

## 'Acting under pressure': Oppn slams poll panel for curtailing Bengal campaign

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The Election Commission's decision to cut short poll campaign in Bengal after violence at Amit Shah's Kolkata rally drew sharp criticism from opposition parties on Thursday. Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati accused the poll panel of "acting under pressure" while the Congress said the EC has "lost its independence".

Mayawati said the poll panel was being "unfair" and the campaign ban was enforced from Thursday night to help PM Modi finish his rallies in Bengal. "Election Commission has banned campaigning in West Bengal, but from 10 pm today just because PM has two rallies in the day. If they had to ban then why not from today morning? This is unfair and EC is acting under pressure," Mayawati said. The BSP chief said PM Modi and Amit Shah were targeting



Mamata Banerjee in a "planned manner". She cautioned that it was a "very dangerous and unjust trend" and one which doesn't suit the PM of the country. The Election Commission's decision to cut short campaigning was a first of its kind and invited allegations of being "politically biased". The poll panel's decision came a day after violence at BJP president

Amit Shah's roadshow that triggered a war of words between the ruling Trinamool Congress in Bengal and the BJP.

The Congress said the EC was once known for its objectivity, non-partisan stand but it seems it now "takes orders from BJP headquarters". "The Election Commission has abdicated its integrity," Congress spokesperson Randeep

Surjewala said on Thursday. Just hours after the poll panel's move to curtail campaign in Bengal, Trinamool boss Mamata Banerjee said the decision was "unfair and unethical" and gave Prime Minister Modi time to finish his two rallies before the campaign ban kicks in on Thursday night. She also questioned why EC waited 24 hours to impose the campaign restrictions.

## 'Rahul Gandhi is a cannon and I am AK-47': Navjot Singh Sidhu

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Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu said Prime Minister Narendra Modi came as "Ganga's son" in 2014 but will go as an "agent in Rafale" after the ongoing elections. "I want to ask Narendra Modi whether he took brokerage in

Rafale deal or not. He can debate with Sidhu anywhere in the country. Rahul ji is a big thing. He is a cannon and I am AK-47," Sidhu said while addressing an election rally here. "I challenge Narendra Modi to debate on 'Na khaunga na khane dunga' (neither I will do corruption nor will let anyone

commit it). If I lose, I will quit politics forever. I want to say that Narendra Modi came in 2014 as the son of Ganga and he will go in 2019 as an agent in Rafale," he added. Himachal Pradesh, where four Lok Sabha seats are at stake will go to polls on May 19. The counting of votes will take place on May 23.

## EC curtails campaigning in West Bengal

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Campaigning for the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal will end at 10 PM tonight.

Election Commission last night curtailed the campaigning in the state following Tuesday's Kolkata violence. Nine Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal will go to polls in the last phase on Sunday. The constituencies where campaigning has been curtailed are -Dum Dum, Barasat, Basirhat, Jaynagar, Mathurapur, Diamond Harbour, Jadavpur, Kolkata Dakshin and Kolkata Uttar. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Deputy Election Commissioner Chandra Bhushan Kumar said, it is for the first time that such an action has been taken using constitutional

powers of the poll panel. The Commission also ordered the removal of State's Principal Secretary (Home) Atri Bhattacharya and Additional Director General, CID, Rajeev Kumar from their posts. Deputy Election Commissioner Sudeep Jain said, Mr Bhattacharya stands relieved from his current charge immediately for having interfered in the process of conducting elections by directing the state chief electoral officer, which he was not supposed to do. The state chief secretary will look after the charge of the home secretary. Mr Jain said Rajeev Kumar has been attached to the Ministry of Home Affairs in New Delhi and should report to his new assignment by 10 AM today. Election Commission also expressed deep anguish at the

vandalism done to the statue of social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. BJP President Amit Shah alleged that Mamata Banerjee's TMC was involved in vandalising the bust and unleashing violence during his roadshow in Kolkata on Tuesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also accused Mamata Banerjee of indulging in politics of violence. Addressing a rally at Taki in North 24 Pargana district, Mr Modi said the violence reflects that the TMC chief is scared of people's support to the BJP. Reacting to the development, West Bengal Chief Minister described the Election Commission's decision as unconstitutional and unethical. She said, there is no such law and order problem in the state to apply Article 324.

## "RIMS Executive Council Meeting held"



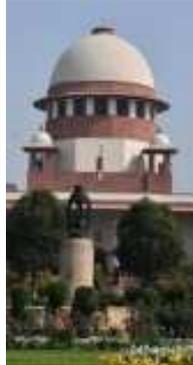
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The 48<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of RIMS, Imphal was held today i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. During the meeting, the Executive Council agreed to increase MBBS seats and PG seats for Economically Weaker Section (EWS). It was also agreed to start M.Sc. Nursing course,

DM in Nephrology, Sports Medicine, strengthening of super specialty doctors, and also to start paramedical courses like B.Sc. MLT, X-Ray, CT Scan, ECG etc. It was also agreed to increase retirement age of faculty having M.Sc. Nursing from 60 to 65 years for academic purposes. Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of India also appreciated the hard work done by the Director, officials, faculty members

and staff and for getting ranked 28 in medical category under National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Government of India. Ram Muivah, Secretary, North East Council, Director General of Health Service, Government of India, Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary from Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and officials from the institute attended the meeting.

## SC seeks responses from Centre, CBSE on 10% quota for EWS in CTET



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The Supreme Court today sought the responses from the Centre and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on a plea seeking ten per cent reservation for economically weaker sections in the Central Teacher Eligibility Test, 2019.

A vacation bench, comprising Justices Indira Banerjee and Sanjiv Khanna, asked them to respond by 1st July, the next date of hearing.

The court was hearing a plea by some petitioners belonging to economically weaker sections and planning to appear in CTET.

The petitioners told the court that CBSE published an advertisement in January this year for conducting CTET in which benefit of ten per cent reservation has not been given to candidates belonging to economically weaker sections.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Friendly Basketball Match



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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a friendly Basketball match at Sawombung Company

Operation Base (COB) on Yesterday. With an aim of strengthening the bond and mutual trust between locals and Security Forces, Sawombung Company Operating Base organised a friendly Basketball match

between the team of Raising Star Club of Pourabi village and troops of Sawombung COB. Both the teams played with great zeal and enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship during the course of the match. The match was followed by tea and refreshments for all. The event provided a forum to the youth of the area for interaction with the troops of Assam Rifles. The villagers and youth appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles to promote sports and ensuring healthy environment by developing healthy relations with local populace.

## Assam Rifles Distributes Of Water Sintex Tank

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As part of the continuing endeavor of the Assam Rifles towards improving and providing basic facilities, Sajik Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) distributed water sintex tank to the village of Kholmulen and Kathung village of Kana Valley area, Chandel District of Manipur under Assam Rifles Civic Action Programme 2018-19.

The villages in the Kana Valley area lack basic amenities including facility for clean water. The village authorities had approached Sajik Battalion Assam Rifles to assist them in enhancing the water storage facility in their respective village. The Sajik Battalion promptly provided the water syntax tanks under the Assam Rifles Civic Action Programme. The Battalion distributed 03 sintex tanks to village Kholmulen and 02 to village

Kathung to alleviate the problems faced by these remote border villages. The welfare measure will strengthen the confidence of the villagers in Security Forces and enhance mutual trust between them. The water sintex tank distribution was well received by the local populace and they expressed their heart felt gratitude for the efforts taken by Assam Rifles to improve their lives.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Medical Camp



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As part of the continued endeavor of the Assam Rifles towards improving basic health care in remote border villages, Chassad Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a Medical Camp at Maokot, a remote border village near Indo-Myanmar

border on Yesterday. Keeping in mind the difficulties faced by the villagers due to the prevalent socio-economic conditions and remoteness of the location, a complete checkup of every individual was carried out including the screening for lifestyle diseases. Chassad Battalion provided free medical treatment and

medicines to the residents of adjoining villages and a total of 80 patients (12 males, 23 females and 45 children) were provided requisite treatment. Apart from providing necessary medical attention, basic knowledge on health education, hygiene and sanitation was also imparted. The village authorities conveyed their appreciation for this kind gesture.

### Name changed

I, the undersigned, Rajkumar Manjit Singh, C/O R.K. Jadumanin Singh, a residence of Yumnam Leikai Lairembi Awang Near IBSA Club, Imphal West, P.S Imphal; Manipur, do hereby declare that I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name R.K. Manjit Singh as I have assumed my new name as Rajkumar Manjit Singh.

Sd/-  
Rajkumar Manjit Singh

### Name Change

I, Alice Kanghujam of Grace Colony, Tarung, P.O. Lamphel, P.S. Imphal West District, Manipur, declare here that my parents name, 'Kanghujam Rajamohon Meetei' (Father) and 'Kanghujam Geetarani Devi' (Mother) are changed to Kanghujam Rajamohon and Kanghujam Geetarani as all my academic documents bear the correct names. So, hereafter, my new passport and documents will bear the correct names of my parents 'Kanghujam Rajamohon' and 'Kanghujam Geetarani'.

Sd/-  
Alice Kanghujam