

Teachers' Day celebration President Kovind, PM Modi pay tribute

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On Wednesday, Teachers' Day is being celebrated in schools and colleges as a mark of respect for the tireless efforts of teachers across the country. The tradition started in 1962, to commemorate the birthday of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice-President, and the second President of independent India.

Dr Radhakrishnan, a distinguished scholar in the field of comparative religion and philosophy believed that teachers should be the best minds in the country, as they played one of the most important roles in shaping a nation.

President Ramnath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several other leaders and personalities have tweeted their tributes to



mark the occasion. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu will today confer National Awards for the year 2017 to selected teachers. The teachers were selected under revised guidelines aimed at selecting those who had shown innovation in their work and had added value to the school and to their students, according to a government statement. Since 1962, Teachers' Day,

has been celebrated annually on September 5 to honour India's second President and revered teacher Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. A renowned scholar, Dr Radhakrishnan emphasised on the importance of teachers. During his presidency, he once said that instead of celebrating his birthday, it would be a privilege for him if his date of birth were to be celebrated as Teachers' Day, and so it was.

Arrest me if I am a Naxal sympathiser: Digvijaya Singh

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Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh Tuesday dared the government to arrest him if he has had any association with the Maoists as alleged by the BJP. "If I am guilty, I challenge the Centre and the state government to arrest me," Singh told reporters at Satna in Madhya Pradesh. "First, they termed me anti-national and now a Naxalite. If it is so, then arrest me here itself," he said. Singh also alleged that the recent arrest of Left-wing activists was an example of "Gujarat model of governance", referring to the alleged fake encounters which took place when Narendra Modi was the

Gujarat chief minister. "It was alleged that they wanted to kill (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi... it was the same Gujarat model of governance in which fake encounters took place," he said. Earlier Tuesday, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Sambit Patra accused the Congress of compromising national security for political opportunism. He said Sonia Gandhi-headed National Advisory Council was a "supporting ground for Naxalites" during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government and some party leaders "romanticised" Naxalism. Patra also sought to question opposition party leaders, including Digvijaya Singh and Jairam Ramesh, for what the BJP



said was indicative of their alleged support to people with "Naxal links". Showing a letter, allegedly written by one 'comrade' to

another, Patra said it talked about the Congress willing to fund their activities and contacting Singh for assistance.

National Nutrition Month



Chandel, Sept. 5,

Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) for Chandel District was officially launched today by Secretary (Revenue/CAF & PD) and District Go To Village Nodal Officer, Shri T. Ranjit Singh. The Rashtriya Poshan Maah which is going to be observed throughout the month was officially launched today at Purum Chumbang Village community hall alongside the 11th episode of the Go To Village Mission's camp which is also being held at the village on Tuesday. Speaking about Rashtriya

Poshan Maah, Deputy Commissioner, Chandel, Shri Krishna Kumar said that this month is specially dedicated on improving the health and nutrition status and to create awareness amongst all the stake holders. Stressing on the importance of health and nutrition of a child, he said 9 months before delivery and 2 years after the delivery, these 1000 days are the most crucial period for a baby as no amount of treatment can recover the lost or damage done during this period. He further said that for this mission Anganwadi workers and the anganwadi centres are the most important

institutions. He also mentioned that other institutes like education department which creates awareness amongst the students, PHED which provides clean drinking water, toilets and sanitation facilities and all other departments also have different roles to play. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to all the villagers to interact with the ASHA and the Anganwadi workers. And also to be aware about Deworming, Hand washing, Diversified diets and Cleanliness etc. which are very minor things but which have a big impact on the health of our future generations.

Speaking about the Go To Village Mission, Secretary (Revenue/CAF & PD) and District Go To Village Nodal Officer, Shri T. Ranjit Singh said that though everyone is well aware about the objectives of the mission as it's been going on since 1st of May, he reiterated that delivering of serves to our door step is one of the main objects of the mission. He further praised the specially department of Veterinary and animal husbandry and other departments for doing a good job during this mission. As part of the today's GTV program besides the services provided on spot, different departments like CAF & PD, Agriculture, Horticulture, Agriculture Department etc. distributed many items to their respective beneficiaries.

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- 2) My Original Mark Sheet, Certificate, provisional Certificate, Admit Card of my Class XII examination bearing Roll No. 17243 of 2009 issued by COHSEM
- 3) My Original Mark Sheet, Certificate, provisional Certificate, Admit Card of my B. Sc final examination bearing Roll No. 022806 of 2012 issued by Manipur University.

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Hyderabad twin bomb blast case: Two accused convicted, 2 acquitted

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ELEVEN YEARS after the twin bomb blasts at Gokul Chaat and Lumbini Park in Hyderabad, a special court on Tuesday convicted two Indian Mujahideen operatives while acquitting two others. Three others accused in the case, including Riyaz Bhatkal, are absconding. The special NIA court held Aneeq Syed and Akbar Ismail Choudhary guilty of conspiring and planting the bombs at Lumbini Park and Gokul Chaat. Mohammed Sadiq and Ansar Ahmed were acquitted as the prosecution could not prove that they were involved in planting the bombs, said NIA's Special Public Prosecutor K

Surender. The quantum of punishment as well as the judgment on Amir Raza, accused of providing shelter to Riyaz Bhatkal and Iqbal Bhatkal after the blasts, is expected to be pronounced on Monday. Raza, Riyaz Bhatkal and Iqbal Bhatkal are absconding. The case dates back to August 25, 2007, when two synchronised blasts rocked Gokul Chaat, a popular eatery, killing 32 people, and the laser show auditorium at Lumbini Park, where 10 people died. More than 50 people were injured in the two blasts. An unexploded bomb was also recovered from Dilsukhnagar area the same night. While the Counter Intelligence Cell of the Andhra Pradesh Police was

investigating the case, the Mumbai Police Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) arrested the four suspected Indian Mujahideen operatives Aneeq Syed, Akbar Ismail Choudhary, Mohammed Sadiq and Ansar Ahmed in connection with another case in October 2008. During interrogation, the suspects are reported to have admitted their involvement in the Hyderabad blasts. They were brought to Hyderabad in February 2009, and charged under IPC Sections 302 (murder) and Explosive Substances Act. The chargesheet filed by the Andhra Pradesh Police said the four suspects had confessed their involvement in the twin blasts, saying they wanted revenge for the blast at Mecca Masjid on May 18,

2007. According to the chargesheet, Riyaz Bhatkal was the mastermind behind the blasts and planted the bomb at Gokul Chaat. Aneeq Syed planted the bomb at Lumbini Park, and Akbar Ismail Choudhary planted the third bomb which did not explode. On April 8, 2014, a metropolitan court framed charges against the four accused. Due to security reasons, a special court was set up at the Cherlapally Jail, where the four accused were lodged. The court was earlier supposed to deliver the verdict on August 27, but postponed it for today.

Nagaland Central team visits state to assess flood damages

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A five-member Inter Ministerial Central Team arrived Dimapur on September 4 to assess the disaster areas in Nagaland. The team was led by K. B Singh, joint secretary, Ministry of Home affairs, and also consists of Director in-charge Dept of Agriculture and Cooperation, Kolkata. Dr. K. Manoharan, Consultant FCD, Department of Expenditure New Delhi, R.B. Kaul, Anirban Acharya

from the Ministry of Road and Transport and Highway Guwahati and Ms. Chahat Singh from the department of Rural Development, New Delhi. A senior official in the state government told ET, "The team visited Dimapur and took stock of the damages. The team interacted with farmers. Owing to bad weather the team could not visit Kiphire area, which is worst affected." "Communication network is in bad shape as several bridges have collapsed. The state government has sought Rs

800 Crore for carrying out the rebuilding exercise," he added. According to state government, the month-long rainfall has flooded several areas of Nagaland. Around 12 people have died and 48,821 families in 532 villages remained severely affected due to the deluge. Major roads like National Highway -29, are cut off. Communication between Dimapur and Kohima is snapped. The team will proceed to Ralan and Bhandari areas under Wokha district today to assess the major damages after which they will proceed to Wokha.

SC dismisses plea to ban book 'Meesha', says craftsmanship of writer deserves to be respected

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The Supreme Court Wednesday dismissed a plea seeking to ban the book 'Meesha' for allegedly depicting Hindu women visiting temples in derogatory light, saying "craftsmanship of a writer deserves to be respected". A bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra said a book must not be read in a "fragmented manner" but as a whole. "Subjective perception about a book should not be allowed to enter legal arena with regard to censorship," the bench, also comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud said. The bench also said that the writer should be allowed to play with words like a painter who plays with colour. The apex court's order came on a plea by Delhi resident N Radhakrishnan, who had sought to omit excerpts from the Malayalam novel 'Meesha' (moustache) written by S Hareesh.

Hagrama resents on not being kept in loop of meeting at Bodoland University

Kokrajhar, Sept. 5

Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) chief Hagrama Mohilary on Wednesday vented his ire after the Bodoland University authorities had not informed him of a meeting that discussed infrastructure issues of the varsity. Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi was among people in attendance at the meeting. On learning about the meeting,

Mohilary and his Bodoland People's Front colleagues Pramila Rani Brahma, who is a minister, and MLA Rabiram Narzary went to the university campus and made know their displeasure to the Governor. "Nobody informed me or the BTC either about the meeting or its agenda but we should have been informed. I know how the Bodoland University came into being and what infrastructures it

needs. It was built as per the Bodo Accord signed after Bodoland Movement... "I'm happy that the Governor came. He is the chancellor. But in this discussion, I should have been included. I should have been taken into confidence when you are discussing issues pertaining to the varsity's infrastructures. I asked them what they will discuss by keeping me in the dark," Mohilary said. (Courtesy Inside NE)