather extreme position prevails that the law and medical degrees of one state are not even recognised in the rest of the states. As far elections, they have different laws in each state. They have separate laws for elections to the President's office, the Senate and the House of Representatives and also different laws for various states. Of course, this is an extreme example borne possibly of history of the US which had witnessed a civil war.

We wisely did not go that far. Also, the priorities of the Centre and the states are different. The sooner Modi relinquishes this idea of simultaneous polls the better. This gives an unfair advantage to national parties as against state parties and distorts the sentiment of voters that a government be close to the people of the area concerned.

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## Pakistan militants continue terror attacks in India: US terrorism report

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Washington Sept 20,

The Trump administration on Wednesday praised India for its significant counter-terrorism actions and said Pakistan-based militant groups continued their terror attacks in the country.

In its annual 'Country Report on Terrorism', as mandated by the Congress, the State Department said the Indian leadership expressed resolve to prevent terrorist attacks domestically and to bring to justice the perpetrators of terrorism, in cooperation with the US and other like-minded countries.

The parts of India seriously impacted by terrorism in 2017 included Jammu and Kashmir, the northeast Indian states, and parts of central India in which Maoists remain active, it said. "India continued to experience attacks, including by Pakistan-based terrorist organisations as well as tribal and Maoist insurgents. Indian authorities blamed Pakistan for cross-border attacks in the state of Jammu and Kashmir," the report said.

India, the report said, continued to apply sustained pressure to detect, disrupt and degrade terror operations within its borders. Over the course of 2017, India sought



to deepen counter-terrorism cooperation and information sharing with the US, including through the first-ever Designations Dialogue held in Delhi in December, it said.

In the same year, India and the US pledged to strengthen cooperation against terrorist threats from groups, including Al-Qaida, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and D-Company, it said. During a June 2017 summit, President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed officials to establish a new mechanism for cooperation on terrorist designations.

The report further said the Indian government closely monitored the domestic threat from transnational terrorist groups like ISIS and Al-Qaida. The State Department praised India for its significant counter terrorism actions.

Citing an example of a significant counter-terrorism law enforcement action by India, it said the police arrested Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leader Mohammad Idris from a hideout in Kolkata on March 8. Idris was allegedly involved in the July 2016 Holey Artisan Bakery attack in Bangladesh capital, Dhaka.

## Patna school principal, clerk held for raping Class V girl for a month

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Patna Sept 20,

A principal and a clerk of a private school have been arrested on charges of raping a Class V girl and blackmailing her by filming the act. The incident came to light after the girl's parents took the 11-year-old girl to a doctor, on complaints of vomiting, pain and sudden hormonal changes. She was found pregnant. The women police station, Patna district, is now investigating the case. A medical test of the girl will be conducted later today. Patna Senior Superintendent of Police Manu Maharaj told The Indian Express: "We arrested a private school teacher and school clerk as soon as the girl's parents

brought the matter to us." The victim's parents told the police that the school principal sexually abused the girl in a rest-room adjacent to the principal's office on the pretext of checking her handwriting and daily homework. The clerk, meanwhile, would keep a watch outside the room. The clerk also shot a video of the girl and would often threaten to make it viral if she revealed it to anyone, the parents alleged. A photo of the principal with the victim was also found on the principal's phone.

The school, started by the principal, operates up to Class V. Around 90 students, mostly from the neighbourhood, are enrolled. The school has been sealed for now.

## Maharashtra: 2 girls 'raped'; 1 dies, minor among 2 held

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Two girls aged, 11 and 12 years, were allegedly raped by two persons, one of them a minor. According to police one of the girls passed away late on Wednesday night. According to Maharashtra police, the incident took place on two occasions

between September 11 and 18. One of the perpetrators, a 22-year-old has been arrested. The other, a 17-year-old, has been detained, a senior police officer said. He added that a case had been registered based on the complaint filed by the family members of one of the girls, and an investigation has started.