

Former CEC TN Sashan passes away

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Former Chief Election Commissioner Tirunellai Narayana Seshan, who had become an icon of Indian bureaucracy for ushering in tectonic reforms in the country's electoral process during his tenure in the nineties, died of a cardiac arrest on Sunday in Chennai. He was 86.

A retired 1955 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, TN Seshan had led the Election Commission from 1990 to 1996. As the 10th Chief Election Commissioner of India, he is credited with flexing the poll body's far-reaching constitutional powers to keep politicians in check.

However, seen as too much of a hurdle by the political class, it was during his tenure that two additional Election Commissioners were appointed by the centre to clip his wings.

He had received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award, considered Asia's Nobel, for his initiatives in making the electoral process more transparent.

Born in 1932 in Kerala's Palakkad district, the former bureaucrat had joined the civil services in 1955 and served as secretary of several departments in Tamil Nadu and at the centre during his decades-long career.

Before he was appointed as India's chief election official, he was handpicked by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to be the Cabinet Secretary, the senior most position in the civil services.

In 1997, TN Seshan had unsuccessfully contested the Presidential election against KR Narayanan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla joined prominent figures on Twitter to mourn him.

UNLF Chairman RK Meghen taken to Delhi

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Chairman of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), RK Meghen @ Sanayaima, who has been set free after completion of conviction from Guwahati Central jail, Kahilipara on Saturday evening has been taken to new Delhi today morning by the officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Report reaching here said that the MHA officials took RK Meghen in a Guwahati -New Delhi bound Indigo flight which departed at 11.11 am today. His son RK Chinglen and lawyer M. Gunadhor also accompanied the UNLF Chief.

RK Meghen has been requested by the MHA officials not to visit his hometown Imphal in view of the present social tension in the state in the wake of the final settlement of the Naga issue. He was not re-arrested but taken by the MHA by assuring full security source from Guwahati said yesterday however, the source did not said anything on the provisions that RK Meghen has been taken to New Delhi even as he had completed his jail term and set free.

Source also added that RK Meghen will be under security cover of the MHA till the situation here in the state has been contained.

Alert demonstration demanding disclosure of FA continues; More congress MLAs join the COCOMI protest

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh assurance to the people of the state at which he stated that the Manipur Government along with Assam and AP government will be consulted before the signing of the final agreement has failed to convince the people of the state which are demanding disclosure of the Frame work agreement signed between the government of India, NSCN-IM and the NNPGs on October 31 at New Delhi.

People of the state particularly in Imphal Valley have been staging various form of alert demonstration since October last week demanding disclosure of the contents of the FA, under the aegis of the Coordinating Committee on Manipur



Integrity (COCOMI). The people stage sit-in demonstration, Thronged to the residences of Local MLAs and formed human chain cautioning serious agitation if the interest of the state has been hurt in the

settling of the Naga issue. Many congress MLAs including Khumukcham Joykishan, AK Mirabai, Govindas Konhoujam, Th. Lokeshwar, RK Imo etc. have started joining the peoples' protest.

AK Mirabai, Govindas Konhoujam had joined rally organised under the aegis of the COCOMI, MLA Lokeshwar and MLA Kh. Joykishan had openly declare their stand with the people.

Today MLA RK Imo of Sagolband Assembly Constituency today joined a demonstration at Sagolband Moirang Leirak. An interactive session cum protest against the non disclosure of the agreement in the Indo-Naga Peace Accord was also held during the alert demonstration. The interactive session welcomes all peaceful solution in the region but that should not come at the expense of another state, community, caste, religion or people. A resolution have been passed to press the Prime Minister to consult all stake holders and

disclosure of the details in the agreement. They have also decided to urge the Prime Minister for amendment of the MLR& LR Act and made applicable to all parts of the state.

On the other hand students of Royal Academy of Science, Competitive Success Academy and Maipakpi Higher Sec school formed human chain and shouted slogans for protection of the integrity of the state at Konung mamang Andro parking in Imphal East. The protest demonstration today gain momentum with the people of Tera Lukram Leirak blocking road while staging alert demonstration at the area.

Meanwhile, Communist Party of India (CPI) Manipur State Council also organised a public discourse in connection with the Indo -Naga Peace Talk at Kuki Inn Imphal. CPI MP D. Raja and leaders of the left parties from the Manipur attended and discuss about the consequences which might occurred as a fall out of the FA agreement.

Another blast occurred at Imphal

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One bomb exploded at office cum residential gate of Bharatiya Infra Project Limited on Monday morning at around 5 am.

The office cum residence is owned by one Ningombam Ibochouba, (49) son of N. Nabakumar of Langhabal Lep Awang Leikai, Imphal West which falls under the jurisdiction of Singjamei police station.

A case has been registered at the concerned police station

under FIR number 194(11)2019 SJM/PS u/s 307,506IPC and explosive act. This is the 3rd blast in Imphal in November month. It may be mention that On November 3, three personnel of the BSF sustained injury after a blast took place at Telipati in Imphal West. On November 5, a powerful bomb was exploded at Thangal Bazar near Sani Mandir while police personnel were conducting a routine duty. As a result of the blast, five police personnel and a civilian sustained injury.

Financial assistant of KTT Media fellowship handed over



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First installment of financial assistant provided to journalist Babei Shirin under the Khelen Thokchom Media Fellowship program for the 2nd year by the Chairman of the Trust Thokchom Ongbi Memcha Devi at a simple function held at the residence of late Khelen Thokchom at

Tera Loukrakpam Leikai on Sunday.

Babei Shirin will be filing at least 6 stories on the water crisis and its management in the state within 6 months. Financial assistance under the Media Fellowship is Rs. 50,000/- and will be given to her on installment basis. A sum of Rs. 15, 000/- has been handed over to her as first installment.

FEGOCTA postpones cease work strike

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The proposed cease work strike of the Government College teachers which is scheduled to begin from today has been postponed in view of the present situation in the state. A statement by Federation of Government College Teachers' Associations, Manipur (FEGOCTA) said that the decision to postpone the cease work strike has been taken during an emergency executive meeting of the association held yesterday at GP Women's College, Imphal. The statement however said that the teaching community

has been demoralized at the failure by the government in fulfilling its own written assurances. It said the government gave written assurance to FEGOCTA to implement the 7th UGC Pay and regulations, 2018 on September 26 and October 15 this year. The FEGOCTA executive after deliberation on the issue expressed dissatisfaction over the failure to communicate by the government after expiry of November 4 deadline to implement the 7th UGC Pay and Regulation, 2018. The FEGOCTA said that it will start the agitation after reviewing the prevailing situation in the state.

Uncertainty over govt formation in Maharashtra continues

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The political impasse continues and the picture about the government formation in the state of Maharashtra is not clear as yet. Even after NCP Core Committee meeting in Mumbai, the party has not cleared its stance as their alliance partner Congress has decided to wait till this afternoon.

Speaking to reporters after the NCP meeting chaired by NCP Chief Sharad Pawar in Mumbai today, Spokesman Nawab Malik said, his party will not announce anything about its stand in the ongoing situation in Maharashtra and will wait for its alliance partner Congress to decide their stand. He made it clear that NCP and Congress are alliance partners and it will be their joint decision about the government formation in the state.

Meanwhile, Shivsena

President Uddhav Thackeray today met NCP Chief Sharad Pawar at a hotel in Mumbai and the meeting was going on, when the reports last came in. On the other hand, Shivsena leaders are expected to meet Governor Bhagat Singh Khoshyari later in the day to stake claim to form the government.

Free treatment at Dental College RIMS

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The Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry of the Dental College of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Imphal will provide free treatment to patients attending on November 14 in connection with the celebration of the National Pedodontic Day, a statement by K. Doungel, Deputy Director (Adm.) RIMS said.

National Education Day observed

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National Education Day is observed today to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India.

In connection with the observance of the National Education Day, Union Minister for Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank interacted with the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya from across the nation through video conferencing.

The Minister also launches SWAYAM 2.0. to take education to every doorstep of India, SWAYAM is a programme initiated by the government to provide the best teaching-learning resources to all.



Here in the state, The day was observed at Manipur University. In connection with the observance of the National Education Day, 1st State Level Painting Competition was organised at Manipur University. The observance was graced by Sandhyarani Ningthoujam, Finance Officer as Chief Guest, Dr. R.K. Suresh Singh, HoD ACEE, MU as Guest of Honour and Dr. Maibam Chourjit as President.

The painting competition was organised in three categories. Group A from Class III to V, Group B from Class VI to Class VIII and Group C from Class IX to Class XII under the theme - "Our Environment, Education System and Nation Building. In Group A Brikrama Lourembam stood 1st Position, in group C Martine Tongbram of Pitambra English School top and in Group C Venish Keisham of Pitambra English School top.