

India-Pakistan Kartarpur corridor talks today; pilgrims' safety, connectivity on agenda



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The second round of talks between India and Pakistan to finalise modalities of the Kartarpur corridor for Sikh pilgrims began Sunday at the Attari-Wagah border on the Pakistani side a day after Islamabad dropped pro-Khalistan leader Gopal Singh Chawla from its team of negotiators. Major issues such as

connectivity at Zero Point and the number of pilgrims to be allowed through the Kartarpur corridor will be discussed at the meeting, government sources said. India is also expected to flag its concerns over the security aspect. India had earlier flagged the presence of Gopal Singh Chawla, a leading Khalistani separatist in a committee appointed by Islamabad for talks on the Kartarpur project.

Pakistan eventually dropped Chawla ahead of Sunday's talks. The two sides are set to discuss matters related to the modalities of the corridor and who can use it and its facilities. Documents required by pilgrims and the number of people to be allowed would be on the agenda of the meeting, sources said. Indian officials are also expected to discuss the issue of connectivity at the Zero

Point. New Delhi has hopes that issues like connectivity at the Zero point and visit of large number of pilgrims on the special occasions will be discussed thoroughly. The project will allow easy access to Sikh pilgrims from India to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur in Pakistan, the final resting place of Guru Nanak.

Kartarpur is located in Pakistan's Narowal district, about four km from Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab's Gurdaspur district. As part of connectivity, work on a four-lane highway on the Indian side is in full swing while Pakistan is constructing a two-lane highway. India is targeting to complete the four-lane highway by September, officials said.

Construction work at the site of passenger terminal complex at Dera Baba Nanak in India is progressing fast ahead of its planned completion by October 31 before the commemoration of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak in November, officials said. In November 2018, Pakistan agreed to set up the border-crossing linking Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur to Dera Baba Nanak.

India's Chandrayaan-2 to go into space early morning tomorrow



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India launches the country's most complex and prestigious ever mission, Chandrayaan-2, in a highly elliptical transfer orbit, from where it will be taken gradually to the moon by the scientists of Indian Space Research Organization ISRO through remote means.

launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, carrying the spacecraft. The 640-ton rocket will initially place Chandrayaan-2 in a highly elliptical transfer orbit, from where it will be taken gradually to the moon by the scientists of Indian Space Research Organization ISRO through remote means.

On the 54th day of the launch, the lander Vikram is expected to come out of the orbiter of Chandrayaan-2 and set its foot on the moon by soft landing at the lunar South Pole. Later, the six-wheeled rover Pragyan will be unleashed from the lander to move around the landing site and explore the terrain and collect valuable information. All the information collected by the rover and the lander will be initially transmitted to the orbiter, which will send it back to the earth. The orbiter will have a mission life of one year and will be encircling the moon on a circular orbit of 100 kilometer distance. The lander and the rover will collect data for a lunar day, which is about fourteen days on earth.

Convenor of Coordinating committee of All Manipur Youths and Students welfare Association elected

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Convenor and co convenor of Coordinating committee of All Manipur Youths and Students Association was elected.

In the occasion of electing the new executives of the Association held yesterday at the office of Association situated at Thangmeiband Polem Leikai, Khundrakpam Rameshwar was elected as the convenor and L. Thougamba as co-convenor of the Association

unanimously. The other executives will be elected on 24 July.

Stating in a press statement signed by the Co Convenor of the committee L. Thougamba said that during the occasion several issues of the education and its sector were discussed. The issues includes the problem faced by the students, the deteriorating conditions of government schools, unreasonable increase of fees in private school, extra fees taken for computer, the problems of IT though students were not



made avail and used the computer, the problems of youth caused by drugs.

Political activity intensifies in Karnataka ahead of vote of confidence motion

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A day after Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy made a surprise announcement in the Assembly that he would seek a trust vote in the House, efforts have intensified by the ruling coalition to reach out to the 16 rebel MLAs. The Congress leaders in Karnataka held a marathon session yesterday to pacify

Housing Minister and Hoskote MLA M.T.B. Nagaraj who resigned from the Assembly last week. The rebel MLA Nagaraj, however, has said that he needs time to decide on withdrawing his resignation letter. He and four other MLAs have however moved the Supreme Court against Assembly Speaker not accepting their resignation letters. A similar attempt was on to persuade MLAs Ramalinga Reddy,

Munirathna and R Roshan Baig apart from Dr. Sudhakar. Ramalinga Reddy has now said that he will attend the Assembly session on Monday and also meet the Speaker regarding his resignation. Meanwhile, two independent MLAs, who recently withdrew support to the Congress-JD(S) coalition, have written to the Assembly Speaker requesting him to allot them seats on the Opposition side in the House.

In separate letters to the Speaker, Mulbagal Independent MLA, H. Nagesh and Ranebennur Independent MLA, R. Shankar stated that they had withdrawn support to the ruling coalition and requested him to make seating arrangements for them on the Opposition side in the Assembly. The monsoon session of the Karnataka Assembly began on July 12 and is scheduled to end on July 26.

56th Foundation Day of Bharat Vikash Parishad Celebrates

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The 56th Foundation Day of Bharat Vikash Parishad was celebrated today at the auditorium of the State Institute of Journalism, MSRTC Complex, Moirangkhom, Imphal. Bharat Vikash Parishad, Manipur organised the State level celebration. Dr. S. Rajendra Singh, National Vice President of Bharat Vikash Parishad graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. H. Priyosakhi Devi, President of Bharat Vikash Parishad, Manipur presided

over the programme and Shri B.B. Sharma, National Secretary (North East Region), Shri R.K. Dilip Singh, Sampark of Bharat Vikash Parishad and Shri H. Balkrishna Singh, Secretary Bharat Vikash Parishad, Manipur attended as Guest of Honour respectively. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sinam Rajendra Singh, renowned Urologist said that remembering the contributions of past leaders, recognising the value of their work and reciprocating through self contribution will really develop our country. He

further said that in order to achieve success in socio-cultural sphere of life, we need co-operation and co-ordination. Executive members of various branches of Bharat Vikash Parishad, Manipur also highlighted performance appraisal during the celebration function. It may be recalled that Bharat Vikash Parishad, a unique socio-cultural organisation was established by Dr. Suraj Prakash in New Delhi in 1963 with an objective of building a physically, economically and morally strong India.

AR conducts monthly village Chief meet cum conducts security meet



IGAR (South) Imphal July 14,

Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a monthly village chief/secretary meeting at T-Minou, Chandel district on yesterday. Village chiefs and secretaries of nearby areas attended the meeting. The details of various skill development courses being offered by Assam Rifles at Multi Skill Development Centre under the PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Koushal Vikash Yojna) for the

youth of the area was explained during the meeting. Village chiefs/secretaries showed keen interest to send maximum youth of their villages for the skill development courses and thanked Assam Rifles for conducting such drives which will help in overall development of villages by providing requisite skill to the youth and making them professionally qualified. The recent developments and security situation was also deliberated upon and the importance for maintaining peace and harmony in the

area was discussed in detail during the meeting. The other agenda points of the meeting included security aspects, exchange of information and updation of mobile numbers. The village chiefs and secretaries thanked Assam Rifles for its efforts to ensure peace and tranquility in the area. They also assured their whole hearted cooperation with Assam Rifles in future as well. Keithelmbati Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a security coordination meet at Lilong

Company Operating Base (COB) on 13th July 2019. The security forum was attended by the Meira Paibis, Ward Councilors, Pradhans, representatives of Anti Social Prevention Organisation (ASPO) and members of local youth clubs.

During the meet the locals were sensitised and updated on current situation existing in the area of responsibility. There was also an interaction carried out on necessary measures required to be undertaken by locals in synergy with Assam Rifles for maintaining a strict vigil against illicit activities in the area. In addition to the security issues, future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps, recruitment in Assam Rifles and Army and career counseling for youth were also discussed during the meet. The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles for conduct of such security meetings and ensuring peace in the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

Wings Of Change: Assam Rifles Organises Selection For Aviation Sector At Ukhrul



IGAR (South) Imphal July 14,

Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a selection examination cum interview at Ukhrul for young students to join the aviation sector through Jettwings Institute.

This initiative of Assam Rifles enabled 45 candidates from Ukhrul and Kamjong district to realise their dreams. These candidates who have been selected by Jettwings, a

Guwahati based institute, will undergo one year Graduate Diploma in Aviation, Hospitality and Cabin Crew Operations starting in the month of September 2019. The training and placement programme is fully sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development. Assam Rifles stepped in as a facilitator and coordinated with the institute to come over to Ukhrul for the selections. Assam Rifles also encouraged children from remote locations like Chattrik and Chassad to take the exam. 10 Sector Assam Rifles

facilitated the conduct of written exam and personal interview on 25th June and yesterday at Assam Rifles post in Ukhrul. Jettwings boasts of a 100% placement record for its previous batches. These 45 students from the hills are sure to achieve great success and emerge as role models for other youth in the area. It is pertinent to highlight that 64 youth from Ukhrul and Kamjong districts have already joined the Institute for training in the last one year.