

Bombayla Devi & Tripura's Thanga Darlong conferred Padma Shri award

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Manipur's very own Laishram Bombayla Devi has been awarded the Padma Shri for distinguished service in Sports (Archery). Congratulating her, Chief Minister, N Biren Singh wished her all the best for her future endeavour.

Devi is amongst the nine leading sportspersons from nine disciplines including Prashanti Singh (basketball), Harika Dronavalli (chess), Gautam Gambhir (cricket), Sunil Chhetri (football), Ajay Thakur (kabaddi), Bachendri Pal (mountaineering), Sharath Kamal (table tennis) and Bajrang Punia (wrestling) who have been awarded one of the highest civilian award in the country. From Tripura, famous art-music-flute (rosem) artist, Thanga Darlong (96) has been nominated for the Padma Shri Award.

Thanga Darlong, who hails from Kailashahar, was acknowledged with National Sangeet Natak Academy



Award in 2014, followed by Academic Fellowship Award in 2015 and the state level Vayoshresta Samman in 2016. He was also honored with the Centenary award. The Padma Shri awards are announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day. This year, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind, has approved conferment of 112 Padma. The list comprises 4

Padma Vibhushan, 14 Padma Bhushan and 94 Padma Shri Awards. Out of these 21 awardees are women, 11 person from the Foreigners / NRI/PIO/OCI category, 3 Posthumous awardees and 1 transgender awardee. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb congratulated Darlong on his achievements on twitter. Also wrote that Thanga Darlong is an exceptional

musical genius from Tripura. Heartiest greetings to Thanga Darlong ji on being conferred the Padma Shri Award. An exceptional musical genius from Tripura, Shri Darlong has made exemplary efforts for nurturing the indigenous culture of NorthEast especially the art of playing Rosem musical instrument.

Bharat Ratna Awardee Bhupen Hazarika's voice resonates in Delhi at parade

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The voice of Bhupen Hazarika, popularly known as the 'Bard of Brahmaputra', resonated at New Delhi's Rajpath as the Assam tableau, depicting the handloom of the state inspired by Mahatma Gandhi made its way during the Republic Day celebrations, a day after the Bharat Ratna was posthumously awarded to him. A poet, music composer, singer, actor, journalist, author and filmmaker, Bhupen Hazarika, the self-proclaimed jabor, or wanderer, took the folk heritage of Assam and interpreted it beautifully for the world through his songs.

The front portion of Assam's tableau showcased a life-size Assamese woman working on her loom production, depicting the growth of cottage industry. The middle portion showed a

typical Assamese 'Sarai' followed by Sattriya Dance performed with the song Mahatmai Hasi Bole-Ram O Rahim in voice of Bhupen Hazarika. The rear portion shows a typical Assam house on the verandah of which there is a large sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi spinning charkha. In the lower part, a concrete house which is known as "Poki" - the house of Jyotiprasad Agarwalla of Tezpur where Mahatma Gandhi stayed in 1934 was shown. Also shown was an Assamese working on a typical handicrafts in a thatch house. The side panel in the end showcase relief mural depicting various handicraft items of Assam. One of Assam's few balladeers, Bhupen Hazarika was cherished in Bangladesh as much as in Guwahati and Kolkata. He died in 2011. Bhupen Hazarika was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

(1987), Padma Shri (1977), Dada Saheb Phalke Award (1992), Padma Bhushan (2001) and Padma Vibhushan (2012-posthumously). Bhupen Hazarika did his PhD from Columbia University in 1952. The cultural icon also had a brush with politics and had unsuccessfully contested the Guwahati Lok Sabha seat on a BJP ticket in 2004. He was an independent MLA in Assam during 1967-72. Bhupen Hazarika gave music in acclaimed Bollywood movies - Rudaali, Darmiyaan, Gaja Gamini, Daman and many Assamese hits, including the award winning film Sameli Memsab. India celebrated its 70th Republic Day with a grand display of its military might and rich cultural diversity as the ceremonial parade rolled down the majestic Rajpath in New Delhi in presence of South African President Cyril Ramaphosa as the chief guest.

Conflict Resolution is The Shared Responsibility of the District Administration, Says Ccpur Dc Sl Poonia

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The 70th Republic Day was celebrated in all its solemnity and grandeur at Public Ground, Hiangtam Lamka, Churachandpur today with Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur Shri Shyam Lal Poonia hoisting the National Tri-Colour and taking salute of the marching contingents comprising of BSF, Ex-Servicemen, Civil Police, VDF, IRB Band Party, Cadets of different NCC units and School children.

Presentation of colourful cultural items by different troupes, soulful rendering of 'Vande Mataram' by artistes, presentation of Special Recognition Awards to outstanding social workers, Govt. employees, Red Blankets to Village Chiefs, March Past Contingents and a Friendly Football match between DC XI Team and SP XI Team marked the occasion. Addressing the gatherings, DC/Churachandpur Shri Shyam Lal Poonia said that the District Administration is trying its best to deliver good governance, which is transparent and accountable to the public of the district. In line with this, the DC said that conflict resolution is the shared responsibility of the District Administration and it is committed to sort out issues, smaller or bigger through dialogue and within the purview of the Indian Constitution.

Highlighting the achievements of the district during the last one year, Poonia said Churachandpur has been selected for implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Abhiyan, which is Save the Girl Child and educate the girl child. Towards this end, various initiative has been successful



taken and FOOTGAL 2018 was one such event which created mass awareness about the cause of Girl Child and at the same time, provided much needed platform to young girls coming from different backgrounds, asserted the Deputy Commissioner. He remarked, to get real time first-hand information on gender wise child birth, Guddi -Gudda (Girl & Boy) Boards are being set up at all Anganwadi Centres of the district under seven ICDS Projects. The DC said, a beautiful BBBP anthem has been developed with inspiring video and the same was released on National Girl Child Day 2019. Around 70 mothers who have completed 100 percent immunization for the girl child were felicitated and also 50 mothers who have given birth to girl child through institutional delivery were also honoured. He added, under people initiative for girl's education, Churachandpur scholarships worth Rs. 2.5 Lakh were distributed to 23 girls belonging to economically poor section. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to all to contribute towards this noble cause so that education of the needy girls can be supported.

Under Seekho Aur Kamao initiative of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India around 120 girls and boys of the district are undergoing one year training course in aviation and hospitality in Guwahati, said the DC. The District Administration has plans for setting up a youth Centre dedicated to girl child right next to Lamka Public Ground wherein a first football arena in the district will be ready in next few months which the Deputy Commissioner is confident that the initiative will help in supporting the cause of girl child. He appealed to all to unite in the BBBP mission which gives equal rights and opportunities to girl child for an inclusive Churachandpur, which is full of potential and free from any discrimination. All the 603 villages of the district have been covered under "GTV or Go to Village Mission" with doorstep delivery of various services, said the DC while also lauding the District Health officials and to the entire team of the district hospital for bagging the prestigious Kayakalp Award. He further said, as this is the Election year, the State and District Election machineries

are all geared up and ever committed to ensure Free and Fair Election with No Voter to be left behind. The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the District Election team who devoted tirelessly to purify Electoral Rolls and it was a result of the hard work of District Election Team that the Best District Election Officer Award has been received on the occasion of National Voters Day. He appealed to all the voters of the district to cast their valuable votes in ethical manner to strengthen the democracy. Poonia also called upon the people of the district to reiterate their solemn pledge to work with dedication untiringly, with harmony and coordination, for making the district a better place to live in. Amongst other dignitaries attending the event included Chairman of ADC, Churachandpur Shri T Paukhanian; Vice-Chairman of ADC, Shri Paolal Haokip; other Members of ADC; Sr. SP (Churachandpur) Shri Kabir K. DLOs, Army Officials, BSF Officials, Chiefs and Social Activists. Special issue of 'Churachandpur Reporter' published by the District Information Office was released to commemorate the occasion.

Citizenship Bill Row War of words between Rahul Gandhi & Himanta Biswa Sarma on Twitter

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A war of words broke out on Twitter between Congress president Rahul Gandhi and senior Assam BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma over the Citizenship Amendment Bill. There have been widespread protests in the northeast against the Citizenship Bill that seeks to confer citizenship on non-Muslim religious groups from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Rahul Gandhi alleged that the BJP was trying to polarise the

region for political gain. He tweeted, Himanta Biswa Sarma, a former Congress leader who joined the BJP in 2015, hit back saying that it was the Congress which had "strangled the Northeast" for decades. The Citizenship Amendment Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha in the Parliament's winter session of Parliament, but was stalled in the Rajya Sabha. Voting on it is expected in the Rajya Sabha during the budget session beginning January 31. There's fear in the Northeast that passage of the Bill could lead

to large scale migration from Bangladesh and affect indigenous populations. The Bill has sparked protests across much of the Northeast and spurred the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) to walk of the BJP-led government in Assam last month. Last week, BJP general secretary Ram Madhav rushed to Assam after five MLAs of the ruling party in Assam openly voiced their opposition to the Bill as it would violate provisions of the Assam Accord, signed in 1985 after a six-year agitation against illegal immigrants.

70th R-Day Celebration at Kangpokpi

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As celebrated in different parts of the country, District Administration, Kangpokpi today celebrated the "70th Republic Day" at the DC Office Complex, Kangpokpi. The celebration began with the unfurling the tricolour National Flag by Additional Deputy Commissioner Shri Joel G Haokip, MCS, who was present as Chief Guest of the function. Shri Sony Siem Go Sang, MPS, SDPO of Kangpokpi Police commanded the Parade which includes contingents of District Police, Kangpokpi, ICDS, ASHA workers, NCC and several government and private schools in the district including JNV, MBC School, Elite Hr. Sec. School, Diamond English School, PM Academy, etc.

In his address to the public, ADC, Kangpokpi Shri Joel G Haokip, MCS, stated the significance of being a Republic and the importance of the role of the people in a Republic. While expressing his pleasure of being a citizen of a republic country like India, he showed his humble

gratitude to Dr B R Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution, and other members of the Constitution Drafting Committee. The ADC also lauded the District Police, NCC and the school students for their active participation in Republic Day celebration and other such important national and state celebrations.

A Republic Day special issue of "Kangpokpi Today", published by District Information Office, Kangpokpi was released by the Chief Guest during the celebration. And as done in the preceding years, certificates for recognition of commendable service were given to several staff and officials belonging to different departments in the district.

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