

National News

India, Nepal jointly inaugurate 1st cross-border petroleum products Motihari-Amlekhganj pipeline

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reiterated India's commitment to support the development of Nepal according to priorities of the neighbouring country. He expressed hope that the two countries will move fast to further broaden their partnership and deepen it in the diverse fields.

Mr. Modi said this while while inaugurating the first ever cross-border petroleum products pipeline in South

Asia, the Motihari-Amlekhganj petroleum product pipeline with his Nepalese counterpart KP Sharma Oli through video conferencing. The Prime Minister said, it is a matter of great satisfaction that this first cross-border petroleum pipeline has been completed in record time and the credit goes to Nepalese leadership and joint efforts of the two countries. Mr. Modi added that the two nations have completed important bilateral projects and have quickly achieved results from

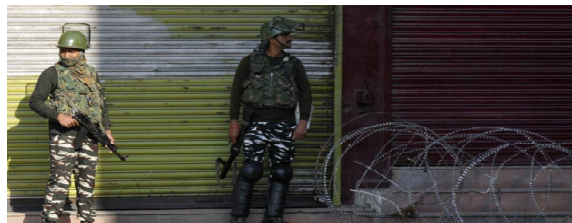
several other initiatives in the last five years including inaugurating of Pashupatinath Dharmashala and ICP Veerganj. Mr. Modi said, India and Nepal have come to an unprecedented close at the highest political level and have been in regular contacts over the past few years. The Prime Minister also talked about India's support to Nepal for reconstruction works after the devastating earthquake in 2015 and expressed

happiness that due to bilateral cooperation, people in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts have got their shelters back. Speaking on the occasion, the Nepalese Prime Minister said thanked the Indian government for its support. He said India-Nepal relation is not limited to a project and it is so deep and dense that no area of co-operation is left. The Motihari-Amlekhganj petroleum product pipeline is over 60 km-long. As of now, tankers carry petroleum products from India to Nepal as part of an arrangement which is in place since 1973.

India rejects China, Pak joint statement on J&K, pans economic corridor too

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India on Tuesday firmly rejected a reference to Jammu and Kashmir in a statement put out by China and Pakistan over the weekend that had described the Kashmir issue as a dispute left from history. "We reject the reference to Jammu & Kashmir in the joint statement issued by China and Pakistan after the recent visit of Chinese Foreign Minister. J&K is an integral part of India," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said on Tuesday. New Delhi also told the two countries to stop work on the China Pakistan Economic Corridor that passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. "We call on the parties concerned to cease such actions," Kumar said. India has consistently expressed concerns to both China and Pakistan on the



projects in so-called 'China Pakistan Economic Corridor', which is in the territory of India that has been illegally occupied by Pakistan since 1947. "India is resolutely opposed to any actions by other countries to change the status quo in Pakistan occupied J&K," Kumar said. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who was on a two-day visit to Pakistan, had described the relationship between the two countries as "rock-solid and unbreakable".

China did, at Islamabad's instance, call for a closed-door meeting at the United Nations Security Council in the wake of India's decision to revoke Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. But that initiative didn't get far due to overwhelming support for India's stand. In a statement, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's office noted that Khan during his talks with Wang "underscored that friendship with China is the corner stone of Pakistan's

foreign policy". He also "highlighted that 'all-weather strategic cooperative partnership' between the two countries is deeply rooted in mutual trust and respect and is an anchor of peace and stability in the region and beyond."

President Kovind to hold bilateral meeting with his Iceland's counterpart today

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President Ram Nath Kovind will hold bilateral meeting with his counterpart in Iceland today on the second day of his three-nation tour of Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia. Both India and Iceland have evinced keen interest in furthering trade and cultural relations and number agreements will be signed between both the countries after the delegation-level talks today.

Later in the day today President will deliver a lecture on environmental issues in the University of Iceland. AIR Correspondent reports that India is keen on extending cooperation in the field of biotechnology and IT sector and Iceland is keen on Indian participation in Science and Technology, geo thermal energy, education and Tourism. The scenic locations in Iceland are being offered to Bollywood. CEOs of Indian companies who are part of the business delegation are exploring possibilities of investment in Iceland in the areas of renewable energy, travel and hospitality and hydro electric projects.

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A R organises awareness campaign on swachh bharat abhiyan

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As part of Government's flagship programme 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised an awareness campaign at Upper Khoripok village and Thoubal Leitanthem Kanhai Junior High School on yesterday. The campaign by the battalion included a series of events including awareness lectures, cleanliness drives and mass rallies to sensitise the local populace about the importance of clean and

healthy environment. As part of the campaign, a mass rally and awareness lecture on 'Swachh Bharat Mission' were organised by Thoubal Company Operating Base (COB) of the Battalion. The rally was undertaken by the school students with great zeal and enthusiasm from their school playground and went around the neighbouring areas, spreading the message of 'Clean India, Green India'. The rally was followed by an awareness lecture on the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' at the school and efforts required by everyone to contribute to the society and Nation building. The event

witnessed overwhelming participation by the school students and teachers. Likewise Upper Khoripok COB organised an interactive lecture for the villagers of Upper Khoripok village. It was followed by a cleanliness drive by the troops of the COB along with the villagers. The locals were also informed on global warming, its harmful effects and benefits of tree plantation to counter it. The school staff, students and locals expressed profound gratitude to the Assam Rifles for their sustained efforts to sensitise the masses on such an important issue of clean and healthy environment.

Assam Rifles conducts anti drug awareness campaign

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Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted an anti drug awareness campaign for drug free Manipur along with Joint Committee on People Welfare Yairipok at Yaipha (JCPWY) Lamjing Mera Club, Yairipok Malom on 08th September. As part of the campaign, an

informative lecture was conducted to generate awareness about the ill effects of drug among the youth and to guide them to lead a healthy and prosperous life. The lecture gave the audience an insight about harmful effects of drug on the human body. The lecture was attended by over 250 people from the area including SP Thoubal, President and Vice President of JCPWY, Zila Parishad of

Wangkhem, Pradhan and Vice Pradhan of Ningel GP. The campaign was a success in informing the villagers on this sensitive issue and various measures to counter the drug menace. The villagers expressed deep gratitude for organising such awareness campaigns from time to time and appreciated the efforts and commitment of Assam Rifles to the cause of making Manipur a drug free state.

Sports News

Delhi's Sakshi Chaudhary & Haryana's Neha shine on Day 2 of Junior Women's Boxing Nationals

By a Correspondent
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Delhi and Haryana dominated the proceedings as preliminary bouts continued at the 3rd Junior Women's National Boxing Championships in Rohtak, Haryana on Monday. Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg) and Ayushi Pal (54kg) kept alive Delhi's medal hopes while Tannu (52kg) and Neha (54kg) made Haryana proud with their wins.

Sakshi was dominant in her bout against Assam's Aikon Mili whom she pummeled 4-1. Ayushi was declared a winner by RSC in Round 1 against Orissa's Ayusmita Panigrahy. Amidst loud cheers from the home crowd, Tannu ran away to a 4-1 win over Maharashtra's Simran Verma. Her statemate Neha was absolutely flawless in her contest with Uttar Pradesh's Varsha Singh whom she annihilated 5-0. Chandigarh also had a win on Day 2 of this tournament with Rishita (54kg) securing a RSC in Round 1 win over Sikkim's Tenzing Palmu Bhutia. Punjab shone through Poonam in 54kg



after she pocketed a RSC in R1 win over Kerala's Akshaya Pin 54kg. Mizoram's Ruthi Lalhmingthai emerged a 4-1 winner over Punjab's Babli in 52kg while Telangana's Tripti J blanked Arunachal Pradesh's Raha Phara 5-0 in 54kg. Goa too got on the winners' column through Neha Kadam who did not break a sweat in her commanding 5-0 victory over West Bengal's Monika Mallick in 52kg. Maharashtra's Nasweera Mujawar (54kg)

dropped a point on her way to a 4-1 win over Uttarakhand's Aarti Dairiyal. The six-day tournament, which will pick out the best of India's rising female pugilists, has a total of 233 boxers participating from 27 states across 13 weight categories. While the preliminary rounds will continue till Tuesday, the quarter-finals are scheduled to take place on Wednesday followed by the semi-finals on Thursday and the grand finale on Friday.

North east News

Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely in Northeast

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya during the next 24 hours. "Heavy rainfall at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, Saurashtra and Kutch,

Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura," the IMD stated in its All India Weather Warning Bulletin. Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning very likely at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. www.skymetweather.com has also predicted heavy

rainfall in the northeast during the next 24 hours. It reported about a cyclonic circulation over East Assam. The www.skymetweather.com reported that during the next 24 hours, active Monsoon may be witnessed over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, parts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Citizenship Bill will change demography of NE: Neiphiu Rio

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Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio on Monday said that the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill which is a highly controversial will completely change the demography of the Northeast, if it is implemented by the Centre. CM Rio had strongly opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in the presence of Union

Home Minister Amit Shah at the fourth NEDA conclave and said that all the Northeastern states had resolved earlier that they would not let the legislation affect the region. "We believe it will change the demography of the North East. We need to understand the ground situation," Rio said. He hoped that Shah and the central government would "listen to us".

Rio also said that the negotiations on the Naga Peace accord were at an advanced stage. "We are hopeful of a solution very soon. We have also formed a joint legislation group," he added. Rio also sought support of all the states of the region to amicably settle the Nagaland issue as it was the "mother of all issues in the Northeast".

India to open their campaign at men's World Boxing C'ships today

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In boxing, India will open their campaign at the ongoing men's World Championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia, today. India's Brijesh Yadav (81kg) will take on Poland's Maleusz

Goiniski in the opener. Other Indian pugilists to compete in the Championships are Amit Panghal, Ashish Kumar, Sanjeet, Kavinder Singh Bisht and Duryodhan Singh Negi. The World Championship features more than 450 boxers from 87

countries. It was meant to be an Olympic qualifier but the administrative mess in the International Boxing Association (IBA) prompted the International Olympic Committee to strip it of that status.