

51 RS MP including K Bhabananda of Manipur to be retired in April; 11 hardcore members on the race for the post of President of BJP Manipur Pradesh

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Fifty-one Rajya Saha MP from various states of the Country including K. Bhabananda of Manipur will retire with the completion of their tenure in April this year. As for the state of Manipur, K. Bhabananda besides being the Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha still is the president of the BJP Manipur Pradesh and rumours are around about

his possible return to the Rajya Sabha seat. But Source from the BJP said that K. Bhabananda's tenure for staying as president of the BJP Manipur Pradesh too have expired and the center may take a decision for appointment of a new President of the BJP Manipur Pradesh after the general Assembly Election of New Delhi which will be held on February 8, 2020, and complete on February 22. At least eleven aspirants of the post from among the BJP

hardcore workers including a Minister and the present president are lobbying the central leadership of the BJP, a source said. But one cannot predict or speculate on who will be chosen for the top post for BJP in Manipur will be handed over as the political theatre in Manipur is extraordinarily different from other state and BJP central leadership may choose anyone, no matter they apply or lobby for the post as the BJP's main

agenda is to strengthen the party organization. Among the 51 members of Rajya Sabha who will be retiring in April 2020 includes Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh, veteran NCP leader Sharad Pawar and Union Minister of state for social welfare Ramdas Athawale. While seven Rajya Sabha seats from Maharashtra will be vacated, six members from Tamil Nadu will be retired. Moreover, 5 seats each from West Bengal and

Bihar, four each from Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, three each from Rajasthan, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh and two each from Telangana, Jharkhand and Chhatisgarh will be vacated. One member each will retire from Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur. The maximum strength of the Rajya Sabha is 245. While 233 are representatives of the states and union territories, 12 are nominated by the President.

Bodo Peace accord paves way for permanent peace in North East, says PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today attended the celebration for signing of the Bodo Accord today. Nearly 4 to 5 lakh people are attended in the event. A bike rally was taken out by All Bodo Students Union yesterday welcoming the accord and Prime Minister's visit. Apart from the Prime Minister, Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal and his ministerial colleagues will attend the event. The Tripartite Bodo Agreement was signed between the Centre, Assam Government and the banned Assam-based insurgent group National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) on 27th of last month. The Agreement is aimed at bringing political and economic benefits to the Bodo tribe, which is one of the largest tribes of Assam. Attending the celebration Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the Kokrajhar rally the largest in Independent India. Modi is in Assam's Kokrajhar district to celebrate the signing of Bodo Peace Accord. While addressing a huge gathering at Kokrajhar, Modi said, "I've seen a lot of rallies in my political and public life, but I have never seen such a large crowd. This is certainly one of the largest political rallies in India in the post-Independence era."

Modi said, "I want to assure Assamese people that there will be no mass infiltration." "We won't allow a situation in Northeast where genuine Indian citizens are refugees in their own homelands," added the PM. He said that Centre will work expeditiously for implementation of the Clause 6 of Assam Accord once the report is submitted. Modi said that the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) has been withdrawn from most of the North-eastern state since BJP government assumed power. "Before we came to power, AFSPA was in force in most of the states in Northeast. After we came to power, the Act has been revoked from most regions in Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya, & Arunachal Pradesh," he said.

Students of DM Arts appeals to resolve the FEGOCTA's agitation

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Student Union of the DM College of Arts today appealed the government authority to end the present class boycott agitation by teachers by resolving the issue demand by the FEGOCTA. Federation of Government College Teachers' Associations, Manipur (FEGOCTA) has been undergoing class boycott agitation since the last 4 days affecting academic activities at many of the government colleges. The College teachers' body has 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. The student body while talking to media persons today afternoon said that if the students are not allowed to study due to the result of the class boycott agitation then, the students' body may launch unwanted agitation, said student representative Sunaj Takhehlyum. He further said that a meeting of the DM College of Arts students was held on Feb 5 and as per resolution in the meeting the students' body had demanded to start the class immediately by solving the issue of the FEGOCTA. The student body also demanded to fill the vacant post of faculties in the colleges besides the installation of required infrastructures. Meanwhile, meeting between the FEGCTA and the Education Minister yesterday fails to arrive at an amicable solution and FEGOCTA stands firm with their demand saying that they will continue their agitation until their demand is fulfilled.

AR personnel arrested with huge quantity of contraband WY tablet in Imphal-Moreh Route

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When heated arguments are going on to the credibility of Manipur Police after state cabinet resolved to replace Assam Rifle at Khudengthabi Check post by State police, in the aftermath of an incident at which a lady IPS officer was reportedly harassed by a personnel of the AR at the Check post on January 19, state police team under the supervision of Thoubal District Police SP Dr. Ibomcha, seized huge quantity of contraband WY tablet from an Assam Rifle personnel. Yengkhom Bikram Singh, a personnel of 6th Assam Rifles (recently shifted to Arunachal Pradesh from Manipur) was caught while smuggling contraband drugs popularly known as WY tablets worth over Rs. Two lakh at Wangjing area in Imphal-Moreh route yesterday evening at around 8.30 pm. Police source said that the contraband drugs



were seized while checking a silver colour Maruti Swift car, at which he was driving towards Imphal.

"Yesterday i.e. 6/02/2020 at around 8.30 pm, our QRT team of CDO Thoubal at Wangjing Bazar on the Imphal-Moreh

highway while conducting random checking of vehicles detained one car Maruti Swift Dzire silver in colour, bearing registration number MN 01AG 2307. On proper checking found one black airbag in the back of the car. On opening the airbag found 23 packets containing 2,30,000 (2 lakhs 30 thousand) WY tablets in total. The detained person is found to be a personnel of 6th Assam Rifles (recently shifted to Arunachal Pradesh from Manipur), GD number 5003963 M, namely Yengkhom Bikram Singh (35 yrs) s/o Y. Chandramohun @ Mohan Singh of Kakching Moirangthem Leikai, presently posted, the communication sent by the QRT team of Manipur Police to their higher authority. It is not mentioned on how the AR personnel crossed the Khudengthabi Check post and others located along the route with the huge quantity of Contraband drugs.

"As part of the Accord, Rs 1500 cr for Bodo areas of Assam."

5-day Cultural Holiday Peace Camp organized by UFO begins

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5-day Cultural Peace Camp organized by Universal Friendship Organization (UFO) at a place called Universal Home at Serou in Kakching District yesterday. MLA Dr. Y Radheshyam, MLA L. Rameshwar Meetei and members of BAR Council Manipur, who is also the chairman of the Dedicated Legal Services Council Manipur Kh. Ibomyama Mangang and Vic President of NPP Laishram Subash attended the inaugural function as dignitaries. MLA Dr. Yumnam Radheshyam while speaking on the occasion lauded the effort of the UFO which has been dedicating for bringing peace and prosperity among the people of this planet. He wishes the UFO attained their goal with the

blessing of the almighty. Radheshyam also expressed his worried over the degradation of our traditional culture among the people particularly the youths of today. He said the society is fortunate enough to have an organization like the UFO which has come forward to protect the identity, culture, and tradition of Manipur. MLA Rameshwar while speaking on the occasion expressed worried about the systematic decline of Meitei population due to either infertile or family planning. Besides, the culture of the divide among our people is a serious issue that the people of Manipur should consider, the MLA said. Cultural Holiday Peace Camp will be concluded on February 10. Members from 36 battalions of the UFO are taking part in the camp.

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An organization called Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee, Manipur has expressed serious concern to the excessive cutting of fully grown-up trees at Cheiroaching Thangmeiband Snam Leikai, as a part of the ongoing Eco-Tourism Development works by Manipur Police Housing Corporation Ltd. beyond the requirement. A press statement of the organization said that their members while visiting the spot found many fully grown trees being cut down unnecessarily even as they have got Environmental

Environments criticize cutting of unnecessary trees for developing Eco-Park; ADAM to organise a brainstorming session

clearance. Stating that such unnecessary cutting of trees beyond requirement is likely to make meaningless about the development works taken up for Eco-Tourism. The organization appealed to government authority to check over the matter. Meanwhile, Alliance for Development of Alternative Manipur (ADAM) Kakching which had to turn a tansured Hill - Angan Ching also known as Mahadeva Ching into a greenery zone with many trees being grown restoring the hill into another forest in Kakching district is organizing a brainstorming session for the conservation of the natural resource in the state.

According to Surjit Kshtrimayum, the man behind the initiative said that after ADAM was established in 2002 they began Sunday Eco Club since 2004 and has been taking up various activities to protect the environment by way of planting trees, cleaning the environment and by spreading awareness campaigns. The Sunday Eco Club is organizing the brainstorming session at Angan Ching Eco Park on Sunday, February 9. Prof. N. Rajmuhon will be the moderator of the brainstorming session, said Surjit Kshtrimayum, who is the man behind converting the tansured Angan Ching into a dense forest.

The government on Monday signed an accord with one of the dreaded insurgent groups of Assam — the National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB)— providing political and economic bonanza. The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU), which has been spearheading a movement for a separate Bodoland state was also made a signatory to the accord. The tripartite agreement was signed by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, top leadership of the four factions of the NDFB, ABSU, Joint Secretary in the Home Ministry Satyendra Garg and Assam Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Meanwhile, union Home Minister Amit Shah today said that the Bodo Peace Accord is yet another testimony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisive leadership and his efforts to bring lasting peace in Assam. In a tweet, Mr Shah said, Modi Government is a symbol of new hopes.