

## After Home Minister's assurance COCOMI to hold public consultative meet on Nov. 29 Appeals people to continue symbolic protest

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A day after the 18 member's delegation of the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) met the Union Home Minister Amit Shah at New Delhi, the conglomerate of civil society bodies, which has been spearheading mass alert demonstration warning serious consequences to any solution of the NSCN-IM that affects the interest of the state, today released a press statement called on the people of the state for a consultative meet on November 29 to take a consensus decision. Meanwhile the COCOMI appealed people to continue the alert demonstration in a symbolic manner. The statement released by media co-ordinator of COCOMI Jiendra Ningomba fails to clarify the doubt of the people on whether the Union Home Minister Amit Shah had assurance should be taken

into account or not but stated that the demand by COCOMI to give a written assurance has been denied as it was never done before. The COCOMI's statement said that to the demand for a written assurance, the General Secretary of BJP (Organisation) N. Santosh had stated that what more assurance is required when the Union Home Minister himself assured to the COCOMI that represent the civil bodies of the that in the presence of State government functionaries including Chief Minister of Manipur. The organization secretary of the BJP also threw the ball to COCOMI saying that the one that should convince the people is the COCOMI and the Government of the State. During the meeting between the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the COCOMI, Minister of State for Home Affairs G K Reddy, BJP Organisation Secretary BL Shantosh, Union Home

Secretary Ajaykumar Bhalla, Joint Secy. (North East) MHA Satyendra Garh, Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Education Minister of Manipur Th. Radhesyam, MLA Shatyabratta and MLA L. Rameshor were also present. A memorandum urging the Union Ministry not to affect the interest of the state of Manipur by the peace talk with NSCN-IM had been submitted. The statement by COCOMI said that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah had assured the COCOMI delegates that the ongoing peace talk with the NSCN-IM and its solution will in no way affect the Territorial integrity and the Administrative set up of the state of Manipur. If in case there is to any changes to his words that he will consult it with the COCOMI, the government of Manipur and other representatives of the different political parties before doing so.

## SC directs BJP- led govt in Maharashtra to prove majority by Wednesday

By Raju Vernekar  
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The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday asked the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government in Maharashtra to immediately appoint a pro-tem speaker to conduct the test and prove its majority on the floor of the 299 member legislative assembly on Wednesday by 5 pm. The apex court also ordered live broadcast of the confidence motion and said there will be no secret ballot. The verdict made it crystal clear that the floor test should be absolutely transparent and there will be no "horse trading" (poaching of MLAs from other parties). A three-judge bench headed by Justice N.V. Ramana and Justices Ashok Bhushan and Sanjay Khanna heard the matter. Senior advocates Manu Singhvi appeared for Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi appeared for the BJP and "some" independent legislators, while solicitor general Tushtar Mehta

*Ajit Pawar steps down as Deputy CM; Devendra Fadnavis likely to resign*

appeared for the central government. In a related development NCP leader Ajit Pawar who had rebelled and sworn in as Deputy CM along with Fadnavis, on early Saturday morning ( 23 November), today tendered his resignation from the post of DCM. Fadnavis too was expected to resign and address media by Tuesday evening. The Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had earlier asked the state government to take the floor test in two weeks' time (by 30 November). The Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress had approached the SC against the governor's move to give the Fadnavis time till Saturday.

Shiv Sena parry president Uddhav Thackeray is claiming the support of 162 legislators. While the NCP and the Congress had been deliberating an alliance for the last three weeks and were all set to announce the name of Thackeray as their choice for the Maharashtra CM post, the BJP led NCP founder Sharad Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar into its fold late Friday evening. By 8 AM, Saturday morning, the governor had sworn-in Fadnavis as CM and Ajit as his deputy. Alliances on both sides— BJP-Ajit Pawar and Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress—have expressed confidence over having the numbers in the assembly to form the government in the state. Contradictory statements followed with Ajit claiming

the support of majority of MLAs with Sharad Pawar disputing his nephew's claims. This was followed by NCP removing Ajit as its legislative party leader and the Shiv Sena and Congress-NCP combine moving the SC against the governor's decision. The BJP, the largest party in the state with 105 seats, had earlier decided against staking claim to the form the government. The BJP and Shiv Sena had fought the October elections in an alliance. Once the results were released, Shiv Sena insisted on a 50-50 seat sharing formula including having its nominee as the chief minister for half the term. This was not acceptable to the BJP, which got almost double the number of Shiv Sena's 56 seats. In the meanwhile Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP President Amit Shah were closeted in a meeting to work out a way out to resolve Maharashtra political impasse.

## Constitution Day: Need to understand and appreciate constitution: Deputy CM

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"Constitution Day", the day to mark the adoption of Indian Constitution by the then Constituent Assembly in 1949, is being observed today. The State Level Observation was held at the Banquet Hall of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Manipur Rifles in Imphal. Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Yumnam Joykumar Singh took the pledge to solemnly affirm the preamble of the Constitution of India. He also released the diglot (English-Manipuri) edition of Constitution of India in the Observation. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh said, we all have to understand and try to appreciate the Constitution of India which is a vibrant and dynamic one. He said, by knowing the importance of the Constitution, we will be able to follow the basic principles and ideals of the Constitution. Joykumar Singh also said, for a welfare state, every citizen have the responsibility to uphold the basic principles which are enshrined in the Constitution. We all have to enjoy the fundamental rights given by the Constitution and also ensure that fundamental duties should also be followed so that we will be able to contribute in the society. Observing that the Preamble itself defines the basic structure of the Constitution, Deputy Chief Minister said, the Constitution of India which

came into force on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950 gives equality of status and opportunity to all citizens of our country. The written constitution which is unitary in spirit gives a federal structure to the Union of India. Changes in the Constitution have been taking place from time to time according to the needs which itself defines what dynamism is all about in the Constitution. He appealed the gathering to

understand the basic principles of our Constitution to enable us to be a responsible citizen for the welfare of the country. Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly Yumnam Khemchand Singh in his Presidential speech said, all systems in the world have a guiding principle through which their nature of duties have been established. Like this, our Constitution is the guiding

force of which all aspects of democratic setup and nature of duties have been established in the country. As a responsible citizen, we all have to abide by the Constitution in every sphere of our lives, he added. TA & Hills Minister N. Kayisii, Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian, DGP, Addl. CSs, Commissioners and officials participated among others in the observation.

## Public urinal constructed by plastic waste inaugurated

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For the first time in the history of Manipur, a public urinal was constructed using waste plastic bottle filled by plastic waste package product like Talab, Sampoo among others, was inaugurated today at Wangjing Heitupokpi in Thoubal district. All credit goes to Likmabam Binodkumar (age 41) son of Damu, a resident of Wangjing Heitupokpi, as he is the person who collected waste plastic bottles and other plastic waste and filled it in the bottle for making it as construction material. Narengbam Rajivkumar, who is the president of "Go Clean" Wangjing inaugurated the public urinal built by using plastic waste as construction material. "I was inspired after coming across people in some country using waste plastic



bottles as construction material by filling it with sand", Likmabam Binodkumar, who is also an entrepreneur, said while talking to reporters during the inauguration function. "I was always concerned about the waste plastic of package edible and other household chores like Talab, Sampoo. etc that are polluting the

earth", Likmabam Binodkumar said and added that finally he decided to collect the plastic waste and filled it in waste bottles for using it as construction materials. A waste plastic filled plastic bottle weigh around 250 gm to 350 gm. A total of 976 such bottled were used in constructing the 5 ft 8 inches tall toilet.

## NEFIS condemns molest of a woman by Security Force

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) expressed strong condemnation of the incident of molestation of a woman from Kuki community by the personnel of Assam Rifles in Churachandpur last week. The incident happened when the woman was frisked on the pretext of checking by the personnel. The personnel which

included women brutally molested the victim and forced her to undress. Moreover, according to reports the personnel took photographs of her private parts. The incident has left the people in the area in a state of fear as such incidents indicate the impunity provided to army personnel. NEFIS demanded immediate apprehension and strict punishment for the personnel

who were involved in the incident. It also demands a probe into the incident and other such incidents by an independent committee. NEFIS further believes that the impunity granted to personnel is the main reason behind such incidents and calls upon all communities in the North-East to stand unitedly against AFSPA which provides such impunity to army personnel.

## Getting to play pony here a unique experience: Jorge Vasquez

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Team USA has been part of the Manipur Polo International tournament since 2013 when it participated for the first time and their association has continued uninterrupted to this 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the tournament. The team this time is led by Jorge Vasquez who was here two years back. The other members of the team are: Tommy Huber, George Krabbe and Ben Lynch. Let's get to know them a little better. First up is the captain Jorge Vasquez who is a professional polo player with a handicap of two goals. Besides playing polo, Jorge coaches the University of Kentucky polo team and gives polo lessons to high school kids. He plays for the Gainesway Farm Polo as also manage the team. Jorge started riding a horse when he was barely 5 years and started playing polo around the age of 17. What Jorge found the most exciting about the game of polo is the freedom to do anything in the field, riding at high speed, coming to an abrupt halt, changing directions, among

other things. Recalling previous experience of playing here, he said it was an honour to play in the oldest living pologround in the world. He found it amazing how spectators got behind the home team cheering them every moment of the game. He also found that tournament every competitive and liked the idea of swapping the horses, who gave both the teams a level playing field. He is also trained in breeding horses. The US team, Jorge feels is a lot more prepared and team members are gelling well as a unit, there is better understanding between them, and they have a fair idea as to

how to go about improving their game. For George Krabbe also it is the second time he is participating in this tournament and he is happy to be back again. George Krabbe, 30 years of age, is from Connecticut, about 45 miles from New York city. His father Dave Krabbe is a farmer and mother Sherrod is into finance consultancy. As with many other polo players, George started riding and playing Polo at a very young age. At present he is a one goal player and has represented the University of Connecticut. George also owns nine polo horses. **Contd on Page 2**

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(II) Son from Rabi Chand Singh Date of Birth 02/03/1993  
(III) Daughter Chandrapati from Date of Birth 27/09/1999  
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