

PM Modi to address rallies; Priyanka to hold a roadshow

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold two election rallies at Amroha and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh today. In the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, voting will take place for Western UP's Saharanpur, Kairana, Muzaffarnagar, Bijnor, Meerut, Bagpat, Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar constituencies on 11th of this month. This will be Mr. Modi's second rally in the state for the first phase elections. Earlier, he addressed a rally in Meerut. Saharanpur will see a three-cornered contest among the BJP, Congress and the SP-BSP-RLD alliance



candidates. Imran Masood is fighting on the Congress ticket while and BSP has given ticket to Fazlur Rahman. From BJP, sitting MP Raghav Lakhnani is candidate from Saharanpur seat. Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will hold a road show in Ghaziabad today. The SP-BSP-RLD alliance will hold their first joint rally in

Deoband on Sunday. All three party chiefs - Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati and Ajit Singh will address the rally. Congress President Rahul Gandhi is also likely to hold a rally in Saharanpur on Monday. BJP President Amit Shah will address public rallies at Changjani in Arunachal Pradesh, Thoubal in Manipur and Mourigaon in Assam today.

Former Dy Speaker, other leaders join Congress

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Former deputy speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Levi Rengma, has joined the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPPC). Rengma lost the previous Nagaland assembly elections on an NPP ticket. A statement from the president of NPPC, K Thierie on Thursday informed that besides Rengma, other 'leaders' including

Hopson Snock Dr. K Mangyngpula Chang and GK Rengma have also joined the party. "In the most crucial time when secularism and our culture, customs and identity, are under threat, they have taken a conscious decision to strengthen and fight against the monstrous designs of BJP not for power or money, but to defend our people and to carry forward the Naga political negotiations for early settlement," he stated.

Scrutiny of nominations for third phase of LS polls to be held today

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Filing of nominations for the third phase of Lok Sabha elections ended last evening. Scrutiny of papers will take place today while Monday is the last day for withdrawal of names. One hundred and fifteen seats spread over 12 States and two Union Territories, will go to polls in this phase on 23rd of this month. Fourteen seats each in Maharashtra and Karnataka, ten seats in Uttar Pradesh, seven in Chhattisgarh, six in Odisha, five each in Bihar and West

Bengal, four in Assam and one in Jammu and Kashmir will also go to polls in this phase. Along with Parliamentary elections in Odisha, voting will also be held for 42 seats of state Assembly in this phase. Congress President Rahul Gandhi filed his nomination from Kerala's Wayanad parliamentary constituency at the district headquarters in Kalpetta yesterday. In Assam, 62 nomination have been filed for four Lok Sabha seats of Guwahati, Dhubri, Barpeta and Kokrajhar going to polls in this phase. Maximum 19

candidates filed nomination for the Guwahati seat. In Goa, 16 candidates filed their nominations for two parliamentary constituencies of North Goa and South Goa. For assembly by-polls, also taking place in this phase for three Assembly constituencies of Shiroda, Mandrem and Mapusa, nine candidates filed their nominations. In Odisha, 69 nominations were filed for six Lok Sabha seats for the third phase. Elections for 42 Assembly seats will also take place in this phase for which 399 nominations have been submitted.

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Delegation from European Union explores areas of collaboration in research & innovation at RGU

Highlighting the tremendous growth of the RGU in the last 10 years, he shared that the University has not only grown in the number of Departments had from 15 in 2009-10 to 28 presently, but even enrolment has increased from 878 students to 2067. He also shared that through its various research projects and collaborations, the RGU has created a very congenial research ecosystem. Terming the visit of the EU delegation as very significant he said that the fact that EU is India's largest trading partner and that India is one of ten countries that the EU has chosen as strategic partners, this makes for people to people contact and cooperation in higher education a key feature of this interface and hoped for a new era of

fruitful academic cooperation. Marking the start of a series of presentations on the EU MS/AC-India research-funding programme by the visiting team, delegation head Tania Friedrichs shared that research and innovation cooperation was an integral part of the EU's relation with India and called out for the University to engage more with the instruments of research that the EU offers. Describing the present visit just as a beginning of a long-term engagement, she said that the EU has an implementing arrangement with India that included scholar mobility programs, individual fellowships as well as bilateral and multilateral collaborations. Other presenters of the delegation each from Belgium, France, Italy,

Denmark and Norway shared the respective country perspectives on thrust areas of possible funding and collaborations. All speakers commended the RGU on the innovative research initiatives and studies that were already in place in the University and said that this provided for a fertile ground for academic engagements in the future. Concurring with the RGU's mandate and its respect for biological and cultural diversity, the need for sustainable development and the idea that change elements must benefit all sections of society, the members of the delegation expressed their support towards activating instruments through which "we could internationalize future research and innovation initiatives". The members also emphasized

on the need for a mix of stakeholders in the research initiatives and suggested for a multi-disciplinary approach in conceptualizing the proposals where the focus could be on (new) technologies but also on how they impact society. Earlier, RGU Dean of Life Sciences Prof. RK Singh made an in-depth presentation on the unique biodiversity of Arunachal, highlighting the significance of the diverse flora and fauna that the State holds. Giving a detailed brief on various on-going and completed important research projects that the University has taken up, Prof. Singh highlighted the RGU's potential as a major research partner that the EU could collaborate with. Prof. Jymyir Basar from the Arunachal

Institute of Tribal Studies in her presentation spoke of how the RGU was upholding its mandate to engage with the communities of the State and the issues confronting them. Detailing some of the achievements of the University in the areas of Social Science and Humanities research, she highlighted that the RGU was the only University to have compiled a Human Development Report as also the State Development Report for Arunachal. She also put forward thrust research areas that the EU and RGU could collaborate on. [ENDS] [794 words] For enquiries, please contact: Registrar Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University Rono Hills, Doimukh Arunachal Pradesh: 791112 Email: registrar@rgu.ac.in Tel: +919436270064

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We Made Plastic. We Depend on It. Now We're Drowning in it

The miracle material has made modern life possible. But more than 40 percent of it is used just once, and it's choking our waterways.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, established in 1999, is working to clean up the river, with some signs of success. Jose Antonio Goitia, the commission's executive director, says he is optimistic that the Pasig could be restored someday, although he acknowledges he has no easy way of doing that. "Maybe the best thing to do is ban plastic bags," he says. The remaining challenges are clearly visible every day. The river is fed by 51 tributaries, some of them overflowing with plastic waste from squatter settlements that cantilever precariously over creek banks. A tributary near Chinatown, where rickety shanties are wedged between modern buildings, is so choked with plastic debris you can walk across it, forgoing the footbridge. Manila Bay's beaches, once recreational respites for greater Manila's 13 million residents, are littered with garbage, much

of it plastic. Last fall Break Free From Plastic, a coalition including Greenpeace and other groups, cleaned a beach on Freedom Island, which is advertised as an ecotourism district; volunteers picked up 54,260 pieces of plastic, from shoes to food containers. By the time I visited a few weeks later, the beach was littered again with bottles, wrappers, and shopping bags. The scene in Manila is typical of large, overcrowded urban centers across Asia. The Philippines is a densely populated nation of 105 million people that is still struggling with the most basic public health issues, including waterborne diseases such as typhoid and bacterial diarrhea. It's no surprise that it has trouble managing the explosion of plastic garbage. Manila has a metropolitan garbage collection system that stretches across 17

separate local governments—a source of chaos and inefficiency. In 2004 the region was already running out of land to safely dump garbage. The shortage of landfill space, and thus the crisis, continues today. A small part of the slack is taken up by Manila's informal recycling industry, which consists of thousands of waste pickers. Armando Siena, 34, is one of them. He and his wife, Angie, 31, have lived their entire lives surrounded by trash. They were born on Smokey Mountain, an internationally notorious dump that was officially closed in the 1990s. They now live with their three children near Manila's waterfront in a one-room flat lit by a single bulb, furnished with a pair of plastic chairs, and lacking plumbing, bedding, or refrigeration. The flat is in a garbage-filled slum named Aroma, next to another slum named Happyland.

Every day Siena rides a rickety bicycle beyond Aroma's boundaries, scanning the streets for recyclable rubbish that he can stuff into his sidecar. Plastic soup containers are high-value finds, paying 20 pesos (38 cents) a kilogram. Siena sorts and sells his load to a junk shop owned by his uncle, who trucks the waste to recycling plants on the outskirts of Manila. Waste pickers like Siena are part of the solution, some activists argue; they just need a living wage. In the Basco waterfront slum in Manila, a tiny recycling shop operated by the Plastic Bank of Vancouver, British Columbia, pays a premium for bottles and hard plastic collected by waste pickers. It then sells that plastic at a higher price to multinationals, which market their recycled products as socially responsible. Siegler, the Vermont economist, has worked in enough countries and run enough numbers to be

skeptical of such schemes. "There is not enough value in plastics to make that work," he says. "It's cheaper to fund a solid waste management system than to subsidize collecting plastic." The waste that clogs Manila's beaches and waterways reinforces Siegler's point. Much of it consists of sachets—tear-off packets that once held a single serving of shampoo, toothpaste, coffee, condiments, or other products. They are sold by the millions to poor people like Siena and his family, who can't afford to buy more than one serving at a time. Sachets blow around Manila like leaves falling from trees. They're not recyclable, so no waste picker will retrieve them. Crispian Lao, a member of the National Solid Waste Management Commission, says, "This segment of packaging is growing, and it has become a real challenge for solid waste management." (To be contd.)

Joint Team Apprehends UG



IT News
Imphal, April 5,

In its continued efforts to maintain peace and security in Manipur as part of overall security measures in view of upcoming elections, Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South), along with Manipur Police apprehended a sympathiser of PREPAK (PRO) from North AOC area of Imphal on 04 April.

The Battalion received a reliable input on 01 April regarding likely presence of a sympathiser of PREPAK (PRO) indulging in recruitment activities in the Imphal Valley. Since then, the Battalion with its strong intelligence network identified the suspected individual, continuously monitored his movement and kept him under close surveillance. In the morning hrs on 04 April, the suspected individual was spotted by the surveillance team of the Battalion and the input

was promptly shared with Manipur Police based on which Imphal West Commandos launched an operation and apprehended the suspected individual from the North AOC area of Imphal. The individual has been identified as Moirangthem Ibungo Meitei. The apprehended individual confessed that he is involved in recruitment related activities for the outfit in the Imphal valley. The apprehended individual is with the Police for further legal action.

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND&PS) (FTC), MANIPUR

AT CHEIRAP COURT COMPLEX

Schedule 1 VIII, Form No 100
High Court Criminal Process No.4

ANNEXURE -1

SPECIAL TRIAL CASE NO 77 OF 2018
FIR No. 27(4)2001 BA-PS
U/S 21 ND & PS Act

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED

(Section 82 of the code of criminal Procedure)

1) Name Description and address of the accused:

Smt. Alam Kuki (45 years) now 63 years W/o (L) Thongam Kuki of Yangoung New Samtal, Churachandpur District Manipur

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Smt. Alam Kuki has committed the offence punishable under Section 21ND & PS Act FIR No. 27(4)2001 BA-PS and it has been returned to a Warrant of Arrest thereupon stating that Smt. Alam Kuki cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Smt. Alam Kuki has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.

2) Name of the accused. Smt. Alam Kuki

Police station is thereby made that the said Smt. Alam Kuki is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on the 5th day of May, 2019

3) Place: Imphal,

dated this 27th Day of March, 2019

Sd/-
S. TARADEVI
Special Judge (ND&PS) (FTC)
Manipur

IT/Adv/ 2 days