

Powerful IED safely detonated at Catholic School; PWG claims

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A powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED), planted at the gate of the Catholic School Chanchipur today was safely detonated by police bomb squad at the same place where the bomb was planted as the Manipur Police Bomb Squad reportedly lacks proper equipments to defuse the IED.

The IED was planted by some unknown miscreants in front of the Southern gate of Catholic School Chanchipur, and it was found by morning joggers at around 6 am today. Report added that the morning jogger wasting no time reported the matter to police as the object was more like a bomb.

As per police source The IED weighing around 5kg was planted inside a Tiffin box with nails and explosives. The police source further suspect the bomb to have been planted in the intervening midnight of 13 and 14 February.

It was reported that the blast impact spread radius of the bomb might be around 300 metres.

Earlier it can be mentioned that some proscribed group have warned the school authority to shut the school down.

A Suo-motu case under FIR No 22(2)2019 SJMPS has also been registered for further investigation by Singjamei Police.

Meanwhile, armed group Kangleipak Communist Party, People's War Group has claimed responsibility of the IED that was planted today at

the gate of the Catholic School Chanchipur.

A statement signed by one Comrade Lenin Meitei, Secretary, Central Media, Co-ordinator, People's War Group (Marxist Center said that the IED was planted as a last warning to the Catholic Mission Society by an Urban Warfare team of the PWG (Marxist Center) without

intention to injure any teachers or students of the school.

The statement further said that they have not serve any monetary demand to the Catholic Education Society but as the Society in hands with some groups has been trying to mislead the name of the group outfit, the IED was planted as warning to stop

such act immediately. The outfit also claimed to have placed a Hand grenade and blasted on February 3 at around 8 pm but was concealed making a mockery of the armed group. Further consequences maybe which happened ought to be borne by those going in hands with the Catholic Education Society.

CAB failure is a 'Moral Victory' for the indigenous People of North East – NESO

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The North East Students' Organisation (NESO) which comprises of the Khasi Students' Union (KSU), All Assam Students' Union (AASU), Naga Students' Federation (NSF), Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), Twipra Students' Federation (TSF), All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU), Garo Students' Union (GSU) and All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU), has congratulated the entire indigenous people of North East that through our united and concerted effort the Government of India has not been able to table the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016 on the floor of the Rajya Sabha.

"NESO would like to thank all the component organizations who have worked very hard and sacrifice a lot to oppose this draconian Bill, on this occasion, it is very imperative to also thank the different state

Governments of the North East who have taken a bold stand on this issue, notably the State Government of Meghalaya led by Mr. Conrad Sangma, the State Government of Mizoram led by Mr. Zoramthanga, the different Students' Unions, Social Organisations, Women Organisations. Our gratitude goes to Mr. Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar in which his party the JD(U) has even taken a Resolution in their National Executive Council to oppose this CAB. NESO would also like to express its deep sense of appreciation to the different Political parties whom we have met and have extended their unstinted support to this cause particularly the Shiv Sena, Congress (I), SP, BJD, TMC, DMK, SAD, NPP, AGP, TDP, BPF, CPI, CPM, IPFT Tipra Ha, NCT, NDPP, NPF and also even other political parties who have extended their support in opposing this Bill. NESO,

could not forget all the people who were injured during this movement especially in Tripura, Manipur and Assam and salute their bravery and wish for their speedy recovery and their sacrifice has not gone in vain, a statement said.

NESO, calls the occasion as 'Moral Victory' for the indigenous People of North East. It said, "we can achieve in stalling this Bill is only because of the united continuous movement of the people. This also goes on to show that the Government of India will not concede to our demands on a platter but we have to fight and struggle for the protection and survival of our indigenous people of North East. Lastly, NESO would like to give a strong warning to the Government of India not to adopt, implement policies which is detrimental to the interest of indigenous people of North East".

ASUK warns BOSEM & COSHEM to conduct free and fair examination

Imposes curfew at 2000 metres surrounding of all examination center

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Conglomerate of armed rebel group operating in the region – Alliance for Socialist Unity, Kangleipal (ASUK), which the Union Home Ministry had listed as outlawed today appeal the authority of the Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) and the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM) to bear all responsibility for fair conduct of the class X and Class XII exam which is set to begin from February 18 and February 20 respectively.

The ASUK has been conducting campaign to save the community under "Campaign for National Regeneration (CNR) to ensure quality education since the last couple of year and 'Special Task force' of the

CNR has also been taking up various measures to make sure that students of the region received quality education.

In a press statement made available to media houses of the state, K. Deepak, Commander, STF of the CNR, ASUK said that in order to make sure that the authority of the COHSEM and BOSEM conduct the class X and Class XII examination free and fair the special task force has formulated temporary arrangement to make sure that the examination was conducted in free and fair manner.

The statement said that the STF had imposed curfew within 200 metre at the periphery of all examination center to disallow helper from outside the classroom. No students or invigilators will not be allowed to encourage unfair means at all electronic

devices like 1 phone Camera and written script of any kind should not be allowed in the examination hall. Invigilators are warned not to help any students and should not encourage copying to one another. The ASUK STF Commander said that if the above mention restriction has been found at any Examination Hall the Officer in Charge of the Examination Center should be held responsibility.

The statement further said that action taken up by flying squad of the BOSEM and Council to students who practice unfair means should not be given any obstruction. It also said that Original or Haos question paper should not be spread at Social media. The Commander of the STF said that any one found violating the ASUK warn will face the music.

SC reiterates to Centre for completion of NRC for Assam Agency

New Delhi, Feb 14,

The Supreme Court today reiterated to the Centre that the July 31st deadline for completion of National Register of Citizens NRC for Assam will not be extended. A bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, criticised the Union Home

Ministry for its plea seeking to stall the NRC work for two weeks keeping in mind the role of Central Armed Police Forces in election duty.

The bench asked the Election Commission (EC) to consider exempting certain state officers from election duty to ensure that NRC process

continues.

The apex court had said last month also that the deadline cannot be extended. It had asked the Assam government, the NRC co-ordinator and the EC to ensure that the upcoming general elections did not slow down the process.

SC refers issue of transfer & posting of Delhi Govt officers to larger bench

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Supreme Court today referred the issue of transfer and posting of officers of Delhi Government, to a larger bench, due to difference of opinion between two judges.

A two-judge bench comprising

Justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan, however, agreed on their views on disputes pertaining to the anti-corruption branch, setting up of the commission of inquiry, control over electricity boards, land revenue matters and appointment of public prosecutors.

The apex court also upheld the Centre's notification that its employees cannot be probed in corruption cases by Anti Corruption Bureau of Delhi government. The top court also said that instead of the LG, Delhi government will have the right to appoint public prosecutors or law officers.

GNRC Medical serves 6 lakh in 5 years

By Our Correspondent
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Over 10 million individuals in northeast India lack access to affordable, quality healthcare services and bridging this gap through appropriate healthcare services would result in a healthier population and a robust economy. Fulfilling this pressing need requires a multi-dimensional effort encompassing educating various sections of society, continuous advocacy, concerted actions and societal collaboration. As an initiative to pursue the multi-dimensional objective, Dr Nomal Chandra Borah designed a unique healthcare model named as GNRC Medical. On completion of the fourth year of operation on February 13, Dr Madhurjya Borah, CEO of the hospital presented the progress report



at GNRC Medical Campus in North Guwahati and reiterated its commitment towards their guiding principle – Health for All, Smiles for All. "Affordable quality healthcare is the pillar of a healthy economy and is central to preventing epidemics, improving women & children's health and managing the rising burden of non-communicable diseases such as heart & neurological conditions," said Dr Madhurjya adding that lack of

affordable quality healthcare causes over 60 million Indians to slide into poverty every year.

He highlighted that over six lakh outpatients had visited GNRC since 2014 and over sixty thousand patients were admitted. Over thirty thousand individuals were benefitted from the 24 hour free healthcare services and over three million diagnostic procedures were carried out at GNRC Medical, added Dr Madhurjya. The program was also addressed by Dr Manoj Agarwala, medical superintendent of GNRC Medical and Gautam Rajkhowa, deputy hospital superintendent where they informed that GNRC Medical as an institution under affordable health mission pledged to serve the society and the nation with all their commitment.

SIJ, DIPR
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DIPR
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State Institute of Journalism (SIJ) under the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Government of Manipur invites applications for 15 days Short term certificate course on 'News Reporting' from willing and interested candidates. The course will commence from 18th February, 2019 at Chanambam Ibomcha College (CI College), Bishnupur. Interested candidates can apply at the DIPR, HQ, Moirangkhum, Imphal or from the office of Principal, CI College, Bishnupur. Required minimum qualification is Class XII passed. For further information contact State Institute of Journalism, DIPR, Moirangkhum during office hours.

SSA and RMSA teachers stage protest



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Teachers of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) today staged sit-in protests at Porompat ZEO office Zone 2 organised by Joint SSA and RMSA Teachers' Association Manipur to provide permanent solution to the problem being faced by SSA and RMSA teachers.

Speaking to media persons SSA teacher Kh. Tararani said that the government has been neglecting the teachers of SSA and RMSA. She said that they have been tolerating for

the past 8/9 months even as their salary for the last 8/9 months remain pending. She demanded to give their due salary at the earliest.

She also asked the government why they were not given any facilities of being a regular teacher as they were appointed on regular basis.

Kh Tararani demanded the government to give teachers of SSA and RMSA a similar rights and facilities like other teachers if the state education department. She said that there is no line of promotion for them and also demanded the government to formulate a mechanism for

promotion of the SSA and RMSA teachers.

Kh Tararani warned the government that if their demands weren't fulfilled before the code of conduct of the upcoming election, the teachers will not take any duties of the election and also will boycott any exam.

She further said that they are well prepared to take up more intense agitation. Placards saying Equal work equal status, Stop discriminating SSA and RMSA teachers, No pay No work were held by the teachers. Similar protest was also held at Khuyathong ZEO office Zone 1.