

**Congress activists waved black flags at Governor Najma Heptulla**

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Youth Congress activists waved black flags at Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla on Monday morning at nearby Aluva in Kochi in protest against the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), passed by the Parliament. According to media reports, Heptulla was on her way to board a flight to Lakshadweep from the Nedumbassery airport in Kerala when the incident occurred.

Protests broke out in many parts of Assam and NorthEast following the passage of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019 in Parliament and it later became an Act there upon after Presidential assent on December 12.

**A R Organises Medical Camp**

**HQ IGAR Imphal Dec. 16**

With an objective to provide better health care facilities to the local populace, Thinghat Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a free medical camp at Heijang village of Thinghat sub division on 15 Dec 2019. Medical checkups were carried out by the Regimental Medical Officers and nursing staff. Special medical issues of women were also addressed. Over 250 people benefited from the exclusive medical care during which free medicines were also provided to the poor and needy patients. Local civil authorities were also co-opted in the conduct of camp. The medical camp was organised keeping in mind the medical problems of the people and paucity of healthcare resources around Heijang and adjoining villages. The opportunity was also utilised by Regimental Medical Officers to educate the masses about prevention of communicable and skin diseases along with other life style diseases affecting them. The locals of the area lauded the efforts of Assam Rifles and requested for more such endeavors in future.

## Stop blaming those in queue for petrol, It is not panic buying; CAF& PD has urged BPCL to stop issuing Petrol to public w.e.f Dec. 15



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Long queue at oil depot by people of the state for filling petrol of diesel in their vehicles are often term as panic buying by state government authority and yesterday the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh had

appealed the people to stop panic buying saying that state still have petroleum stock for 15 days while Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Karam Shyam had also made similar appeal with a different version on petroleum stock position saying that state has 5 days stock.

However, people seem to know the reality, and not to be surprised the Directorate of Consumer Affairs Food & Public Distribution, Government of Manipur had officially written a letter to the Assistant Sales Manager of the Bharat petroleum Company Limited to stop issuing of Petroleum, Oil and

Lubricants (POL) to the people with immediate effect yesterday. A source with the Imphal Times said that the Directorate of the CAF& PD wrote the letter to the BPCL to stop issuing of the POL to conserve stock for emergency consumption by the Government Departments and the VIPs, as transportation of

POL has been affecting due to the social unrest and deteriorating law and order condition in Assam in the aftermath of the passing of the Amended Citizenship Bill. Oil Depot in Imphal area today saw long queue today, and this may be the last scene witness as almost all the oil depot in the state are likely to

be dried tomorrow. "We cannot trust the government, and we have to filled our vehicle as we have to attend office", a government employee waiting for his turn at an Oil depot said. Meanwhile, price of essential commodities have also been sky rocketed in Imphal due to turmoil in Assam.

## State Observes Vijay Diwas Need to improve human resources sector in the state: CM

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Manipur joined the rest of the country in paying tributes to the martyrs, who laid down their lives for the Nation during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971, on Vijay Diwas today. The State level observance was held at the Banquet Hall of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Manipur Rifles with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh as the chief guest and national president respectively. Addressing the function, N. Biren Singh said that we all must commit ourselves to improve the human resources sector in the State. Our State would move forward only when we develop our human resources, he added. He also opined that there is a correlation between human resources development and development of a state or a country. Mentioning that development is not just about infrastructural development, the Chief Minister maintained that we must change our approaches and perspectives



to bring positive transformation in the State. He also stated that we must not forget that it is the responsibility of the government to provide quality education to our children. We need to produce great and eminent persons who can make our State proud, he added. The Chief Minister stated that according to a recent report, Manipur University could not find its place among top 100 best Universities of the country. We need to closely examine why Manipur University had failed to make in the top 100 list, he added. He further stated that we must be committed in providing quality education to the students and to create strong

academic atmosphere in all the institutions of the state. He also advised the State Education Minister to take necessary actions against those who instigate innocent students to participate in any form of agitation. N. Biren informed that he has directed the Chief Secretary to monitor and review the ongoing projects and developmental works being taken up in the State. On the occasion, Chief Minister paid his rich tribute to those soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the integrity and sovereignty of the country. Ministers, MLAs, Administrative Secretaries, heads of departments, top ranking civil and police officials also attended the function.

## Manipur's citizens continues to show solidarities with the anti-CAA movements in NE

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Citizens of Manipur from different walks of life today continue to show solidarity stand with the anti CAA uprising in various part of the North East India particularly in the state of Assam where as many as 6 people have been died during the protest. Today is the third day, and police today tried to foil the solidarity stand however, the citizens argued that they have

every rights to pray for the people of Assam and NE. "We don't use placards as you desired, we don't disturbed anybody, we don't called any persons to join us, we are not called by anybody, we simply gathered here to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Assam and Tripura", a young lady told a police officer when he force the citizens to leave the place. Later, the Superintendent of Police called the citizens to talk on regarding the protest.

All the people gathered their said that there is no organiser no representative and whom should he talk to. Later, the police team asked all the citizens who gathered there to talk with the SP. The SP after listening to the citizens said that there is nothing wrong in praying for the people but gathering is a problem at hyper sensitive area. He advice to citizens to take permission for such solidarity outside the hypersensitive area.

## ATUM to close Pallel - Aimol road from December 18

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Decrying the government inaction for repairing of the deteriorated road condition between Aimol Village to Pallel in Chandel district, the Aimol Tribe Union Manipur (ATUM) today threaten to close the road if the government authority fails to initiate the repairing work of the road stretch.

"The road that connects Pallel to Aimol village, known as Pallel- Aimol road, in Chandel district is in worst condition. The villagers has been demanding the government to keep an eye on it and to repair the road as soon as possible, however as no positive response is received from the government the ATUM is left with no choice but to close the road to prevent road accident",

Athoi Bongte, Ex-President of ATUM said to reporters. " We will close the road stretch for all heavy and medium vehicles from December 18 if government fails to give a positive response", Athoi said. Aimol Khullen, Village Secretary, Kh.Khotinchung, Aimol Village, etc were also present while announcing the closure of the road to reporters.

## RBI allows NEFT 24 x7 from today

With a view to facilitate smooth settlement of National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) system, RBI has decided to permit NEFT transactions in the accounts of the member banks maintained by it, on 24 x 7 basis from today. Till now NEFT was available only between 8 am and 7:45 pm on working days. Besides NEFT did not work on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the week. "In order to facilitate smooth settlement of these transactions, RBI has decided to extend the collateralised liquidity support (LS), round the clock, the RBI circular dated 13 December 2019 stated. The decision to allow

NEFT transactions on 24 x7 was taken in the Monetary Policy Meet of RBI held in August 2019. LS facility will operate as per the same terms and conditions as the Intra-Day Liquidity (IDL) facility, all member banks eligible for the IDL facility will be eligible to avail of the LS facility, the limit for LS facility would be set by RBI from time to time. Drawings under the LS facility shall be reckoned as part of the eligible IDL limit, the margin requirement on LS facility would be similar to that of IDL facility, outstanding drawing at the end of the day under the LS facility will be automatically converted into borrowing under the Marginal

Standing Facility (MSF), the MSF borrowing reversal will take place along with other (Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) operations as is currently being done, the instructions on intra-day liquidity and reversal of IDL shall continue, as hitherto and RBI may review the facilities based on the experience gained in operationalizing the scheme. RBI has advised its member banks that: there will be 48 half-hourly batches every day. The settlement of first batch will commence after 00:30 hours and the last batch will end at 00:00 hours, the system will be available on all days of the year, including holidays,

NEFT transactions after usual banking hours of banks are expected to be automated transactions initiated using 'Straight Through Processing (STP)' modes by the banks, the existing discipline for crediting beneficiary's account or returning the transaction (within 2 hours of settlement of the respective batch) to originating bank will continue, member banks will ensure sending of positive confirmation message (NIO) for all NEFT credits and all provisions of NEFT procedural guidelines will be applicable for NEFT 24x7 transactions as well. Member banks are expected to keep adequate liquidity in their current account with RBI at all

times to facilitate successful posting of NEFT batch settlements. They have also been advised to initiate necessary action and ensure availability of all necessary infrastructural requirements at their end for providing seamless NEFT 24x7 facility to their customers. "This move (by RBI) is a step towards reducing the number of cheques while making payments. Reducing cheque-based payments also increases a business' efficiency. Earlier, RBI had removed NEFT and RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement System) charges, making such transactions cheaper. This will certainly promote digital payments for

business users," RBI official said. RBI has already included other categories of recurring payments through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) that enables a customer to pay several bills such as telephone, water, gas, direct-to-home (DTH) and electricity at a single location—electronic or physical. BBPS payments can be made using cash, cheques as well as through any digital mode of payment such as internet banking, debit, credit card among others. Bill aggregators and banks function as operating units and carry out these payment transactions for customers.

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