

Minister Shyamkumar disqualification case : Speaker directs both party to submit arguments on or before February 12

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Hearing of the disqualification case of Minister Th. Shyamkumar which has been pending for a long time begins today at the Speaker's Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The Supreme Court has earlier directed the

State Legislative Assembly to take up the pending case within four week times in January 21, 2020.

After hearing the submission from both the counsel of the petitioner and the respondent were listened by the Speaker and directed both the party to submit their respective arguments in written on or before February 12, 2020.

Minister Shyamkumar's counsel pray the tribunal by filing an application for taking up the matter only after February 11, 2020, as the matter has been pending for quite a long time and in view of the Budget Session to be commenced from February 14, 2020. However the Speaker rejected the plea for adjournment.

Unidentified man attacks a woman by chopping on her head with a knife; condition critical

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A 46 years old woman was critically injured after an unknown person attacked her using a knife. The report said that the person chopped at the woman's face and head and escaped from the spot. The woman identified as Thingujam Somola (46) wife of Mohonmacha of Charangpat Mamang Leikai

sustained serious injury and is undergoing treatment at Shija Hospital.

Report reaching here said that the incident happened at around 2:30 pm yesterday at a place called Selom Loukol of Charangpat Mayai Leikai in Thoubal district. The lady was reportedly found lying in a pool of blood at the left main canal. She was taken to the Thoubal district Hospital and later referred to Shija Hospital

as her situation deteriorated. The injured lady Somola is survived by her husband, a daughter who had completed Master Degree and a son doing 5 semester graduation. The reason behind the attack could not be established at the moment and the police team who rushed to the incident spot are investigating the crime. Till the filing of this report, the police team recovered a blood-stained

knife, a white towel, and a black colour jogging shirt. However, the police are yet to find the culprit.

Condemning the gruesome criminal act locals of Charangpat staged a sit-in protest demanding immediate arrest of the culprit involved to the attack on the women. Other placards urging to stop any form of crime against women were also displayed.

Prime Minister to participate in the celebrations of the signing Historic Bodo Agreement in Assam

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall be visiting Kokrajhar in Assam to participate in the celebrations of the signing of the Bodo Agreement, on February 7, 2020.

More than 4,00,000 people

from the BTAD districts and all over Assam are expected to attend the programme. A Cultural programme of ethnic groups of Assam is being organised by the State Government, to showcase the diversity of the state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall address the gathering to hail the historic Bodo Agreement signed in January this year, by including the leading stakeholders under one framework.

The agreement was signed in New Delhi on the 27th of January 2020.

In a tweet from his personal handle Prime Minister termed the day as "a very special day for India" and that the accord, "will lead to a transformative results for Bodo People, ushering in a new dawn of

peace, harmony & togetherness".

The agreement is in accordance with the Prime Minister's vision of "SabkaSaathSabkaVikas" and commitment towards a holistic development of the North-East, ending a five decade old Bodo crisis.

Prime Minister, in his tweet said, "Bodo Agreement stands out for many reasons. Those who were previously associated with armed resistance groups will now be entering the mainstream and contributing to our nation's progress".

Accordingly, over 1615 cadres of different factions of the NDFB have surrendered their arms and joined the mainstream within two days of the signing of the agreement.

"The Accord with Bodo groups will further protect and popularise the unique culture of the Bodo people. They will get access to a wide range of development oriented initiatives. We are committed to doing everything possible to help the Bodo people realise their aspirations", the Prime Minister said in his tweet.

A special package of Rs 1500 Crore is earmarked for the development of the region.

The recent signing of the Bru-Reang Agreement signed by the Government of India and Governments of Mizoram, Tripura, to provide relief and succour to over 35,000 Bru-Reang Refugees and the surrendering of over 85 Cadres of the NLFT in Tripura stand testimony to the

continued commitment and vision of the Prime Minister for the overall development and peace of the North-East.

In his interaction with the Nation through the "Mann Ki Baat" programme on the Republic Day, the Prime Minister gave a clarion call to all those on the path of violence to return to the mainstream and lay down arms.

"On the solemn occasion of Republic day, I would appeal to anyone in any part of the country, who's still seeking solutions to problems through violence and weapons, to return to the mainstream. They should have faith in their own capabilities and the capabilities of this country to resolve issues peacefully", he said.

Academic activities in govt. colleges affected as FEGOCTA continues boycott protest

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Classes at major government colleges in the state continue to be severely affected as Federation of Government College Teachers' Associations, Manipur (FEGOCTA) continued class boycott agitation for the second day.

The College teachers' body have been demanding implementation of 7th UCG Pay

and Regulations, 2018. The teachers' body had begun their agitation some three days back by staging sit-in-protest at various colleges. Class boycott agitation is a harder agitation that they began today.

Boycott and protest by the teachers community under the aegis of FEGOCTA were held today at GP College, Imphal College, Manipur College and United College Chandel.

BJP Mandal Khundrakpam urges govt. to check irregularities in the construction of a bridge at Yumnam Patlou

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Three days after Peace and Development Coordinating Committee (PDCC) imposed 24-hour BJP Khundrakpam Mandal today echo the demand saying that the trust to the BJP led government will get a bad name if those involved in the irregularities committed to the construction of Yumnam Patlou Bridge in Khundrakpam Assembly Constituency have not been checked.

President of the

Khundrakpam BJP Mandal M. Debaratan while speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club said that they have found discrepancies to the implementation of the work program for construction of the bridge and that the matter cannot be concealed as people have proof about the PWD engineers knowing to work hand-in-glove with the subcontractor. He urged the Chief Minister and the Work Minister to look into the matter with extra seriousness so that the image of the BJP remains clean.

UTCOM demands ADC election to hold in June

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United Tribal Civil Organisations' Manipur (UTCOM) has submitted memorandum to the Chairman, Hill Area Committee (HAC), Manipur legislative Assembly to hold the upcoming ADC election before rainy season i.e. June. United Tribal Civil Organisations' Manipur (UTCOM) represent various tribal civil organisations. The memorandum stated that in the last ADC Election, 2015,

the State Election Commission, Manipur issued the notification on 30th April, 2015 for polling/holding the election to six Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) and election was held on June 1, 2015 between 7:00 am and 4:30 pm. The last date for filing of nominations was May 6, 2015. Scrutiny was held on May 7, 2015 and last date for withdrawal of nomination was May 11, 2015. If necessary, re-polling was to be held on June 6, 2015 and counting was conducted on 10 June, 2015. The entire

election processes were completed by June 17, 2015. As the month of June is a rainy month where there are frequent landslides, falling of trees, muddy road etc. Thus, for the far flung hill areas/villagers, it is extremely difficult for campaign and voting's. Most of the hill villages have no proper roads and they live in difficult terrain areas. And old aged persons and persons with disabilities suffered the most.

It further said that Hill Areas Committee (HAC) resolution

passed on 16th January, 2020 and recommended on 29th January, 2020 for holding of upcoming ADC election in the month of November, 2020 is totally reject/oppose and such decision is against the wishes of hill people. Because the month of November is harvesting season, specially for the hill areas. And, UTCOM suggest to the State Government that in the month of April and May is most convenience season/schedule for the hill people for holding of upcoming ADC election.

First Film City foundation stone laid by Art & Culture Minister

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Minister, Art & Culture, L. Jayantakumar Singh today laid the foundation stone of the First ever Film City to be under the Centre for Culture & Moving Images (Cultural & Heritage Complex) in Manipur at Ringui village, Ukhrul District.

Minister, as Chief Guest at the foundation stone laying function, expressed his desire in getting a larger platform for a change when he got elected in the year 2000. He said that taking charge as Art & Culture

Minister, he always thought of fulfilling his desire to develop the vast rich Culture in the State. Culture is a state of the mind where a person feels of expressing his views, whether of the nature or of the person's society, he added. Minister further said that, with the initiative of the talented director of the Manipur State Film & Television Institute, Prof. Nilotpal Majumdar and his desire to promote the young talents of this region in this field, the ministerial team decided to visit Ringui and select a site for the film city

during his previous visit. Minister Jayantakumar said that Art & Culture Department has earmarked a budget for developing the site. He expressed his views in handling the fund in their own hands to demarcate the land in consultation with the village headman and other interested stakeholders. Minister further asserted that necessary assistance will be made at his end to those who have donated their land for this good cause and for doing this, local MLA will also be kept in touch when the situation demands.

Later, Minister and his team also visited a Free Health Camp organised by State AYUSH Society, Manipur near the venue. Taking a note on the Free Health Camp, Minister Jayantakumar said that there is immense scope to grow medicinal plants in and around Ukhrul. Nursery plants will be provided at free of cost to the farmers if there is interest in growing such medicinal plants of high value in the market. Marketing for the produces will be facilitated by the Government for the convenience of the farmers. Member Secretary, Manipur



State Medicinal Plant Board, Dr. A. Guneshwore Sharma and other AYUSH officials were also present at the Free Health Camp. Khashim Vashum, MLA - 45 Chingai A/C, M. Joy Singh,

IAS, Commissioner Art & Culture and Prof. Nilotpal Majumdar, Director, Manipur State Film & Television Institute were also present at the foundation stone laying function.

56th CANA General conference begins

IT News
Tengnoupal, Feb. 4

The 56th General Conference of Chothhe Athouru Ngei Abom-CANA (Chothhe Students Union Manipur) began Today Under the theme "To Glorify Our Heritage Culture" at Maohulon (Khongthang) in Tengnoupal District.

The inaugural function was graced by Advisor to Chairman of Autonomous District Council (ADC) Chandel Th. Hopeson Chothhe as Chief Guest, President of CLAM Th. Mingthing as Guest of Honour and Chief Functionary of UTDO Y. Romeo as Function President. CANA President Pr. Parton said that the most encouraging sign of the times is just this confident and ever glorifying towards our heritage culture. He said that we are uplifting to glorify our heritage culture at this the 56th CANA Conference at Mouhulon village.

"We are indeed living in our culture recognizing our culture is the strength we've gained.", he added. Miss CANA-2020, Traditional Attire Show, Solo (Chothhe Love Song) and several competitions such as Football, Volleyball, Athletic, etc will be conducted during the meet. The valedictory function of the general conference will be conducted on February 8.