

## One day State Assembly session on Monday: Session to endorse extension of reservation of Marginalised community and not ILP

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One day State Assembly session of the 11th Manipur legislative Assembly may be held on Monday amidst hue and cry from the oppositions and the CSO for framing of an effective regulation of the Inner Line permit regulations. Source however, said that the one day special session is summoned to endorse the extension of the reservation of the Schedule Tribe (ST), Schedule Caste (SC) and other marginalized community by amending the

Article 334 of the constitution for another period of 10 (ten) years. The Speaker of the house is unlikely to allow discussion of any other issues like the ILP as official gazette has already been issued and ILP has been already enforced since January 1, official source said. The Union Cabinet on December 4, 2019 has approved a proposal to extend reservation for SCs, STs and Anglo-Indian community in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies for 10 years. The reservation for these categories in the Lok Sabha

and assemblies will be expired on January 25, 2020. According to the Ministry of Law and Justice Article 334 of the Constitution lays down that the provisions of the Constitution relating to the reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the representation of the Anglo-Indian community by nomination in the Lok Sabha and in the Legislative Assemblies of the States shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of thirty years from the commencement of the constitution.

Although the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes have made considerable progress in the last thirty years, the reasons which weighed with the Constituent Assembly in making provisions with regard to the aforesaid reservation of seats and nomination of members, have not ceased to exist. It is, therefore, proposed to continue the reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the representation of Anglo-Indians by the nomination for a further period of ten years.

## Central BJP leaders roll head on whether to replace RS MP Bhavananda or not

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Central leaderships of the BJP roll head on whether to replace Rajma Sabha MP K Bhavananda or to let him continue by nominating him once more as candidate as the term for Rajya Sabha MP of four north east states including Manipur is over.

Source said that election for the 4 Rajya Sabha MPs of the four states of North East - Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh along with 65 other seats from different states may be held shortly. With K Bhavananda, the RS MP of Manipur, experiencing bitter performance in the utilization of his MPLAD (Local Area Development Fund) with media in the state including Imphal Times exposing the misappropriations, the central leadership is doing intense home work to nominate someone who will clean the bad taste of BJP by nominating a dedicated BJP

man which have clean background, a source close to Imphal Times said. On the contender to the post there are several BJP leaders of the state lobbying the Central leadership at new Delhi, however, BJP being a discipline political party might not go to the pressure of any individual but will consult with its parivaar and other grassroot level BJP workers while deciding on whom to be nominated for the Rajya Sabha seat, the source added. All together 69 members including the 4 from the NE will be retired from the Upper House this year.

The four RS MP from NE states who will be retiring are Mukut Mithi (Arunachal Pradesh), K Bhavananda Singh (Manipur), Wansuk Syiem (Meghalaya), and Ronald Sapa Tlau (Mizoram). In the 250-member house, the BJP has 83 members and the Congress has 46 members and the maximum number of MPs are retiring from Uttar Pradesh, followed by seven

from Maharashtra, six from Tamil Nadu, five each from West Bengal and Bihar. Apart from these states, four seats each will be vacant from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha; three seats each will be vacant in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, two each in Telangana, Haryana, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and one seat each will be vacant in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

The BJP, which is marching towards the majority mark in the Upper House, however, is unlikely to make substantial gain due to its string of defeats in the state assembly polls in 2018 and 2019. Only Uttar Pradesh, where 10 seats are getting vacant, is likely to be some help for the BJP as the party has its government in the state. However, BJP's loss in the State Assembly polls in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand is likely to favour the Congress in the Rajya Sabha.

## Tungjoi villagers wants complete protection of Manipur government to insure protection from Nagaland villagers

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The feelings of alienation among the villagers of Tungjoi, the border village of Manipur Neighbouring state Nagaland seem to have been flushed out as the state government of Manipur under the Chief Minister of Manipur keep continues to win the heart of the villagers by asserting that the government is committed for the cause of the villagers. Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam and PHED Minister Losii Dikho today strengthen the trust of the Tungjoi Villagers which have been fearlessly guarding the territory of Manipur from the intrusion by Villagers of Nagaland with spears, bow and now single bore rifles, by attending in the Tungjoi Glory Day. Tungjoi Glory Day is annual two-day festival of Tungjoi village of Senapati district. The festival has been celebrating since 1970 with the main objective of promoting their indigenous art and culture as well as games and sports.

Taking advantage of the the



presence of Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar, Tungjoi village Authority submitted a memorandum urging the government of Manipur for immediate construction of an approach road till Khezhakeno Village near Nagaland border to protect the present disputed land between the Nagaland counterpart and those of the Manipur.

The memorandum submitted urged the government for immediate construction of a nearly 3 Km stretch road from any available fund of the government of Manipur at the earliest possible time.

There has been a long standing conflict between Tungjoi village, Manipur and Khezhakeno village, Phuk

district, Nagaland on dispute over a land that the Villagers of Tungjoi claimed that a monolith which they had erected at their village was dismantled by villagers of Khezhakeno. Tension still runs high among the two villages as government of both Nagaland and Manipur are yet to solve the issue.

The memorandum said that there is an aged old boundary dispute between Tungjoi Village, Senapati district, Manipur and Khezhakeno Village, Phuk district, Nagaland since 19 century and the same case still remain unsettled. In order to protect the land and the people of Nagaland, the Government of Nagaland carried out so many developmental works in the

disputed land such as construction of an NAP Camp, an Extra- Assistant Commissioner office, one Forest Beat Office, one Border Magistrate Office, black tooping of roads etc. However no such preventive steps have been taken up by the Government of Manipur.

The Tungjoi Villager also urged the Deputy Chief Minister to construct a Community Hall and upgradation of the Sub-Primary Health Centre to Primary Health Centre. Deputy Chief Minister while speaking on the occasion assured to convey the message to the state cabinet and to the Ministers concern who happened to be from his political party.

## Manipur University to organise adventure sports camp for students

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With an aim to empower youths to achieve the qualities of endurance, excellence, courage and fraternity a seven-day children winter adventure sports camp (non-residential) is being organised in Manipur. Schedule from Monday

(January 6) to Sunday (January 12), the camp is being organised by the department of physical education and sports science, Manipur University. Manipur Mountaineering and Trekking Association (MMTA) and M/S Adventure North East India have provided the required

technical support to the camp. This is the first time that such a camp is being organised in Manipur. The camp is an outdoor educational programme for students from Class III to X and they will be taught rock climbing, rappelling, zip-lining, trekking, para-sailing, horse riding, yoga among others.

## A R conducts anti drug awareness drive

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted an Anti Drug awareness drive for Drug Free Manipur yesterday. The awareness drive under the theme "United we stand to fight against drugs for a drug free Manipur" was organised by Chingmeirong Company

Operating Base (COB). The drive was planned in response to the concerns of villagers, paibis and Meira Paibis expressed during the monthly security meet with respect to the youth of the area under danger of falling prey to the drug menace. As part of the drive, an interactive lecture on harmful effect of drugs was conducted to generate awareness about the ill effects

of drugs and to guide everyone to lead a healthy life. Lecture was followed by an interactive session in which various queries of students were answered. The lecture gave an insight about harmful effects of drugs on the human body. The drive was a success in educating the locals and youth on this sensitive issue and various measures to counter the drug menace.

## Heroin seized

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A team of Thoubal Police Commando led by Jem. Md Amin Khan along with the volunteers of YADA (Yumkhaipham Athletic Development Association) recovered 11.200 gms of Heroin No. 4, from the possession of one Md Nasir Hussain (28), son of Md Abdul Halim of Lilong Uku Mathak near oil pump at around 12.30 am today. Report said that seized items along with the arrested person have been handed over to Lilong PS for further necessary action.

By Raju Vernekar  
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BJP has demanded an apology from the Congress for defaming veteran freedom fighter Barrister Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (V D Savarkar) in a booklet titled "Veer Savarkar, Kite 'Veer'?" (How brave was 'Veer Savarkar'?) distributed at All India Congress Seva Dal training camp in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. Maharashtra BJP President Chandrakant Patil, in a statement issued here on Friday, stated that Savarkar was no way responsible for the partition of the country, yet the Congress was blaming him for it. He was acquitted in the

Mahatma Gandhi assassination case, yet the Congress was linking him with that case. "The booklet contains lies and perverted content. A person with such a dedication towards the freedom movement, certainly cannot be defamed, Patil said and added that the Congress should tender an unconditional apology for stooping to such a low level and withdraw the booklet, he added. Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut also targeted Congress over the booklet questioning Hindutva ideologue Savarkar's credentials as a patriot and his reputation for valour. "Veer Savarkar was a great man and will remain a great man. A

relationship with Nathuram Godse, the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi. It mentions and talks about several incidents and questions related to Savarkar which is expected to lead to a major controversy. The questions include 'Did Savarkar encourage Hindus to rape of minority women?' and the answer to the question, as mentioned in the Congress's booklet, is a 'yes'. The booklet also claims that Savarkar had pelted stones at a mosque when he was 12 years old. It describes RSS as a "Nazi and fascist" organisation and that it took inspiration from Hitler's Nazism and Mussolini's fascism. The booklet also

alleges that Savarkar received money from the British after he was released from Andaman's Cellular Jail. Savarkar a fierce revolutionary, had shown an exemplary courage. He was arrested by the then British regime in 1910 and ordered to be extradited to India for his connections with the revolutionary groups like "India House" and the "Free India Society". On the voyage back to India, he staged an attempt to escape and seek asylum in France while the ship was docked in the port of Marseilles. However the French port officials handed him back to the British in contravention of international law. On return to India, he was

sentenced to two life terms of imprisonment totalling fifty years and was moved to the Cellular jail in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. He served ten years of his prison sentence in extreme inhuman conditions, before being released in 1921 after reportedly signing a clemency plea that required him to renounce revolutionary activities. After release, he was moved to Ratnagiri in Maharashtra, where he stayed till 1937. At that time, he was unconditionally released by the newly elected Government of Bombay Presidency. Later he moved to Mumbai (then Bombay). He passed away on 26 February 1966 due to extreme ill health.

## BJP, Congress lock horns over Veer Savarkar