

PM urges cops from North East to create healthy atmosphere for development programs

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Pune: While addressing valedictory session of the three day 54th DGSP/IGSP conference in Pune (Maharashtra), on Sunday evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed special interest for the development of North Eastern states, critical for "Act East Policy" of the government and urged the DGPs of these states to make extra efforts to create a conducive environment for the development programs.

Modi opined that a threat to country's security by forces across the border still continues, but our forces are capable of handling any situation to give a befitting reply to the enemies. He also discussed the recent incidents of rape in Telangana and Uttar Pradesh (Unnao) and advised police to be doubly alert. "At all times, the police must strive to improve the image of its force to inspire confidence among all sections of society including women and children, Modi said and emphasized the role of effective policing in making sure that women feel safe and secure.

Apart from leading the discussions and giving valuable suggestions over the past two days, Modi also appreciated the meticulous efforts made by the country's police forces for maintaining general peace and tranquility in the country and said that we must not forget the contribution of their families who stand firmly behind them. Prime Minister urged the heads of police departments to carry forth the spirit of the conference to the lowest level-from state to district to the police station. After viewing the presentations given by different state police forces, he mentioned that a comprehensive list of best practices could be prepared and adopted by all the states and Union Territories. He also commented that technology provides us an effective weapon



to ensure pro-active policing that factors-in the feedback of the common man.

Commending the conference for generating good inputs for policy planning and implementation, Modi laid emphasis on emergence of concrete outcomes from the finalized action points.

He concluded his remarks by recognizing the pulls and pressures confronting the police officer in the day to day discharge of duties. However, he said, that whenever they are in doubt they should remember the ideals and the spirit with which they appeared for the civil services exams and continue to work in national interest, keeping in mind the welfare of the weakest and poorest sections of society.

In order to encourage meaningful exchange of views and experiences, the duration of conference, was changed to three days from earlier one day and venue of the conference was shifted out of Delhi and now the conference is held in different locations since 2015. The format of the conference has also

undergone significant change in terms of the presence of the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister in the conference.

In the lead-up to the conference, committees of DGSP are established to formulate the contours of presentations on contemporary security threats. Additionally, during the conference, break-out sessions are held to further refine policy issues. This year, 11 core groups were formed for holding brain-storming sessions on key aspects of internal and external security such as terrorism, naxalism, coastal security, cyber threats, combating radicalization and narco-terrorism etc.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister also awarded the President's police medals for distinguished service to officers of the Intelligence Bureau.

During his two days stay (Saturday/Sunday) in Pune, Modi also interacted with scientists from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER). IISER scientists made presentations to the Prime Minister on varied topics ranging

from new materials and devices for clean energy application to agricultural biotechnology to natural resource mapping. The presentations also showcased cutting edge technologies in the field of Molecular Biology, Antimicrobial resistance, Climate studies and Mathematical Finance research.

Prime Minister appreciated the scientists for their informative presentations and urged them to develop low cost technologies that would cater to India's specific requirements and help in fast-tracking India's growth. He visited the IISER, Pune campus and interacted with the students and researchers. He also visited the state-of-the-art super computer PARAM BRAHMA, deployed by C-DAC in IISER, which has a peak computing power of 797 Teraflops.

Before leaving for New Delhi on Sunday night, Modi also called on former Union Minister Arun Shorrie appointed to Ruby Hall Clinic located at Bund Garden in Pune and inquired about his health. A team of chief cardiologist Dr Parvez Grant, neurosurgeon Dr Sachin Gandhi took Modi to Shourie's room.

Shourie has been undergoing treatment after he fell on December one, while out on a walk near his bungalow in Lavasa, some 60 kilometres from Pune. Shourie suffered a brain injury, including internal bleeding and swelling, doctors said and added that he was recovering fast and was showing no signs of neuro-deficit (abnormal function of a body area due to weaker function of the brain).

The 78-year-old former BJP leader, Arun Shourie, who was a minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government between 1999-2004, had become a vocal critic of the economic policies of the Modi government, leading to a parting of ways with the ruling dispensation. Shourie is a prolific writer and Ramon Magsaysay awardee who had served as an economist with the World Bank during 1967-1978.

Veteran CPI(M) leader Meitram Shamu passes

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Comrade Meitram Shamu, veteran leader of CPI(M) and Kisan Sabha leader of Manipur, expired on December 8, 2019 in his village Awang Jiri, Imphal at the age of 92. Comrade Shamu was one of the first generation communist in Manipur.

He joined the communist party under the leadership of Jananeta Irawat Singh, the founder of communist party in 1948 and participated in the peasants movement during the late 1940s and early 1950s and was in the underground for 4 years.

Comrade Shamu was in the movement for legislative assembly, statehood, Manipuri language and against AFSPA etc.

Comrade Meitram Shamu was a founder State Secretariat Member of CPI(M) in Manipur in 1967. He was elected as Secretary of the party's state unit by the 7th Manipur State Conference of CPI(M) in 1981

Keibi, Imphal. He served the party as a secretary for 4 terms. He also served the village panchayat as Pradhan during 1960s and 1970s. Comrade Shamu attended 11th, 14th, 15th and 16th Party Congresses of CPI(M).

The funeral service of Comrade Meitram Shamu was attended by the entire state secretariat of CPI(M); Kshetrimayum Santa, Sarat Salam, Yumnam Ratan and Sougrakam Roma Devi and CPI state assistant secretary Mainsam Joykumar and other leaders and paid their last Salute The State Secretariat of CPI(M) hold a condolence meeting today in the State office and observed two minutes silent in memory of Comrade Shamu and expressed deep condolence and grief at the passing away of Comrade Shamu. His demise is a great loss to the party and peasants of Manipur. The secretariat conveyed its heartfelt condolences to his family members.

NEHU exams postponed in view of NESO bandh

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With the ongoing strikes in state, the North-Eastern Hill University has rescheduled the on-going degree examinations on Monday.

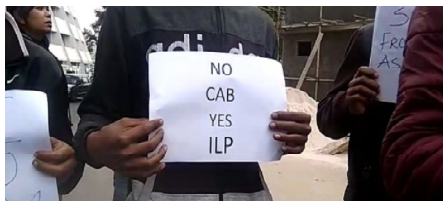
The North-Eastern Hill University issued a notification on Monday stating that the examination for the degree examination have been postponed in view of the strike and bandh called by NESO against Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB).

The notification stated "In view of the unavoidable circumstances, all odd semester B.ED and Law examination scheduled to be held on 10 December 2019 stands postponed and re-scheduled.



For B.ed 1st Semester, "Course No B.ED 103 Cultural Basis of Schooling has been re-scheduled on 17 December 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Meanwhile, for LLB 3rd Semester, "Course No LLB 303 Constitutional law-II has been re-scheduled on 21st December 2019 from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM.

COMSO rallies in the city against bill, IN PICTURES



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The Confederation of Meghalaya Social Organization (COMSO) hit the streets of Shillong today to demand the BJP led NDA Government to scrap the

contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which is to be tabled today. The organization has also threatened to move the Supreme Court to challenge the CAB if the Centre fails to respect the sentiments of the people of the North Eastern region.

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Sports news

Sonia Chahal & Bhagyabati Kachari lead Railways to 6 gold medals at 4th Elite Women's National Boxing Championships

By a Correspondent
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World Championships silver medallist Sonia Chahal (57kg) and India Open Gold medallist Bhagyabati Kachari (81kg) finished on the top podium as the Railways continued their dominance with six gold medals at the 4th Elite Women's National Boxing Championships at the Mundayad Indoor Stadium, here in Kerala yesterday.

2016 National Champion Sonia showed some stunning resilience to edge Haryana's Youth World Champion Sakshi 3-2 in a hard-fought final to add a second Nationals gold to her already illustrious resume.

A year after settling for the silver, Bhagyabati Kachari stamped her authority in the 81kg final over Shaily Singh and did not have to break a sweat on her way to a 5-0 win to get the gold.

Youth World Champion Jyoti was another of the boxers who shone from the Railways. Haryana's Ritu Grewal was hardly any match for the promising talent in the 51kg final where Jyoti cruised to a 5-0 win. In 48kg, Monika was equally aggressive in her face-off with All India Police's K. Bina Devi and



completed an effortless 5-0 victory to take the gold.

One of the most exciting bouts of the day was played between Railways' Pwila Basumatary and her staminate, Assam's Ankushita Boro for the 64kg title. The two fought tooth and nail and gave their all with the Cologne World Cup silver medallist Basumatary bringing her experience to edge the former youth world champion 3-2 in the end.

The sixth gold for the Railways was brought by former Asian

Championships silver medallist Pavitra (60kg) who continued her fine run on her comeback to get the title. In a tightly-contested bout, Pavitra was able to douse the fighting spirit of 2017 World Youth Champion Shashi Chopra from Haryana to register a 3-2 win.

All India Police had double delight with Kavita Chahal (81+kg) and Meenakumari Devi (54kg) clinching the gold. Arjuna awardee and two-time World Championships bronze medallist Kavita Chahal was in no mood to relent and quickly soared to a 5-0 win over Haryana's Anupama. Meenakumari Devi successfully defended her gold medal even

though the path was not easy. Railways' Meenakshi provided some stiff resistance but Meenakumari was able to summon her attacking punches in the final round and complete a 4-1 triumph. The solitary gold for Haryana was brought by Nupur in 75kg, who converted her last year's silver into the yellow metal this time. Nupur was able to end the inspiring run of giant-killer Indrajya of Kerala to finish with a 4-1 win, much to the disappointment of the spectators. Rajasthan was also put on the winners' column by Lalita who bagged the 69kg gold by dint of a commanding 5-0 win over the Railways' Meena Rani.

