

PM's first visit to Kerala in 2nd term, PM offers prayers at Guruvayur temple



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered prayers at the Sri Krishna Temple in Guruvayur in Kerala Saturday morning in his first public appearance after his thanksgiving trip to his constituency in Varanasi. The Prime Minister who took a chopper from Kochi to Guruvayur came dressed in a mundu, traditional dress of Kerala. Outside the temple, a large crowd greeted the PM by chanting his name. At the temple he was weighed with

lotus flowers. The temple has procured 112 kg lotus flowers from Nagarcoil in the neighbouring Tamil Nadu for this ritual. Following the prayers he met temple officials who submitted a memorandum for its development. The Guruvayur temple is one of Kerala's most famous temples. There was a blend of tradition and technology in PM Modi's temple visit. He had used digital payments method on Friday to pay Rs 39,421 for his pooja at the Guruvayur temple. Modi's visit came just over a

week after he was sworn in as the Prime Minister of the country for the second consecutive term. He will leave for the Maldives later in the afternoon. Ahead of his visit, Guruvayur had been turned into a fortress to town with heavy security. Security has been tightened around the temple town in view of his visit. The temple board said the PM's office has requested it to avoid inconvenience to pilgrims during his trip but between 10 to 11 am there pilgrims won't be allowed due

to security. Modi had visited the temple in 2008 soon after he became the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second time. "After the temple visit, he will address a meeting of party workers from the districts of Thrissur and Malappuram at Sree Krishna School grounds. This meeting, called the 'Abinandan Sabha', is the first one called by the prime minister after the thanksgiving trip to his constituency Varanasi," said BJP state president P S Sreedharan Pillai. Though the party could not win a seat in the state, its vote share has gone up considerably in the 2019 elections, he added. After making strong inroads in West Bengal and Odisha, the party has made it clear that Kerala ranks top on its list now. Devotees of the Sabarimala hill temple expect the PM to make some announcement to protect the temple customs. The Congress has made it clear that it will support any move to uphold age-old customs of the temple. The state had witnessed violent protests following the Left Front government's steps to enforce a Supreme Court order allowing women of all ages to pray in the temple. The police action against devotees opposed to the entry of women was cited as the prime reason for the rout of Left parties in the Lok Sabha elections. Out of 20 Lok Sabha seats in the state, the Congress-led UDF had won 19 seats and the Left Front won only one.

PM Modi to embark on a tour to Maldives and Sri Lanka from today

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India is likely to announce several new projects during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the Maldives today and tomorrow. They include taking up construction of a cricket stadium and renovation of its Friday

Mosque. Indian Ambassador in Maldives Sunjay Sudhir informed AIR that an announcement is likely on building a Cricket Stadium with International standards to help the Islands Nation in training its cricket team. The renovation of the Friday Mosque, one of the historic and sacred Mosques in the Maldives, through

Archaeological Survey of India may also be announced during the visit. Meanwhile, the Maldivian Authorities have made elaborate arrangements to welcome Mr Modi and especially the roads leading to Majlis, Maldives Parliament, decorated with the National Flags of the two countries.

Piyush Goyal leads Indian delegation to G20 Ministerial meeting in Japan

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal is leading the Indian delegation for the two-day G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy beginning at Tsukuba city in Japan today. Mr Goyal will discuss developments in the global trade situation, WTO matters and digital trade. He will also hold dialogue with other

participating Trade Ministers on current international trade and investments. The G-20 Trade Ministers deliberations will form part of the G-20 Summit Leaders agenda in the formal discussions and will also be a part of the Summit Declaration. A Ministry of Commerce and Industry release said, Mr Goyal, will hold bilateral meetings on the sidelines of G20 to sensitize India's core

interests in trade and investment issues and build a coalition with like minded countries for defending the interests of developing countries. Over 50 Trade and Digital Economy Ministers will get together for the first time in G20 history in Tsukuba, to discuss how G20 economies can promote trade and investment and maximize benefits from the development of the digital economy.

Assam Rifles Conducts Security Meet

IGAR (South)
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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a security meet at Sawabung Company Operating Base (COB). The security forum was attended by the Meira Paibis, ward councilors along with representatives of local youth clubs. During the meet the locals were sanitised 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

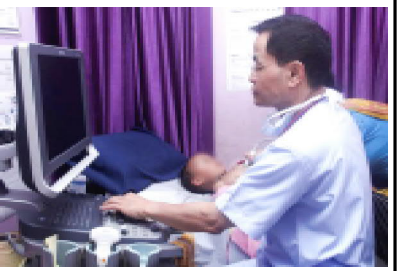
discussed during the meet. The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles for conduct of such security meetings and ensuring peace in

the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

936 Children provided Free Heart Scan at SKY Hospital

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The incidence of Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) also known as Birth Heart Defect in India is approximately 1000 per 100000 live births. Upto 50% of these children require surgical or device intervention in early stage. If left untreated either with heart surgery or device technique, approximately 25% of the children die within the first year; 40% by 4 years; 70% by 10 years and 95% by 40 years. It contributes to about 10% of children mortality in India. SKY Hospital, Imphal West provides free heart scan (Echocardiogram) for children below 18 years of age particularly those belonging to BPL families on every Tuesday and Friday throughout the years. Free Heart OPD service for children is also provided on these days when the final treatment strategy is given for a particular patient. On 1st



September 2015, the Mission for such philanthropic service was launched by Dr. L. Shyamkishore, Chief Cardiologist and Chairman of SKY Hospital and President of Manipur Heart Foundation (MHF) after his return from London with 15 years of extensive experience in the UK. Accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment of these children early in life can help save their life and give them a new lease of life. Till 31st May, 2019, 950

children were provided with free OPD service, of which 936 were provided with free detailed Echocardiogram. The children who benefited from this Mission are from different districts of Manipur. Dr. L. Shyamkishore appeals to the people to avail of the opportunity of this free Echo (Heart scan) and free Heart OPD services for children of Manipur and other North Eastern state of India at SKY Hospital on every Tuesday and Friday.

Central Government seeks inputs from citizens on Union Budget 2019-20

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Central Government has sought inputs from citizens on the Union Budget 2019-20 with a view to making the Budget-making exercise more participative and inclusive. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the budget on 5th of July.

The comments have been sought on government's portal - mygov.in by 20th of this month. According to the portal, the Ministry of Finance sought inputs from citizens saying that this has been a practice for the last several years. It said citizens from all walks of life are welcome to be a part of this democratic exercise.

The Ministry said government seeks people's valuable ideas to continue the tradition of the Union Budget incorporating the citizens' aspirations. The first session of the newly elected 17th Lok Sabha will be held from 17th of June to 26th July. The Economic Survey for 2019-20 will be tabled on 4th of July followed by the presentation of the budget on the next day.

Death toll reaches up to 26 in hail and dust storm related incidents in UP

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In Uttar Pradesh, the death toll has reached up to 26 in hail Storm and dust storm-related incidents that struck last night western parts of the state. The hail storm hit 22 districts in the state in which 26 people lost their lives and 57 people have been injured. Thirty-one cattle were also killed. Sixteen houses have been

badly damaged. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has constituted a team of in-charge ministers of districts and instructed them to visit the affected districts to know the ground situation. The district magistrates have already been instructed to visit the places where the damage took place and timely distribution of relief material. Amongst others, Minister Gireesh Yadav is in charges of Mainpuri, Atul Garg of Etah, Suresh Pasi of Kasganj and Swami Prasad Maurya of Badayun.

In letter to PM Modi, Pakistan's Imran Khan makes fresh appeals

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Islamabad June 8,

Pakistan's prime minister Imran Khan and foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi made fresh appeals to their Indian counterparts for resuming a dialogue process, writing letters that officials in Islamabad said on Friday were part of a diplomatic custom. This was the second time Khan contacted Prime Minister Narendra Modi since the latter won the re-election - the two leaders spoke on June 2 when the Pakistani PM called to congratulate Modi for his victory. The recent communication was through letters sent earlier this week to New Delhi. Khan offered to "work together for durable peace and stability in

South Asia and to promote a peaceful neighbourhood", according to local media reports in Pakistan. The bilateral dialogue process has been suspended since the terror strike on Pathankot Air Force Station in January 2016. Another media report said Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, in a congratulatory letter to his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar, had sought talks with New Delhi on "all important matters" and emphasised that Pakistan remains committed to efforts for establishing peace in the region. "Islamabad wants talks with New Delhi on all important matters and remains committed to efforts for establishing peace in the region," the media report quoted the letter as saying. A senior official at the ministry of foreign affairs confirmed that both letters had been sent. "This is in line with established diplomatic norms and inter-state practice. The foreign secretary delivered these letters in New Delhi earlier this week," he said. The official said the letters underscored Pakistan's policy of a peaceful neighbourhood and its vision of working for durable peace and stability in South Asia with peaceful resolution of all outstanding issues, including the Kashmir dispute. The two prime ministers are expected to exchange greetings when they attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit scheduled to be held in Kyrgyzstan this month.

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I, the undersigned, Simran Jeet Singh Arora, do hereby declare that I have abandoned, relinquished and renounced the use of my old name Simranjit Singh Arora, S/o Manmeet Singh Arora, residing at Simran Hardware and Electrical, Thangal Bazar Imphal West, Manipur, as I have assumed my new name Simran Jeet Singh Arora.
Sd/-
Simran Jeet Singh Arora

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I, the undersigned, Tejinder Kaur, do hereby declare that I have abandoned, relinquished and renounced the use of my old name Tejinder Kaur Arora S/o Late Hazoor Singh, residing at Simran Hardware and Electrical, Thangal Bazar Imphal West, Manipur, as I have assumed my new name Tejinder Kaur.
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