

Governor P.B. Acharya holds interactive meeting with students' unions and other various organisations of Manipur in New Delhi

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Governor of Nagaland & Manipur, P B Acharya held an interactive meeting with various students' unions and members of various organisations of Manipur at Manipur Bhavan, Sardar Patel Marg, Chanakypuri on July 14. While appreciating the leaders of different organisations, he emphasised the need to have one federal organisation which can represent Manipur as a whole. Governor stated that students studying outside the state are the real ambassadors of the state and its culture. He stressed that one should have a profession for earning livelihood and social work



should not be considered as a profession. Students who are doing research work should focus on social issues pertaining to their own state rather than merely selecting a topic for the research work. Research work should be made applicable to the society.

He further encouraged the youngsters who are empowered with knowledge to work for strengthening the State and Country. Students when they come out of Universities/Colleges should not only be employable but should also

become job givers. Governor said that the North East is blessed with natural resources which need to be properly tapped to make our State and Country economically strong.

Participants were asked to organise meetings/functions once in every three months wherein local people from Delhi are to be invited to get to know each other and also to build up a fellowship among the members. We should change our mindset to make our state and country economically developed and peaceful. The meeting was attended by Deputy Resident Commissioner of Manipur Bhavan, New Delhi, Ngalingshim, MCS.

'Manipuri handloom industry will not flourish until benefits reach genuine weavers'

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Manipur's handloom industry will not flourish until the assured government benefits reach genuine weavers, said Laishram Sidharani, who left her profession as a lawyer to promote the handloom industry in the state. Sidharani, a law graduate from Delhi University, told ANI, "The maximum weavers in the region are women and most of them are illiterates. As a result, they are not aware of the existing schemes and projects introduced by the state

government. Unless and until the genuine weavers don't get the assured benefits from the government, Manipuri handloom will not flourish." "The government needs to take some constructive steps or decisions to preserve the handloom sector because the industry's condition is worsening day-by-day despite various government projects are in the pipeline," she added. Without the support of locals, Sidharani claimed that expansion of any business is difficult. "If locals join our hands, we can generate more employment for the jobless and it will help us improve

the economy of our state." Sidharani said she earns a profit of Rs 4.5 lakh annually from the industry, adding that her craftsmanship is in designing 'Fige Phanek', a traditional attire mainly worn by women during ceremonies of Meetei community. "I learnt the skills of weaving from my mother. Since 2015, I have been working to promote the craft through various exhibitions and other projects in the state. Under a self-help group called E-Yong Sangbanabi, around 30 women are involved in weaving Fige Phanek Mayek traditional fabrics," she said.

"Besides, I have provided working capital to 15 local woman weavers who cannot afford to buy yarn to start their business. The final products will be sold out to the market later," she added. Manipuri traditional fabrics, famous for their finesse and elegance, have earned a distinct place among the textile crafts in the country. The cottage industry provides the highest employment to the womenfolk of the state. The traditional skill of handloom weaving is not only a matter of status symbol to the Manipuris, but also is an indispensable aspect of their socio-economic life.

GOC Spear Corps visits Tripura, Calls on Governor



PIB (DW)
Imphal, July 16,

Lieutenant General Rajeev Sirohi, AVSM, VSM, General Officer Commanding, Spear Corps, called on the Governor of Tripura, Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki at Raj Bhavan on July 15. The

General Officer apprised the Governor of the actions being taken by the Indian Army and Assam Rifles towards maintenance of peace and tranquility in the state. He also discussed the overall security aspects pertaining to regional connectivity and the borders. The Governor

lauded the untiring efforts of the armed forces and complimented them for their people friendly initiatives in remote areas of Tripura. The Corps Commander assured the Governor of all continued assistance to the people of Tripura by the security Forces.

MARSAC organises workshop on disaster management system

IT News
Thoubal, July 16,

One Day workshop on "Disaster Management System" organised jointly by Manipur Remote Sensing Application Centre (MARSAC) and Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal was held today at the Counting Hall of DC Office, Thoubal. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal

L. Radhakanta was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of remote sensing applications in minimizing the damage caused by flood, landslides, earthquake and other natural calamities. Scientists of MARSAC also spoke on the various topics like Landslide Hazard, Flood Hazard and Earthquake Hazard etc.

SDO, Thoubal, Binita Ngangbam and Nodiachand Singh Scientist C, (MARSAC) were the President and Guest of Honour of the inaugural function. Elected members of ZP/GP, Councillors of Thoubal Municipal Council, SDOs, BDOs, DLOs and DRDA official/staff of Thoubal District attended the workshop.

Rebel Karnataka Cong MLA Roshan Baig detained

Agency
Bangalore, July 16,

The special investigation team probing the multi-crore IMA Jewels ponzi scam detained Congress MLA Roshan Baig when he was about to board a chartered plane from the Bengaluru international airport, chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said. The chief minister alleged that BJP state chief B S Yeddyurappa's personal assistant Santhosh was along with Baig when he was leaving, a charge rubbished by the BJP. Baig, the MLA from Shivajinagar, was suspended from the Congress for his alleged anti-party activities as he had rebelled against the party leaders. "Today SIT probing the IMA case detained R Roshan Baig for questioning at the BIAL airport while he was trying to leave along with BS Yeddyurappa's PA Santhosh on a chartered flight to Mumbai," Kumaraswamy tweeted. He added that on seeing the SIT, Santhosh ran away while the team apprehended Baig. Kumaraswamy claimed that BJP MLA Yogeshwar was



present at the airport at the time and said it was shameful on the part of the BJP that it was helping a former minister, who is facing a probe in the IMA case, escape. "This clearly shows BJP's direct involvement in destabilising the government through horse trading," he alleged. The BJP, however, refuted the allegations and accused Kumaraswamy of using the state machinery to save his government. "CM H D Kumaraswamy is using the state machinery to save his govt now. Roshan Baig was given time till 19th July to appear before SIT. This shows how the state government is blackmailing and treating their own MLAs' using the institutions," the

BJP tweeted. The saffron party also rubbished the chief minister's charge that Yeddyurappa's PA was travelling. "It is false that Yeddyurappa's PA Santhosh was travelling along with Mr. Baig. CM is peddling fake news and misleading the state. It was only Baig who was travelling and there was no second passenger. We demand to check boarding passes and CCTV footage to put out the facts," the BJP tweeted. The Kumaraswamy-led Congress-Janat Dal-Secular government is facing a crisis after a flurry of resignations by its MLAs. The chief minister has been alleging the BJP's involvement in pulling down his government.

Agency
Mumbai, July 16,

The traffic police on Monday issued a challan after Mumbai Mayor Vishwanath Mahadeshwar's official vehicle was found parked in a no-parking zone, an official said. Mahadeshwar's vehicle was seen parked right after the Brihanmumbai Municipal

Mumbai mayor's vehicle found in no-parking zone, fined

Corporation's no-parking signboard in suburban Vile Parle on Saturday, said the official. At that time, Mahadeshwar, a Shiv Sena leader, was visiting the Koldongari area in Vile Parle. His official vehicle was spotted outside a popular coastal fish food joint between Andheri and Vile Parle, the official said.

The food joint is situated at a narrow and congested road which has been declared a no-parking zone, he said. Taking serious cognisance of the violation, the traffic police issued a challan to the mayors vehicle, said a senior police official. However, the fine amount was not known. A challan refers to the receipt for fine recovered for traffic

rule violation. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation administration has started a drive against unauthorised parking since last week and collected lakhs of rupees in fine. The civic body has been imposing hefty fines on vehicles parked within a 500-meter radius of 29 authorised public parking lots in the metropolis, the official said.

Lok Sabha passes bill to give NIA more teeth

Agency
New Delhi, July 15,

Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill to give more powers to the National Investigation Agency with Home Minister Amit Shah asserting that the law will be used to finish off terrorism and not to target any community. The amendments to the NIA Act will allow the agency to probe terrorist acts against Indians and Indian interests abroad, cybercrimes and cases of human trafficking. The NIA was set up in 2009 in the wake of the Mumbai terror attack that had claimed 166 lives. Since 2017, the Union

Home Ministry has been pushing for giving more powers to the NIA to meet fresh challenges. Defending the bill, the Government refuted opposition's allegations of "misuse" of the NIA law to target members of a community, and stressed that people have given the mandate to the government to protect the country from terrorism. In an intervention during the discussion on National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Shah said Parliament should speak in one voice to send out a message to terrorists and the



world. Some MPs said the anti-terror law is misused at times to target members of a particular community. "Let me make it clear the Modi government has no such intention. Its only goal is to finish off terrorism but we will

also not look at the religion of the accused while taking action," Shah said. Replying to the discussion, Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy said the government is committed to protect the country from terrorism.