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### Koirengei BSF celebrates Kargil Vijay diwas



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As celebrated throughout the country, 182 Bn BSF, Koirengei under the aegis of Sector HQ BSF Counter Insurgency (Ops) Manipur celebrated the occasion today by organising a 5 Km run at BSF Campus, Koirengei. A total of 250 BSF personnel of 182 Bn BSF & SHQ BSF CI(Ops) Manipur and also participants from under command units including 10

officers of the campus participated in the run. The run was flagged off from BSF Campus, Koirengei by Sh. Ashok Kumar Daggar, Commandant (Ops) of the Sector in presence of Sh. Nitin Gupta, Commandant of 182 Bn and other officers. It also said a series of programmes like paying homage to Martyrs, motivational lecture, weapon screening on Kargil War etc are also planned to be

celebrated w.e.f 20 July 2019 to 27 July 2019 for civilians. The aim of celebration of "Kargil Vijay Diwas" is to educate & create awareness about the Kargil War martyrs among the youths so as to inculcate a sense of Nationalism & Patriotism and also to motivate the youth to join Border Security Force said a press release issued by Th. Binot Singh, Second in Command 182 Bn BSF on behalf of Commandant of the Unit

### "Live without Fear, Live with Dignity": Popular Front Campaign against hate crimes

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The Central Secretariat meeting of Popular Front of India announced the launch of the nationwide campaign with the slogan, "Live without Fear, Live with Dignity" highlighting the need of collective efforts for providing security to the lives of minorities and weaker sections vulnerable to ongoing Hindutva mob attacks and hate crimes in the country. The meeting pointed out that immediately after the election results, the Prime Minister promised that there would be new steps for removing fear from minorities and winning their trust; 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vishwas' as he himself called it. However, it soon became clear that either his assurances were mere rhetoric or even his own BJP workers or RSS cadres did not bother to care his words. From parliament to

streets, they are enforcing 'Jai Shri Ram' chant on others. What BJP MPs have done in parliament, discrediting the name of Shri Ram, has become a motivation for Hindutva goons to repeat it even in remote town and villages. Countless incidents of attacks against Muslims and Dalits have been reported across the country since the Modi Government took over. It is now a daily occurrence where any Muslim or Dalit can be brutally lynched anywhere, citing one flimsy reason or other. Even children and elderly people are not spared by the communally and racially frenzied mobs. The right to life is a birthright. It is a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. One of the primary duties of the government is to provide protection to the lives and properties of the citizens. And when a government fails to

perform the duty, the provision of IPC Section 96 to 106 gives citizens permission to use necessary force to defend their own body and property. Not much has been done on the Supreme Court directives on mob lynching to the Central and state governments in 2018 including the consideration of new legislation. These atrocities can be prevented only when the victim communities decide to leave fear and refuse to succumb to pressures. Sense of dignity gives value to human existence. Social security is a collective responsibility. Communities should come forward to safeguard their localities and keep it secure and peaceful. In this respect, Village Panchayats and Resident Associations, Mohalla Committees etc. are all duty-bound to ensure the security of people under their jurisdiction.

### Assam Rifles Seize Large Quantities Of Drugs And Contraband Items

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In continuation to its remarkable run of seizures & apprehensions, Assam Rifles battalions seized contraband items and IMFL worth more than Rs 21 lakhs in different operations conducted between 13 and 17 July 2019 in states of Manipur, Nagaland Mizoram and Tripura. On 13 July 2019 based on specific input, regarding smuggling of drugs and contrabands, a team of Assam Rifles and Moreh Police seized 3360 tablet of WIY (World Is Yours) worth more than Rs 10 Lakh from a Myanmarese national identified as Mr Wonna, age 44 yrs, near H

Lhangcham village near Moreh. On 15 July 2019, a spot check of vehicles by AR team led to the recovery of 1397 bottles of IMFL from Tuli village in Mokochung district. In the intervening period large quantity of contraband items including Heroin and Ganja were also recovered by AR units in Mizoram and Tripura. All apprehended persons and recovered items have been handed over to State Excise Department and police for further investigations. AR battalions have resolved to prevent smuggling of contraband items and IMFL in order to prevent the youth of the region from digressing on the path of drug abuse.

The ongoing campaign is aimed at creating awareness at all these possible levels. The nation-wide campaign will last till Aug 31. The poster campaign, handbill distribution, local get together meets and seminars will be held as part of the campaign all over the country. Popular Front members and functionaries will meet community leaders and political leaders to convince their role in ensuring social security. Building liaison with local administration and police personnel for the purpose is also part of the campaign. The meeting appealed to the people of the country to extend their earnest support to the campaign. Chairman E. Abubacker presided over the meeting. General Secretary M Mohammed Ai Jinnah, E M Abdul Rahiman, O M A Salam, Abdul Wahid Sait, KM Shareef attended the meeting.

## NRC in Assam: Re-verification sought by 25 lakh people

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After nearly 41 lakh people in Assam were left out of the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC), about 25 lakh people have sent a petition to the Centre for re-verification and it is under the consideration of the Union Home Ministry. Many genuine names have been left out and many bogus names are registered, a highly placed source in the Home Ministry said. The Home Ministry has laid down the modalities for Foreigners' Tribunals in Assam to deciding appeals made by people not satisfied with the outcome of claims and objections filed against the NRC. The Ministry had in May

issued an order mandating the Foreigners' Tribunals in Assam to deliver verdict of any case related to those people whose names could be excluded from the final list of NRC within four months, said the source. "The government's intention is to ensure no illegal immigrant is registered under the NRC. Foreigners tribunals are handling issues to curb illegal stay of foreigners in India," said the source, privy to the development. In the draft lists published in July 2018 and June this year, around 41 lakh people have been excluded. Around 36 lakh people have filed claims against their exclusion and objections have been filed against two lakh inclusions. The hearings for these claims and objections are underway



at various NRC centres. All those identified as illegal immigrants under this process will have to be deported, as per the resolve of the government. The government on Friday told the Supreme Court that India "cannot afford to

become the refugee capital in the world", as it sought more time to re-verify the inclusions and exclusions in the NRC draft list. The NRC, first published in Assam in 1951, is being updated as per directions of the Supreme Court to segregate Indian citizens living in Assam from those who have illegally entered the state from Bangladesh after March 25, 1971.

### Exceptional Responders: Indian Army During Floods In Lower Assam



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A large scale Flood Relief Operation is underway in flood-hit areas of Lower Assam by Indian Army Troops since 11 June 2019 when the torrential rains commenced. The intensified downpour has triggered deluge in all districts of

Lower Assam, disrupting the normal life. Till date, total of six requisitions for provision of Army assistance have been received from Civil Administration. Accordingly, Units have executed the Disaster Relief Tasks on war footing in Baksa, Nalbari, Barpeta, Dhekiajuli and Morigaon districts.

In spite of incessant heavy rains, rescue columns are operating round the clock in the flood affected areas. In the last six days, a total of 488 civilians have been evacuated alongwith relief to 450 civilians. The humanitarian aid by Army has been greatly appreciated by civil populace and State admin.

There was a major uproar earlier as a decorated former Indian Army officer Mohammad Sanaullah, was among those excluded from the draft NRC list. The 52-year-old army veteran was sent to a detention camp. He was granted bail by the Guwahati High Court on June 7. While the government has resolved to deport all the illegal immigrants identified under the NRC exercise, it will have to be seen how lakhs of people can be sent to Bangladesh, which has always maintained that none of its citizens have moved to India illegally. In all probability, they will first be lodged in detention camps within Assam. After the first draft NRC list was published, the then Home Minister Rajnath Singh had visited Dhaka to brief his counterpart on the contours of the exercise.

## News from South East Asia

### Russian ex-beauty queen refutes reports of divorce from former Malaysian King

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Former Russian beauty queen Oksana Voevodina said she is still married to former Malaysian King, Sultan Muhammad V of Kelantan, days after news emerged that the couple had divorced following a whirlwind romance. "I have not been given any admonition of divorce," she told Malaysian news portal Malaysiakini. "I was in Russia with my child. We were not in Singapore in June for any divorce proceedings." She added: "This is an act of provocation, we have never been divorced." The New Straits Times reported on Wednesday (July 17) that the divorce was registered on July 1, adding that its sources said a copy of the couple's divorce certificate making its rounds on social media was genuine. The certificate, which bears the Kelantan state crest and is marked as the copy of the wife, indicates that the divorce was done through the utterance of the word "talak" three times - the most severe and irreversible form of divorce in Islam. The date of the divorce was listed as June 22 and it was marked as taking place in

Singapore. Ms Voevodina's lawyer Evgeny Tarlo on Wednesday denied that the marriage has ended. "Oksana married for love and is still married," the Daily Mail UK quoted him as saying. "Divorce is just talk from a yellowish (scandalous) media. We have no official papers. We do not know anything." On Friday, a spokesman for the Syariah Court in Singapore said that there are no records of divorce filed by the couple at Syariah Court Singapore. News of the divorce comes barely two months after the couple's son, Ismail Leon, was born, and about a year after the pair's surprise marriage in Moscow. Though the palace has not made an official comment on the matter, on Tuesday it issued a statement laying out the correct use of royal titles. "Please be informed that no one can be called as Kelantan Queen, Kelantan King, Sultanah Kelantan or Queen of Kelantan without any official announcement from Istana Kelantan," the palace said in a statement. It did not mention Ms Voevodina. Russian-born Ms Voevodina started an Instagram account last month. The verified account has

some 360,000 followers and several posts include pictures of her with Sultan Muhammad V, along with long captions about her life and how the Taking the name Rihana Oksana Petra, the 27-year-old also shared about motherhood and married life with the once-divorced Sultan Muhammad V. But she has not been officially recognised by the state as the new Sultanah. Sultan Muhammad V does not have children from his first marriage. A post on July 10 said she got married last June and in May, gave birth to her son Ismail Leon. "Inshallah (if God willing) His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Kelantan and, Inshallah, the future King of Malaysia". Sultan Muhammad V, 49, has made few public appearances since stepping down as Malaysia's King on Jan 6, becoming the first monarch in the country's history to abdicate. He had ascended the throne in December 2016 and was meant to serve for five years under a rotating monarchy system shared between the country's nine royal households. While he did not state his reasons for abdicating, royal observers have said speculation last November about his marriage to Ms Voevodina, while on medical leave, was a factor.

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