

Combating Human Trafficking: FXB India Suraksha Organized Joint Training Program for Manipur Police and Assam Rifles at Moreh



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FXB India Suraksha and Centre for Development Activities organized a one day training program for Law Enforcement Agencies on Human Trafficking in Moreh at Conference Hall of Integrated Check Post, Manipur on April 27, 2019. The main objective of the programme was to train law enforcement agencies including officials of Manipur Police and Assam Rifles in strengthening mechanisms to ensure protection and safety of the children as well as combating trafficking of persons from the bordering region of Moreh. Over 50 Police Officers and Paramilitary officials participated during the training programme. The programme was conducted as part of project Mukti-an Anti Trafficking initiative to combat human trafficking and child sexual abuse in Manipur implemented with the support of ECPAT Luxembourg since 2015 in Imphal and Ukhrul. Th. Vikramjit Singh, Superintendent of Police, Moreh, Khamnam Robinsun, Additional Superintendent of Police, Moreh, Thomas Thokchom, Deputy Superintendent of Police and two Senior officials including the Town Commander of 43 Assam Rifles, Moreh were the chief guests of the programme. Mr. Satya Prakash, Programme Manager, FXB India Suraksha was the resource person for the programme. Sessions were organized on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Trafficking in Persons,

addressing child sexual abuse and the role of Police and paramilitary force in addressing cases related to children and trafficking in persons. Session methodology included discussion and documentary screening on human trafficking which experienced great interest from the participants. The day long training programme started with a welcome note by Sunil Meitei, Project Officer, FXB India Suraksha introducing the purpose and objective of the training programme. He stressed upon the fact that Moreh due to its geo-political location and sharing border with Myanmar in itself stands vulnerable in terms of trafficking of persons and smuggling of persons. He thanked both the forces for coming together and showing their interest in participating in the programme. He also urged for the need for Standard Operating Procedures in addressing and handling cases of human trafficking. In his inaugural speech Mr. Vikramjit Singh, Superintendent of Police, Moreh said, "Such training programme would be very fruitful to us because Moreh is a very vulnerable town to human trafficking and we have come across such cases in the past. The procedures and legal provisions to be followed by Police in addressing such crime are very important." He also stressed saying, "Prevention is better than cure and hence preventing people from getting trafficked would be more impactful rather than investigating cases of trafficking. Once someone gets trafficked, it becomes very difficult to trace them

out. Therefore, our mechanisms should be such that we as Police force are able to stop someone from getting trafficked in the source i.e within Manipur itself rather than letting the person being taken to destination states like Delhi." Thanking Assam Rifles for always working in collaboration, the Senior Official said, "Police cannot work in isolation and has to work in collaboration with other departments such as Assam Rifles and Social Welfare Department in order to work in a holistic manner in addressing crime against children as well as human trafficking." He also appreciated the effort put together by FXB India Suraksha in bringing together two forces together to jointly organized the training session. He strongly recommended to organize more training program on other aspects of Human trafficking in the district of Moreh as well other district of Manipur. He showed interest in designing a standard Operating Procedure in Combating Human Trafficking for effective implementation of legal provisions with specific context to Manipur. Senior official of 43 Assam Rifles congratulating FXBIS for organizing the training programme said, "This training programme is very important for the Jawsans who are mostly deputed in safeguarding the Indo-Myanmar border in Moreh. Working with the law enforcement agency i.e Police is under our provisions and therefore the coordination between both the agencies has to be very strong. This training programme will

help us to understand how to work in collaboration with Manipur Police while handling cases of human trafficking, signs of identification and the procedures to be followed in reporting cases of human trafficking."

Building approach and perspective for the participants, Mr. Satya Prakash initiated his training sessions saying that Rights are non-negotiable and has legal connotation and goes beyond any age, gender, caste, race, religion or region. Starting on the definition of a child he said, "many a times law enforcement officers use their own preferences and understanding although the only definition considered supremely as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of children) Act 2015 which says that any person below the age of 18 years should be treated as a child." He also discussed various provisions laid out under the law especially the procedures to be followed by children while handling children in need of care and protection and child in conflict with law.

The day long training concluded with the session on human trafficking, its definition as laid out in Section 370 of the India Penal Code, reason of vulnerability, modus operandi in terms of source, transit and destination, trends and forms of trafficking and the procedures to be followed by police and paramilitary forces in identifying victims of trafficking and also the perpetrators, registration of FIR, effective investigation, legal procedures and overall protection to persons rescued. The day long programme which was jointly organized in association with Centre for development Activities (CDAC) ended with queries, suggestions and recommendations from the participants to adopt integrated approach to fight human trafficking. It was strongly recommended to work in close collaboration with Community Based organization like Hill Tribal Council, Meitei Council Moreh, All Community Development Organisation Moreh, religious leaders, youth organisations, NGO's, Taxi union and social welfare department to ensure and minimise the risk of children and women from being exploited on the pretext of better life opportunities.

Only 2 independents in Haryana have won LS polls since 1967

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With just two independents from Haryana making it to the lower house since 1967, Lok Sabha elections seem to be a tough nut to crack for candidates without a party backing.

In the past 52 years, only A Gani from Gurgaon and Arvind Sharma from Sonapat have been able to win as independents even as 1,430 candidates tried their luck as independents.

This time, as many as 85 independents are in the fray for 10 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Amit Nehra, a political expert, says the reason for the low success rate of independents is that it is very difficult for them to cover nine assembly segments in one go.



"The Lok Sabha elections are always fought on national issues so voters also elect their representatives a national point of view and this is where independents lose out. They are also not strong in terms of money and cadre support," said Nehra, adding, "Most independents just fight the election to participate and not

to win." They don't even make much of an impact in the vote share as many end up losing even their security deposits. Since 1996, only Arvind Sharma has been able to save his deposit. He had defeated Social Action Party's Rijaq Ram by 49, 540 votes.

All arrangements in place for the 4th phase of Lok Sabha Elections tomorrow

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Elaborate arrangements are being made for the smooth conduct of the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections tomorrow. Security has been beefed up in all the 71 constituencies spread over nine states going to the polls in this phase.

Voting will take place for 17 Parliamentary seats in Maharashtra; 13 each in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; 8 in West Bengal; 6 each in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha; five in Bihar; and three in Jharkhand in this phase. Kulgam District of Anantnag constituency will also go to the polls. Campaigning for this phase ended last evening. In Bihar, polling will take place in five constituencies Darbhanga, Ujiarpur, Samastipur, Begusarai and Munger. Our Patna correspondent reports that the political fortune of 66 candidates including three women will be decided by over 87 lakh 74 thousand electorates.

In Ujiarpur there is a direct contest between state BJP Chief Nityanand Roy and Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) Chief Upendra Kushwaha. Begusarai is witnessing a triangular contest among senior BJP

leader and Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Tanveer Hasan of RJD and Kanhaiya Kumar of CPI.

There is a direct fight between Abdul Bari Siddiqui of RJD and Gopali Ji Thakur of BJP in Darbhanga. Ramchandra Paswan is seeking re-election from Samastipur where he is facing challenges from Ashok Kumar of Congress. State government Minister and JD(U) candidate Lalan Singh is fighting from Munger. He is in the contest with Neelam Devi of Congress who is contesting elections for the first time.

In Odisha, A presiding officer died after reaching his designated polling station under Nilagiri assembly segment in Balasore district yesterday. Balasore district assistant collector Rakesh Panda said Purna Chandra Panda who was deputed as the presiding officer at polling station no 28 suddenly became ill was rushed to Balasore district headquarters hospital where doctor declared him dead.

In West Bengal, Re-polling will take place at three booths in Raiganj Parliamentary constituency tomorrow. Polling was held in Raiganj in the second phase of Lok Sabha polls on the 18th of this month. Opposition parties had demanded re-polling at

different booths, following allegations of irregularities. Leaders of various political parties made last-ditch efforts yesterday, as it was the last day of campaigning for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections to woo the voters in favour of their party candidates.

Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and BSP Chief Mayawati among others, addressed rallies at various places.

Addressing a public meeting at Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Modi said, the NDA government introduced several beneficial schemes. He also said that BJP will not compromise with terrorism and will fight for national security. Rahul Gandhi campaigned at Raebareilly and Amethi. In Amethi, he charged the NDA government, saying it did nothing for the youth of the country. He said, the unemployment rate is now at its highest.

BSP Chief Mayawati attacked both the BJP and the Congress and said these parties only benefit the rich. She said the Congress did nothing to eradicate the poverty and unemployment during its long rule in the country.

Sri Lankan govt bans two terror outfits NTJ, JMI following serial blasts

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Sri Lankan President has decided to ban the National Thawheed Jamath (NTJ) and Jamathe Milathu Ibrahim (JMI) two of the fundamentalist terror networks linked with last Sunday attacks. The organizations have been

banned under emergency provisions, which were imposed on Monday after the attacks.

A press statement said all activities of those organizations as well as their property will be seized by the government. It added that steps are taken to ban other extremist organizations operating in Sri Lanka, under

emergency regulations. NTJ was earlier named behind suicide attacks last Sunday which killed over 250 people including 42 foreigners. Over 100 suspects linked to the organizations have been taken into custody as a countrywide crackdown on the organizations continue. Mass prayers in churches remain cancelled today due to security threats. Fifteen people including six terrorists were killed in a raid at the hideout of Islamic State terrorist group in Nintavur of the eastern province on Friday night, for which ISIS took the responsibility. The banned organization said in a statement that three of its members were involved in a fight with security forces.

The gunfight during the raid is suspected to have injured the wife and daughter of Moulvi Zahran Hashmi, considered to be the main perpetrator behind the attacks.

Patna court asks Rahul to appear on May 20 in defamation suit filed by Bihar Dy CM

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A Patna court has directed Congress president Rahul Gandhi to appear in person next month in connection with a defamation suit filed against him by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi. The court directed Mr Gandhi to appear before it on the 20th of next month. Chief Judicial Magistrate Shashikant Roy passed the order taking cognizance of the allegations made by the state

deputy chief minister who took exception to Mr Gandhi's remark at a rally that all thieves have the surname Modi. Appearing before a court in Patna on Friday in pursuance of his defamation suit against Rahul Gandhi, the Deputy CM said his image has been tarnished by the Congress chief's objectionable remark. The senior BJP leader requested the court to take cognizance of the comment under sections 499 and 500 of the IPC which relate to defamation.

Cyclone 'Fani' to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by this afternoon

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The Cyclone Fani, formed in south-east Bay of Bengal and adjoining Indian Ocean, is set to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by this afternoon. It is expected to further intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm by tomorrow. It is currently moving in a north-west direction.

The latest weather bulletin issued by Indian Meteorology Department says it was found laying centred at 1110 kilometres south-east of

Chennai and 1300 km away from Machilipatnam in the wee hours today.

It has been travelling at a speed of 15 kilometres per hour in the last six hours. It is set to move in a North West direction till Tuesday, and thereafter recurve northeastwards. Many places in Kerala are expected to get light to moderate rain on Monday and Tuesday, with heavy rainfall at a few places.

North coastal Tamil Nadu and coastal Andhra Pradesh are set to get light to moderate rain at a few places on Tuesday and Wednesday.

EU warns Trump over withdrawal from UN treaty on Global Arms Trade

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The European Union, EU has warned that US President Donald Trump's rejection of a UN treaty designed to regulate the global arms trade would hamper the global fight against illicit weapons trafficking. The EU's chief diplomat,

Federica Mogherini said, a decision by the US to revoke its signature would not contribute to ongoing efforts to encourage transparency in the international arms trade. She said, the EU will continue to call on all states, and in particular the major arms exporters and importers, to join the Arms Trade Treaty without delay.