



President to confer Padma awards today

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President Ram Nath Kovind will today confer Padma awards at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Fifty-six of the 112 personalities, who were selected for this year's Padma awards, will be conferred the honour at a special function. The remaining awardees are likely to be conferred the honour at another function to be held later this month.

Folk Singer from Chhattisgarh Teejan Bai, President of Dhibouti Ismail Omar Guelleh, Noted author and Maratha history scholar Babasaheb Purandare and executive chairman of L&T Anil Kumar Manibhai Naik are recipients of Padma Vibhushan this year. Fourteen persons have been selected for Padma Bhushan which includes Scientist Nambi Narayan, Malayalam Actor Mohanlal, South African politician Pravin Gordhan and late journalist Kuldeep Nayyar.

Hill Leaders' Meet and Meeyamgi Numit cancelled

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Hill Leaders' Meet and Meeyamgi Numit organised every month by the Chief Minister has been cancelled for the month of March and April and due to the enforcement of Model code of Conduct, a statement of the CMO said.

CEO ensures free and fair voting; posters which violates model Code of Conduct removed

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As the date for the upcoming Lok Sabha election was declared yesterday, the Model code of conduct has been enforced in the state since yesterday till the end of the election and also the drive to remove various posters and banners in public places has also begun yesterday. Speaking to Media persons at Lamphel DC complex Chief Electoral Officer Naorem Praveen said that expenditure monitoring teams have been activated and 39 flying

squads are put functional just after the declaration of election date. He added that all the banners and posters have been started removing and will finish removing from the public places by 5 in the evening today. He added that the number of polling stations in Imphal West is 524 and all the stations were inspected and the requirements were discussed to ensure the facilities before the election. He added that 26 polling stations with only female polling parties will be open in all the Inner parliamentary constituency with 2 stations

each in one assembly segments. A model polling station will also open at each of the 13 assembly segments. Naorem Praveen further appealed the people to download the eVIGIL app and give any complaints through a mobile application regarding the violation of model code of conduct to the CEO ensuring free and fair election. He added that voter slip alone will not be eligible to cast vote from this election unlike previous years. The voters need to show their EPIC for their identification or other related 11 documents for identification.

AMPTA objects issuance of 'No Objection certificate' to 4444 Ex-Post De-Facto teachers

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All Manipur Primary Teachers Association (AMPTA) has expressed strong apprehension about issuing of 'No Objection certificate' to 4444 under matriculate/matriculate/under graduate/primary/ Hindi Primary teachers who were appointed under Ex-Post De-Facto approval by the Additional Director (Hill/Valley).

The AMPTA in a press statement said that after an inter-se seniority list of the teachers had been prepared on February 2, 2019, the AMPTA has been preparing a final seniority list of the teacher. The statement signed by Guanchandra Kakchingtabam, Secretary Information and

publicity, AMPTA said that the association will strongly stand against the issuance of the 'No Objection certificate' to the said teachers as education sector cannot be run under emotion and sentiment. Drawing the attention of Chief Minister N. Biren, Education Minister Th. Radhesyam and Director of Education (S) Thokchom Kirankumar, AMPTA statement said that they have an apprehension that the Additional Director (Hill/Valley) might issue 'No objection certificate' for the academic qualification of those who were recruited but was later approved by the government through Ex-post facto to study further during the time where AMPTA tried to hasten the process of

declaring the final seniority list by the government. He further said that they will not allow such act if happen and appeal the government to not let the education sector be emotionally driven as it will not help in improving the Education where the government tried to improve it through its mission of 'School Fagat-Hansi'.

The statement further said that after preparation of the inter-se seniority list of the teachers, claim and objection has been completed as per the Performa of the teachers. If the "No objection Certificate" has been issued the AMPTA will let with no other option but to take the help of the law court. It appealed the government as well as the concern department to look into the matter.

Another Counterfeit liquor manufacturing factory busted at Khongjom



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Four days after Police team of Thoubal police busted a counterfeit Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) Factory at Thoubal Athokpam area, another manufacturing factory of the similar IMFL has been busted by the Thoubal Police at Khongjom Keithel around 7.30 am today.

Police team under the supervision of SP Thoubal, Dr. S. Ibomcha had been conducting the drive against illegal illicit liquor since the last couple of weeks.

After getting specific information about the existence of illegal counterfeit liquor factory have been received a team of Thoubal Police including women personnel raided the house and busted the illegal manufacturing unit. Additional SP (Ops), Sachidananda Soibam, DSP

(CDO) O. Wangkhomba and Inspector N. Sadananda Singh (OC/Cdo) led the team which busted the racket of illegal liquor manufacturing area.

The police team beside arresting the manufacturer gang which included Heikrujan Bikramjit Singh (37) s/o H. Manao of Khongjom Bazar and Ms. Chamangamuy Usharani Devi (43) D/O (L) Ch. Tomba Singh of Athokpam Awang Leikai several articles used for manufacturing the counterfeit IMFL including 11 Empty Plastic Jeri cans (20 litres capacity each); One wooden frame for screen printing; Rolex ink blue in colour; Four plastic packets of colouring powder of gold colour; One bottle of unidentified liquid for processing illegal liquor; an unit of two big aluminum pots for processing illegal liquors; three local made iron machines for assembling

illegal liquors' bottles; and one bottle of liquid suspected to be reducing agent for screen printing from their houses were seized.

The police team also picked up one Md. Ajit Khan (39) s/o Md. Abdul Latip of Heiyel Labuk for supplying unidentified chemicals in liquid form used in the manufacture of the illegal liquors.

The arrested persons along with seized articles have been handed over to Khongjom Police Station.

The police team on further raid also detained Laishram Tilotama (56) w/o Shyam of Laming Laishram Leikai and recovered 5 bottles of OC Blue 750ml, and 31 bottles of Caravan whisky 750 ml and 48 can beers of Diablo 500 ml. The arrested persons along with the seized articles have been handed over to Thoubal Police Station.

MNPF observes 6th Foundation day

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Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) today observed its 6th Foundation Day at its General Head Quarter (GHQ), Mobile Battalion Unit, and at all department of the organization.

A statement of the Deputy Secretary, Publicity, MNPF said that the Foundation Day observance begins by honouring the party flag followed by paying tributes with revolutionary salute to the martyrs who had

sacrificed for the cause of the revolutionary movement.

Speaking on the occasion Chairman of the organization John Francis thank the almighty for His blessing to the party making it existed for 6 years, the statement said. It added that Manipur is a home of various communities, leaving aside one community will not make Manipur. At a time when the India government is playing divide and rule among the people to distort the unity, each community should never think beyond building up a

unity among the various communities. It further added that in order to unite all communities respect to each community from both side is the need of the hour.

Protecting the integrity of the Mother Manipur is the responsibility of all communities of the state. The Chairman also sought the blessing of the almighty for success of the struggle.

The Chairman also thank the revolutionary organization of WESEA region and paid revolutionary salute for supporting the party

One day discussion program on the problems face by unorganised workers held

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Numerous problems faced by unorganised workers of the state, today were highlighted today in a one day discussion program organised by Manipur Senmit Ehou Lup (MASEL) today organised at Manipur Press Club.

Vice President of MASEL Akojam Narjit Meetei, in his keynote address said that various labours and unorganised sector workers in the state with their wants to earn their livelihood making a cut throat competition as many workers mushroom in one particular work leading to failure of the work or the business they did. He added that the discussion was organised to solve such problems. He further said that the workers need to be aware of various schemes and programs for the welfare of the unorganised workers thus benefiting them leading the lives of the workers a

brighter future. Labour inspector of Labour Department M. Bheigyachandra talk on the topic of un-organised workers Social Security Act and Ex Deputy Commissioner of Labour Department E. Tomba speak about Un-organised workers Social

Security Scheme. The function was attended by Mayor of IMC L. Lokeshwor, President of MASEL H. Nanaocha Meetei Cooperator of IMC P. Debala devi, Ex Deputy Labour commissioner of labour department E. Tomba, Labour inspector of Labour

department M. Bheigyachandra, President of Manipur Keithel Fambi Apunba Lup L. Memma and President of Khwairamband Nupi Keithel Semgat Sagatpa Lup M. (O) RK Radhesana as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honours respectively.

Ayodhya dispute:

Popular Front welcomes mediation; but seeks to reconstitute the panel

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The Central Secretariat meeting of Popular Front of India held at its headquarters, in a statement issued after the Supreme Court order on Ayodhya dispute, while welcoming the court monitored mediation process, expressed strong reservations about the inclusion of controversial figure Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in the three member panel. The meeting also demand a retired

judge instead of a sitting Chief Justice among the three member panel.

A statement of the Front said that Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is known as an open campaigner for constructing Ram Mandir on the site of demolished Babri Masjid.

"He was repeatedly demanding Muslims to give up their claim of Babri Masjid and accept the Masjid outside Ayodhya. He is reported to have once threatened Muslims that if they don't give

up their claim on Ayodhya India will become Syria. On another occasion he told to media that if the court rules against the temple, there would be bloodshed and the government might not be able to implement the court order. It is heartbreaking to note that a controversial person with such a background of openly instigating violence is being deputed to play the role of a mediator. The meeting appealed the Supreme Court bench to modify the order by

removing the name of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar from panel", the statement said.

Since the past seven decades, Ayodhya issue has been a source of violence and chaos in the country. In the interest of justice and for long lasting peace and harmony among the two major communities in the country, it is essential that the title suit is settled immediately by the Supreme Court. If mediation will help to resolve the issue, it can be given its chance. At the same

time, in the past too there were attempts for mediation, but they failed due to Hindutva groups trying to influence the outcome for political gains. The meeting viewed the present mediation as different from previous attempts, because it is under the watch of the apex court. Popular Front reiterated the view that whether it is in the court or on the mediation table, the matter should be examined and adjudged not on the basis of religious

belief and mythology, but purely on the merit of records and facts.

Popular Front Central Secretariat also suggested the Supreme Court to instruct the panel to start the mediation process only after Lok Sabha elections, by way of amending its order. The meeting expressed apprehensions about urgency being sought in the matter to coincide with Lok Sabha elections, since there is chance of political misuse.