

## One Day Mock Drill held at Thoubal

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One Day Mock Drill was held at Thoubal Kshetrikeikai on 23rd January 2018 at Thoubal Kshetrikeikai Haotabi Ground. The programme was organised by Council for Advancement of Rural Development, CARD Thoubal Kshetrikeikai, Kshetrikeikai Riaing Club and Indian Red Cross Society Thoubal Branch.

Shri K. Sadananda Singh President IRCS Thoubal Branch, Shri I. Achou Singh, President CARD and Shri W. Ibohah Singh Secy, CARD were the dignitaries on the dias in the inaugural session. Shri W. Ibohah Singh explained about the objectives of organising the programme. Dr Bangkim Singh Coordinator

IRCS State Manipur and other experts from IRCS explained about various life saving techniques during calamities with live demonstration Mock Drill to prevent from natural calamities like earthquake, flood, drought and also day to day accident and also Demonstration and lecture about the tecqnic of preventive measure were taught to the participants. As a part of mock drill there was also live demo on proper way of hand washing by the expert team and also explained on the importance of keeping our hand neat and clean. 60 youth of Kshetrikeikai and its surrounding villages benefited from the training programme.

## Chandel ADC Members and BJP Workers to Extend Support to BJP's Candidate

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Members of Autonomous District Council (ADC) Chandel and workers of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of Chandel District to extend support to any candidate nominated by the Party for Outer Parliamentary seat in the forth coming Lok Sabha Election. Speaking to the mediapersons, Chandel BJP Vice-President SK. Angshel Lamkang informed that all the BJP Workers and ADC members of the District will extend full support to the candidate nominated by the BJP and its Coalition Government for Outer Parliamentary Constituency

in the forth coming Lok Sabha election. The decision to this effect was taken unanimously during the first ever New Year Get-together Program of BJP Workers and ADC Members held on 19th January 2019 at Chandel District Headquarter, he added. The Vice-President also further informed that area dominance, strategies and mobilisation teams for the District will be formed shortly under the guidance of Social Worker SS Olish Lamkang, BJP Central Core Committee member Yanglet Haokip, Chandel ADC Chairman D. Ringo Lamkang and BJP Chandel in-charge Ashnikumar respectively.

## BYCY observes 26 foundation day



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Bamol Leikai Youth Club Yairipok, BYCY of Yairipok Bamol Leikai in Thoubal District today celebrated 26th Foundation Day at its club premises. The function was attended by

founder president of BYCY Raghunir Thiyam as the Chief Guest, Khomdrum Prafullo, present president of the Club as president and vice president Usham Nirjitkumar, Club advisor Sapam Oken and Khoiror Tembi, among others attended the function.

## Name Changed

I, Nirmala Devi is Legally wedded Wife of No.14263064-A NAIK LAISHRAM RAMESHWAR SINGH Presently Residing at Thoubal Kshetrikeikai PO/PS & District Thoubal Manipur, have changed my Name from Nirmala Devi to Laishram Nirmala Devi vide Affidavit dated 17/01/19 before Oath Commissioner Thoubal, Manipur. My only daughter's LAISHRAM NIRARANI DEVI has also changed her name from Laishram Nirarani Devi to NIRA LAISHRAM vide Affidavit dated 17/01/19 before Oath Commissioner Thoubal Manipur.

Sd/-  
Laishram Nirmala Devi

## Delhi law dept examining JNU sedition case: Kejriwal

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Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Thursday said the Delhi government's law department was examining granting sanction for prosecution of former JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar in a sedition case. He, however, accused the Centre of committing "sedition" by creating hurdles in the works of Delhi government. "I do not know whether

Kanhaiya has committed sedition or not, which is being examined by the law department.

"On the other hand, Modi ji has stalled (works on) schools for children, hospitals, installation of CCTV cameras, setting up of mohalla clinics in Delhi - is this not sedition?" Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi.

The AAP-led Delhi government is seeking legal advice with regard to granting sanction for prosecution in the JNU sedition case.

Last week, the ruling AAP and the Delhi Police had traded allegations after a court questioned the filing of a charge sheet in the sedition case against former Jawahar Lal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) president Kanhaiya Kumar and nine others without procuring required sanction from authorities.

The Delhi government sources said the rules laid down by the court for sanction of prosecution will be followed. The police had filed the charge

sheet in the court on January 14, saying the sanction for prosecution was pending with the government.

"Why did you file (the charge sheet) without approval? You do not have a legal department," the court asked police on Saturday. According to the charge sheet, Kumar was leading a procession and supported seditious slogans raised on the JNU campus during an event on February 9, 2016. Former JNU students Umar

Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya were also charged with allegedly shouting anti-India slogans during the event to mark the hanging of Parliament attack mastermind Afzal Guru. The event had taken place despite the university administration cancelling the permission for the same following a complaint by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, which had termed it "anti-national".

## RJD leader shot dead near his home in Bihar

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Patna, Jan. 24

Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Raghuvir Rai was shot dead on Thursday by unidentified assailants in Bihar's Samastipur district, police said. He was killed by two men on a motorcycle when he was out on morning walk near his home in Kalyanpur, District Superintendent of police Harpreet Kaur said. Mr Rai was a former Zila Parishad member. Angry over the killing hundreds of his supporters blocked Samastipur-Darbhanga road, burned tyres demanding arrest of the assailants.

## PM Modi-led committee expected to name new CBI chief today

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Nearly two weeks after Alok Verma was ousted as CBI director, a high-powered selection committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet today to appoint his successor. The committee also includes Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge. Months into the power tussle in the agency, Alok Verma was removed as CBI chief, barely 48 hours after he was reinstated by the Supreme Court in January. The PM Modi-led panel in a 2:1 result was against Verma's continuance as CBI chief in light of the Central Vigilance Commission's report and "the extremely serious nature of observations made by the CVC against Verma". The panel also appointed M Nageswara Rao as CBI

Interim Director. Justice Sikri, who was asked by CJI Ranjan Gogoi to represent him on the panel, was said to be of the firm view that since the allegations against the CBI Director were technically "pending inquiry", his position had become untenable. Meanwhile, Justice Sikri Thursday recused from hearing a plea challenging the appointment of Nageswar Rao. The plea, which stated that Rao's appointment was done without the authority of law since only the high-powered committee could take a decision on appointing a director, has been listed for hearing Friday. The lone dissenter on the high-powered selection committee, Mallikarjun Kharge, called the appointment of Rao as Interim Director "illegal" and shot a letter to PM Modi called for an immediate meeting of the committee to select a new CBI

chief. In his letter to the Prime Minister, Kharge urged him to make public the findings of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Justice A K Patnaik's report on Verma as well as minutes of the January 10 meeting (when Verma was removed). "The Government seems to be worried about something and in a tearing hurry to dispose of a man from his office, that an irrational decision was taken to transfer Shri Alok Verma as DG Fire Services even after his superannuation," Kharge said. Justice Patnaik, who had been asked by the Supreme Court to supervise the probe against Verma, disowned the CVC findings, saying these were not his. Alok Verma, the first CBI chief to be removed in the history of the agency, said he "tried to uphold the integrity of the institution while attempts were being made to destroy it". He also refused

to take charge as Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards and told the government that he "may be deemed as superannuated" with immediate effect. He also said the selection committee did not provide him with an opportunity to explain details as recorded by the CVC before ordering his removal. "It is sad that on the basis of false, unsubstantiated and frivolous allegations made by only one person, who was inimical to me, I have been transferred to another post," he wrote in a letter to the government, announcing his resignation. He is due to retire by the end of this month. Verma was reinstated by the SC after he was sent on forced leave in October amid a bitter fight with his deputy Rakesh Asthana. Both the CBI officials levelled corruption charges against each other and demanded a probe into the matter.

## Gold prices held steady at Rs 33,210 per 10 g

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Gold prices held steady at Rs 33,210 per 10 gram at the bullion market Thursday in scattered deals even as the precious metal weakened overseas, according to the All India Sarafa Association. Silver prices, however, turned weak and fell by Rs 210 to Rs 39,950 per kg due to reduced offtake. Traders attributed the fall in silver to subdued demand from industrial units and coin makers at the local spot market.

Globally, gold fell 0.09 per cent to USD 1,282.10 an ounce and silver by 0.33 per cent to USD 15.33 an ounce in New York. In the national capital, silver ready lost Rs 210 to Rs 39,950 per kg while weekly delivery fell rather sharply by Rs 993 to Rs 38,994 per kg. Silver coins, however, held flat at Rs 77,000 for buying and Rs 78,000 selling of 100 pieces. On the other hand, gold of 99.9 and 99.5 per cent purity, in thin trading, ended flat at Rs 33,210 and Rs 33,060 per ten gram, respectively. The precious metal had lost Rs 115 Wednesday. Sovereign gold, also remained unaltered at Rs 25,500 per piece of 8 gram.

## SC refuses to stay amendments to SC/ST Act

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The Supreme Court Thursday refused to stay the proposed amendments to the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act which restored the no anticipatory bail provision for the accused. A bench headed by Justice A K Sikri said the pending review petition filed by the Centre against the apex court's March 20, 2018 verdict and the pleas challenging the new amendments made in the

SC/ST verdict will be taken up together. The bench referred the matter to the Chief Justice for reconstitution of a bench which Justice U U Lalit was a part of. Justice Lalit was part of a bench which had passed the March 20, 2018 verdict, taking note of the rampant misuse of the stringent SC/ST Act against government servants and held that there shall be no immediate arrest on any complaint filed under the law.

## Congress demonstration against Citizenship bill

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Itanagar, Jan 24

The Congress held demonstration in various places in Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday in protest against the Citizenship Amendment Bill. Congress leaders and workers led by Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president, Takam Sanjoy, CLP leader Takam Pario and MLA Markio Tado staged a dharna in front of Civil Secretariat here. The Congress workers also

burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and state Chief Minister Pema Khandu. Addressing the gathering, Sanjoy charged Khandu for remaining a silent spectator when the bill has put North East India, particularly Arunachal Pradesh, on fire. He said the British had enacted 'Chini Hill Act' in 1846 and 'Bengal Easter Frontier Regulation' in 1872 to protect then North East Frontier Agency (NEFA). Arunachal Pradesh was earlier know as NEFA.

## Akhilesh Yadav for use of paper ballots for LS polls

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Lucknow, Jan 24

Citing "doubts and controversy" surrounding EVM machines, Samajwadi Party supreme Akhilesh Yadav has requested Election Commission to conduct next polls through ballot papers. "The SP has asked the EC to conduct next elections through ballot papers. There are doubts and controversy related to EVMs that have raised question mark on entire democratic exercise of polls," Akhilesh said in a statement issued here Wednesday. "Technology is being misused for political purposes and there is no doubt regarding this.

Technological literate society should also raise their voice against misuses of EVMs. Use of ballot papers in elections strengthens relations between the state and common man. The trust is basis of democracy and it is necessary for the country", he said. He said in past elections too, a number of complaints related to faulty EVMs had come. People used to stand in queues for a long time for their turn to vote due to this. Is it technical or failure of election management or conspiracy to devoid people from their voting rights?" he questioned. On the claims of self-styled cyber expert from London that

EVMs could be tampered with, Akhilesh said. "There should be an unbiased probe into it. This is a serious matter and an attempt to grab power with money." During a press conference in London on Monday, Syed Shuja had claimed that the EVMs can be hacked, and the 2014 Lok Sabha elections were rigged. The Delhi Police has registered a case based on a complaint filed by the Election Commission regarding Shuja's allegations. In its complaint, the poll panel had asked police to investigate the matter "promptly" for violation of certain IPC sections dealing with spreading rumour to "create fear" in the minds of people.

"But Prime Minister Narendra Modi claiming to be chowkidar of India is adamant to bulldoze the most sensitive state sharing border with Myanmar, Bhutan and China," Sanjoy said, and recalled how patriotic Arunachalees did not allow Chinese to enter their state. Sanjoy alleged that the Citizenship Amendment Bill would endanger the existence of indigenous people. "We will never accept Bangladeshi refugees as Indian citizens and will continue to oppose," he said, adding they could be settled in any part of India but not in this protected state. The Citizenship Amendment Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8. The bill seeks to grant Indian citizenship to non-Muslims who fled religious persecution from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and entered India before December 31, 2014.