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## RPF condole



**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 5,**

Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) condole the demise of its cadre 2nd Lieutenant Tayai @ Sanathoi. In a condolence message, the RPF said that 2nd Lieutenant Tayai @ Sanathoi, real name RK Thoi, son of RK Khoimu and RK Shanti of Khurai Chingbam Leikai died on February 15, 2019 while in a mission of the party. 2nd Lieutenant Tayai @ Sanathoi worked for the People's Liberation Army (Strategic Command) - the army wing of the RPF. The statement further said that 2nd Lieutenant Tayai @ Sanathoi joined the party on May 5, 2008 and completed basic military training after which he joined the war office on October 27. His army number is 3117. Stating that 2nd Lieutenant Tayai @ Sanathoi is a real patriot of the nation who love the people of the nation irrespective of hill and plain and soft spoken, sincere revolutionary, the RPF observed condolence function at all Units, Dept. of the RPF.

## Arundhati's Dhaka Talk Stopped By Police

**Siam Sarower Jamil, Dhaka, March 5**



The organisers of Chobi Mela 2019 were forced to stop all preparations at Krishibid Institution auditorium in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh to stage the much-publicised talk by eminent writer Arundhati Roy of India, scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening, as police asked them not to prepare the stage at the venue, said the organisers.

'The Krishibid Institution authorities, referring to Local police Station in-charge (OC), had asked us to stop the stage preparations. We were forced to stop the works. The OC has asked us to meet Tuesday morning,' Drik director Rahnuma Ahmed told **IMPHAL TIMES** in the evening. She said that the directive came out of the blue though they had needed permission to hold the programme which they secured early on as part of the tenth edition of Chobi Mela, the most prestigious photography festival in Asia that was launched in the city on February 28 and scheduled to end on March 6.

The talk was scheduled to be held on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Arundhati is in Bangladesh on her first tour in the country.

Tejgaon police station officer-in-charge Mazharul

Islam Kajal told **IMPHAL TIMES** that the organisers were asked to stop their scheduled programme for security reasons.

'The prime minister will attend a programme at the venue on March 8. For this reason, we are to hand over the venue to the SSF and Special Branch of Police three days before the programme. That is why we have to hand over the venue on Tuesday. As a result, we were compelled to ask them to stop the programme on Tuesday,' the OC explained. Chobi Mela is organised by Drik Picture Library Ltd and Pathshala South Asian Media Institute.

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, March 5**

Soon after Dr. S Ibomcha took charge as Superintendent of Police, Thoubal district in Manipur, a highly trained police team comprising of women police led by Officer-in-Charge N. Sadananda busted a manufacturing factory of Indian made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) at Thoubal Athokpam area in Thoubal district of Manipur. Huge quantity of liquor - both suspected to be used in producing the illegal liquor; 120 bottles of local made Rum bottle; 1570 bottle caps; 200 numbers of empty bottle; 4 number of wooden frame for screen printing; 7 number of cans containing Rolex ink black colour and an Aluminium pot having in red colour liquid for dying one

Talking to media persons at Thoubal Police station, district Superintendent of police Dr. Ibomcha said that the raid was conducted at around 5 pm yesterday after receiving specific information about the existence of the liquor factory at the residence of Thokchom (Ningol) Changammayum (Ong) Roji Devi (25) wife of Changammayum Badalkumar Singh at Thoubal Athokpam Awang Leikai.



In the raid, 10 Jerri cans (20 litre capacity each) containing unknown chemical liquid suspected to be used in producing the illegal liquor; 120 bottles of local made Rum bottle; 1570 bottle caps; 200 numbers of empty bottle; 4 number of wooden frame for screen printing; 7 number of cans containing Rolex ink black colour and an Aluminium pot having in red colour liquid for dying one

tong were recovered. Talking to media persons SP Dr. Ibomcha said that the chemical used by the manufacturer could not be known at the moment but he ascertained that those chemical used would do no

good to human health. On the other hand Dr. Ibomcha said that there were incidents where many people died after consuming such liquor at Jorhat and Golghat. Drive against illicit liquors and drugs began since last week of February after convening a meeting of the Thoubal police. Chemicals and Rum seized from the manufacturing home have not been treated as liquor

and hence a criminal case will be taken up against the husband and wife. Sample of the Chemical seized have been sent to Forensic & Standard Enforcement Wing, Thoubal district, Dr. Ibomcha added. Label like "For Sale to Para Military Force Only" and "Not for Sale in Assam" were tactfully stamped in the bottles.

## TMVA warns intense agitation if Chairman of the Management Committee of Tribal Market is not removed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 5,**

Tribal Market Vendors Association (TMVA) warned intense agitation if the government fails to remove the Chairman of the Management Committee of Tribal Market New Lambulane who is also the Director of Tribal Affairs' and Hills from his post by 10th of March this year. Speaking to media person at the complex of the Tribal market New Lambulane, Rebecca Vaite Treasurer of TMVA termed the chairman as 'irresponsible' saying that he failed to render his duty as the responsible person of the

Market by neglecting it for a long time. She recalled that a sit-in protest had also been staged for not taking out the garbage that piles up in the dustbin of the market shed. Focusing on the issue of selecting members of management committee Rebecca said that the government has issued a notification to enlist 9 vendors of the market for the management committee but surprisingly 10 non vendors were selected as members of the management. She added that as the government fails to review the non vendors they have gone to the court for justice.

## Minister Kayisii dedicates two mortuary vans to the hill people

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, March 5,**

Tribal Affairs & Hills Minister N. Kayisii inaugurated two mortuary vans at the office premises of Directorate of Tribal Affairs and Hills in Imphal today. Kayisii said that the scheme will benefit poor tribals of the state for transportation of dead bodies from hospital to their respective homes. The two vehicles are added to the existing service today due to high public demand of the

service as well as the unserviceable condition of the old vehicles, he added. According to officials, over 1000 dead bodies have been transported in the last 30 years from Imphal to their respective villages and cemeteries for burial. Under Mobile Dispensary cum Mortuary Van Project which has been operational since 2004, a gypsy Ambulance and a Mortuary Van-TATA 407 were used for transportation of dead bodies from hospital to home, officials said.

TA & Hills Department has laid down several conditions for availing the scheme. As per the scheme/condition, only a tribal of Manipur can avail the scheme. Fuel charges as well as food and lodging for the driver if the need arises, has to be borne by the family concern. It also stipulated a guarantor to sign an undertaking for the safe return of the vehicle. The scheme can be availed by contacting L. Rajendro Singh, Deputy Director-TA & Hills at the following numbers- 7005215911 or 9402679913.

## A R Celebrates National Security Day

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**Imphal, March 5,**

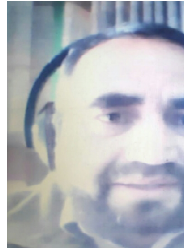
Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a Declamation Competition on the occasion of National Security Day on 04 March 2019 for the students of Nilamani English School, Mayang Imphal.

The topic for the Competition was "Is There Any Justification of War and Establishing Peace is Not Possible". The students enthusiastically participated in the competition, putting forth their views both for and against the motion. The competition proved to provide the young minds a suitable platform to overcome their stage fear and at the same time be able to put across their viewpoints in a lucid and confident manner. As part of the event, an informative lecture was also organised to enlighten the students about various career options available in the Indian Defence Forces including recruitment in the Army and the Assam Rifles in various categories. The students were also briefed on various inherent advantages of joining the Indian Armed Forces including exciting life style, thrill, adventure, job security as well respect of the Forces. In addition information on the upcoming recruitment rallies along with career counseling were also provided to the attendees during the lecture.

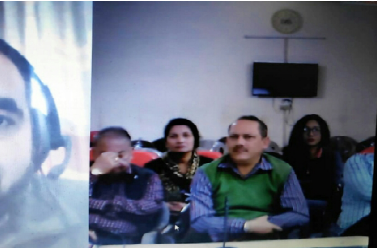
The principal and the school staff appreciated the efforts of the Assam Rifles for organising the competition and extended their gratitude for organising such an event. The event was culminated with prize distribution to the speakers followed by refreshments for all.

**By Our Correspondent**  
**Guwahati, March 5,**

India and Afghanistan have maintained historically close ties fruitful for both nations. But political disturbances in Pakistan, located in between, poses difficulties for the Indo-Afghan bilateral relationship, observed senior Afghan radio journalist Abdul Mujeeb Khalvatgar while interacting with city based scribes on Sunday (3 March). He was participating in Guwahati Press Club's 'Meet the Press' programme through video conferencing from Kabul. However, these difficulties are short lived and both the friendly nations soon revert to business as usual. Regarding the present Indo-Pak standoff and the volatile situation in Kashmir, Khalvatgar asserted that the Indian government has legitimate rights to defend their territory and people. This is why New Delhi has drawn support from various countries, said the young scribe academically qualified



and professional education. Moreover many patients from Afghanistan, primarily suffering from hypertension, blood sugar, liver ailment and various cancers opt for treatment at Indian hospitals. Indian film actors and Bollywood fare as well as Hindi tele-series continue to be popular among Afghans, Khalvatgar informed, adding that large sections of rural women remain glued to their TV sets running dubbed versions of Indian entertainment serials in local languages. Fluent in Persian, Pashto and



English languages, the author-journalist also revealed that many Afghan residents perceive India as a fairytale land where women usually pursue higher education to hold powerful positions in government and the corporate world. Khalvatgar also appreciated the latest initiative to open a trade route between Afghanistan and India through Chabahar port of friendly nation Iran (bypassing Pakistan) that re-establishes the importance of Kabul as an international business centre

in the present era. Nevertheless, he disclosed that the turmoil in Pakistan has severely affected the ongoing peace process between Taliban and the US administration. Radical Islamists are not interested in talking to the Afghan government in Kabul, whereas India has always championed negotiations, he said. Speaking of New Delhi's developmental initiatives in Afghanistan which have generated huge goodwill there, Khalvatgar pointed out that Afghanistan is the second-largest recipient of aid from India after Bhutan. Hundreds of community development projects are being run by Indian agencies in various sectors like education, health, rural development, agriculture etc. Having studied professional journalism in Europe, USA, Turkey, Sri Lanka and India, Khalvatgar has also authored 'Islam and Globalization', 'Provincial Councils and National Cooperation' and

'Ethics on Social Media'. He has been an active member of media law working groups, journalists' ethical codes and access to information law in Afghanistan. Despite numerous threats to media persons, Khalvatgar claimed, Afghanistan still supports a good deal of journalism in comparison to neighboring countries. Media may not have a direct strategy for peace and conflict resolution, but the Afghan media fraternity significantly contributes to various peace building efforts in the country, he affirmed. However, mainstream journalism across the globe has been facing major challenges from social/alternate media. People now look for internet-fueled outlets for prompt news coverage while they also prefer newspapers and news channels for in-depth and analytical inputs. Even amidst fake news hogging headlines, social media continues to be a great influence on public opinion, said Khalvatgar as he signed off.