

MHRD directs MU Registrar to start the process for appointment of new VC

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The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has directed the Registrar of the Manipur University to start the process for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor of the Manipur University which has fallen vacant after the dismissal of Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey with effect from February 21, 2020.

In an official communication letter from the MHRD signed by Vijay Kumar, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, the Registrar of the

Manipur University has been directed to convene the meeting of the Executive Council of the University at the earliest possible time and also to provide two nominees of the Executive Council of the Manipur University to the member of the Committee for making panel for selection to the post of Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University. As per the Provision of the Statute 2(1) of the Manipur University Act 2005, the Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from a panel of not less than three persons who shall be recommended by a

Committee. Statute 2(2) of the Manipur University Act, 2005 provides that the Committee shall consist of three persons, out of whom two shall be nominated by the Executive Council and one by the Visitor and the nominee of the Visitor shall be the convener of the Committee. After the prolonged protest, Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey the then VC was put under suspension and Jarnail Singh IAS has been appointed as the Administrator to act as the VC of the Manipur University by the High Court of Manipur on

October 11, 2018. During the tenure of Administrator Jarnail Singh, 209 posts including teaching and non-teaching staffs have been advertised for recruitment and some already had been recruited. The recruitment process was complain following various anomalies found in the process by a person from Guwahati. In response to the complaint the University Grant Commission (UGC) had directed the Registrar of the Manipur University to look into the recruitment process and also to take appropriate action as per the rules and action as per the rules and to intimidate the action taken report to the complainant and the UGC on January 31, 2020. However, According to a source, the Manipur University still fails to comply with the directives of the UGC.

Global death toll from coronavirus surpasses 3000; Number of affected people in India reaches 28

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The novel coronavirus-affected countries as of on March 4 stand at 78 including China, following the outbreak in Wuhan in December 2019, the agency report said. In India, the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus affected people reached 28. So far global death toll from the new coronavirus epidemic surpassed 3,000. As of now Manipur still has no confirmed case of coronavirus even though some suspected cases were found. As of now, all tests conducted were negative as per information from the Manipur state Health

Directorate. Neighbouring country Myanmar which was not in the list of the killer virus affected country now reported 9 suspected cases with one confirmed. Report reaching here from inside Myanmar said that 3 suspected cases affected by COVID 19 have been admitted at a Hospital in Yangon. Among them, 2 are Chinese who came from China and one, a tourist from New Zealand. In addition to this 6 Myanmar cases who returned from outside the country were also under quarantine. One reported admitted at Mandalay Hospital after his wife was confirmed affected. Among the

6 Myanmar cases who were under quarantine, 3 returned from South Korea, 2 from China and 1 from Singapore. According to an agency report, the first suspected coronavirus case of a Chinese visitor in Myanmar was reported on 31 January. The visitor arrived in Yangon on a China Southern Airlines flight, from Guangzhou. Out of the remaining 78 passengers the flight carried, only two were allowed to disembark the plane, while the rest 76 were not, reported Anadolu Agency. Myanmar, however, announced that the suspected case tested negative for the virus.

YFPHR slams CWC Imphal East for negligence to rape victim

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) expressed serious concern over the negligence of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and District Child Protection Unit, Imphal East District by not giving serious attention to the victim of Sexual Assault which occurred on the February 26, 2020 at 11:30 pm at Hiripak Loukol, Nongada Shantipour by two person and leaving the victim unconscious on the field. A statement said that as the victim girl is undergoing serious trauma, the DCPU and CWC Imphal East failed to provide proper psychosocial support to the victim neither

failed to processed for the interim compensation when it is in need for the medication of the victim girl. It is in need of the hour to provide proper care, counselling, medication, etc, which is still yet to be provided by the mentioned institutions. Such inaction of the Child Institution of the state is not the first time being witnessed by YFPHR in the state of Manipur but have witnessed in many instances in connection with sexual assault cases occurred in Manipur. The YFPHR appealed the Social Welfare Minister, Chief Minister and Manipur Human Rights Commission to review the functioning of the Child Institutions of Imphal East District and the state in

general which are presently being remained as name sake child institution.

Arrested KCP leaders brought at Imphal

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Chairman of banned KCP-PWG, Laishram Mangoljao Singh @ Lamyamba Khuman S/o Laishram Mano Singh of Awang Khunou Mayai Leikai and his associate Hijbur Rahman @ Ithemcha Lokhon @ Bobby S/o Md. Babu R/o Sora Maning Leikai from district

Kakching, Manipur who were arrested from Delhi by a team of Manipur Police and Delhi Police were brought today at Imphal. Lamyamba Khuman was brought at Air Asia flight N. 15- 783 that landed here in Imphal Airport at 10.30 am today while Hijbur Rahman was brought at another Air Asia flight N. 15-788 that landed at 1.30 pm

Dhananjay Singh Bags Gold & Bronze in All India Forest Sports Meet

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L Dhananjay Singh, forester, Thoubal Forest Division bagged one gold medal in the Men's Sr. Veteran Free Style and one Bronze in the Men's Veteran free style in Swimming Event to open the account of Manipur in the ongoing five days 25th All India Forest Sports Meet, 2020 which got underway since yesterday at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

A total of 45 players from forest department representing Manipur are participating in the tournament while 2500 players from across the 28 States and seven Union Territories are participating in the event. The tournament will be held in different disciplines which include athletics, archery, badminton, basketball, billiards, snooker, carrom, chess, cricket, cycling, football, golf, hockey,

kabaddi, lawn tennis, shooting, squash, swimming etc. Naveen Patnalk Chief Minister Odisha, Bikram Keshari Arukha Minister Forest & Environment and Parliamentary Affairs Govt. of Odisha and Tusharkanti Behera Minister Sports & Youth Affairs and Electronic & IT Govt. of Odisha were present during the opening function of the sports meet as chief Presidium members respectively.

Minister Letpao Instructs Department Engineers to Highlight Achievements on Amit Shah's visit

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Several government departments have started making arrangements to highlight their respective achievements during the visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on coming March 15. It may be mentioned that the BJP-led state government is planning to showcase its achievements during the last three years through the performances of these various departments. Water Resources Minister Shri Letpao Hooktip today chaired a meeting at the Conference Hall of Secretariat (South Block) to discuss about the arrangements to be taken by the WR department during the visit of the Union Home Minister. Jatintha Lazarus (IAS), Secretary of the department; Chief Engineer Songput N Albert and many top level engineers of the various divisions of the department took part in the inter-departmental meeting. Minister Letpao advised the officials and engineers to

prepare tableaux and miniature models of the various dams and multi-purpose projects taken up under this department for better and effective highlighting of the performance of the WR department.

"Milan 2020 Naval Exercise" postponed amid Coronavirus fears

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The Indian Navy on Tuesday postponed a multi-nation mega naval exercise "Milan 2020" which was scheduled to be held off the coast of Visakhapatnam, from 18 March to 28 March, as part of precautionary measures against the coronavirus outbreak. In a biennial, multilateral naval exercise, over 40 countries were scheduled to participate.. China was not invited to the drills. "MILAN" started in 1995, was conducted at the Andaman and Nicobar Command for the last several years. The exercise was traditionally staged off Port Blair but was moved to the eastern seaboard

this year as it offered better bandwidth for conducting bigger drills. The latest edition of Milan was organised in the backdrop of China's growing naval activity in the Indian Ocean region. "It is for information that "MILAN 2020" - a multilateral naval exercise scheduled to be conducted by the Indian Navy from 18 to 28 Mar 20, at Visakhapatnam, has been postponed taking into consideration the safety of all participants and travel restrictions imposed by the spread of COVID-19," an official statement said. "The decision to put off the drill was taken after several navies indicated their inability to take part in the exercise because of

new coronavirus cases being detected in different parts of the world. The conduct of "MILAN 2020" had generated a very enthusiastic response, with Navies around the world having expressed their desire to participate and in deference to this interest, the Indian Navy looks forward toward scheduling "MILAN" at a later convenient date," it added. The Indian Navy would like to whole heartedly thank the numerous navies from near and far for having accepted invitation to participate in "MILAN 2020", as also for the unstinted support provided in the run-up to this event," the statement said. The countries to whom invitations were sent included:

Indonesia, France, Mozambique, Sudan, Israel, Qatar, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, Somalia, Kenya, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Myanmar, New Zealand, the US, Tanzania, Comoros, Maldives, Brunei, Philippines, Japan, the UK, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Mauritius, Cambodia, Singapore, South Korea, South Africa, Kuwait, Iran, Madagascar, Bangladesh, Russia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Bahrain, UAE and Seychelles. Some of the countries invited have reported a rise in coronavirus cases. "MILAN" is a multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command. It features international professional exercises and

seminars, social events and sporting. Apart from the Indian Navy, the navies of Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the inaugural edition held in 1995. The event has been held biennially except for 2001, 2005, and 2016. The 2001 and 2016 editions were not held because of the International Fleet Review, while the 2005 event was postponed to 2006 due to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. Seventeen nations, including India, participated in Milan 2014 making it the biggest edition of the event. The most recent edition of Milan was held at Port Blair from 6 March-13 March 2018. Sixteen foreign navies participated in the event.

Seminar on Rural Women Empowerment to be held at Central Agricultural University

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A special one day seminar on issues related to empowerment of Women will be held at Central Agricultural University, Manipur tomorrow (5th March). Ms. Nemcha Kipgen, Minister for Social Welfare and Cooperation, Government of Manipur will be the Chief Guest on the occasion. Renowned writer and former Chairperson of Manipur State Commission for Women, Smt Jamini Devi will give the keynote address. The seminar will be addressed by the Vice Chancellor of CAU, Professor M Premjit Singh and Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Andro, Smt. S. Molibala Devi,

on the theme - Role of Nutrition in Women Empowerment. Eminent journalist Smt. Ng. Likaleima Arambam, will speak on 'Women in North East: Issues & Achievements'. The week-long campaign ahead of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2020, is being organized all over the country by the Union Ministries of Information & Broadcasting, Women and Child Development, Health and

Family Welfare, Human Resource Development, Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Rural Development, Housing and Urban Affairs, Finance, Defence and Home. The themes of the campaign are: education, health and nutrition, empowerment of women, skills & entrepreneurship, participation in sports, special circumstances, rural women and agriculture and urban women.

Training Programme on Scientific Cultivation of Mushroom concludes at ICAR

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A three days training programme on 'Scientific Cultivation of Mushroom' concluded today at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Lamphelpat, Imphal. This training programme was jointly organized by the Centre and ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom (DMR), Solan during 2-4 March, 2020. ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom (DMR) is the apex government body of the country working on research and development solely on mushrooms. Dr. Anupam Barh, Scientist from ICAR-DMR, Solan, HP represented Directorate of Mushroom in the training programme and

conducted hand-on-training on advanced mushroom production technologies. Dr. Sushel K. Sharma, Scientist (Plant Pathology) of ICAR Manipur Centre along with his team conducted demonstration of different mushroom production technologies and hands-on-practical. A total of 70 participants from Imphal East, Imphal West, Churachandpur, Chandel, Ukhrul, Tamenglong, Bishupur, Thoubal and other districts comprising of farmers, women, rural youth and entrepreneurs participated in the training programme. Training programme focused on skill development on spawn production, cultivation of oyster, shiitake, button mushrooms, management of mushroom crops and value addition. Hand-on training to all the participants was provided in the training programme. The trainees were taken to the ICAR, Manipur Centre beneficiary progressive mushroom growers units at Moirang Kampu (Binita Mushroom Farm) and Malma, Taobungkhok (Leima Mushroom), where they interacted with the progressive growers and learned their success stories. Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director of ICAR and Dr. I. Meghachandra Singh briefed about the Centre's work and achievements in dissemination of mushroom production technologies among farmers of Manipur. In the feedback, trainees expressed their satisfaction on the training module and assured to take up mushroom cultivation a big way.

Editorial

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The killer virus reaches neighbouring Myanmar; govt. need to take up more stringent measures

The world today is in state of fear due to the outbreak of COVID 19 (CoronaVirus). According to the World Health Organization (WHO) there are more than 90,000 coronavirus cases across the globe. More than 80,000 of those cases are in China, WHO said. Now, the killer virus has already reached India with 7 confirmed cases as reported in National media. Manipur is lucky that the killer virus has not yet reached. Those suspected case has been reported negative. The concern and the seriousness of the Manipur State Medical Directorate in preventing the spread of the killer virus not only need appreciation from the people but requires support to the initiative taken up by the department authority, as we now have information about the virus reaching the neighbouring country Myanmar.

On February 20 of this year, no case of Coronavirus affected people had been reported among the 30 countries as reported by the South China Morning Post. However, as per a report from inside the neighbouring country, Myanmar has confirmed 1 case affected by the virus and 9 more under quarantine. And thus the number of the country reaching the virus is on the rise.

We all know that Myanmar shares 1,624-kilometre of a porous border. The country is a friendly neighbor of India with a trade agreement signed and still going on. Entry from Myanmar to India through Moreh town and up to 16 Kilometre inside Indian territory without a passport is permitted by the Indian authority.

The country Myanmar is also a friendly neighbor of China sharing as 2,129 kilometres borderline. Restriction of border trade is reportedly nil as Chinese dominates the market. As the virus reached our neighbouring country Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram government should take up immediate effective measures to put restrictions on cross border trade or entry until a solution to the virus is found.

More stringent measures to prevent the spread of virus should be initiated immediately. However, people of the state need not be panic as there are ways to prevent the spread of the virus.

Besides WHO, the state government, as well as the government of India, had issued some preventive measures to protect from the virus and the people need to be serious about the kind of instructions.

As per information by UNICEF Coronavirus is large where the cell diameter is 400-500 micro and for this reason, any mask prevents its entry. The virus does not settle in the air but is grounded, so it is not transmitted by air. Coronavirus, when it falls on a metal surface, will live 12 hours, so washing hands with soap and water well enough.

Corona virus when it falls on the fabric remains 9 hours, so washing clothes or being exposed to the sun for two hours meets the purpose of killing it. The virus lives on the hands for 10 minutes, so putting an alcohol sterilizer in the pocket meets the purpose of prevention. If the virus is exposed to a temperature of 26-27 ° C, it will be killed, as it does not live in hot regions. Also drinking hot water and sun exposure will do the trick. UNICEF also appealed to stay away from ice cream and eating cold is important. It said that gargle with warm and saltwater kills the tonsils' germs and prevents them from leaking into the lungs.

Tamei village authorities interact with District Level Officer's of Tamenglong district

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In order to make aware with the present developmental work taken-up at Tamei sub-division of Tamenglong district an interaction program with the government officials was held at community hall at Tamei sub-division, Tamenglong District.

Namsinrei Panmei, ADC, Chairman, Tamenglong and Armstrong Pame, DC, Tamenglong district attended the meeting as chief guest and guest of honour of the meeting.

I'm very happy to see the district administration of Tamenglong for taking up this such initiative in the way of interaction program at Tamei sub-division added the ADC Chairman. He also urged and

request the village authorities/ chairman to co-operate with the government officials in implementing various developmental work program of government.

Deputy Commissioner of Tamenglong Shri. Armstrong Pame presided the meeting. During the meeting a serious brief discussion was held on Banks, drinking water, health and food and civil supplies related problems.

Financial matters related with the importance of opening the bank accounts linking with Aadhaar card and transaction of the money from their job card was explained in details to the public who attended the meeting.

When the public express about the water scarcity in Tamei sub-division, the Executive Engineer

PHED, Ajin Thamei, explained in details about the government water scheme "drinking water at every households" for the year 2020-2021, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), New Development Bank (NDB) water scheme, Non lapsable central pool of resources NLCPR and Hill Area Development Programme water scheme (HADP).

Dr. Chambo, CMO, Tamenglong clarified health related queries and lack of infrastructure such as oxygen and ambulance at CHC, PHC and PHSC at the Tamei sub-division to the public who attended the interactive session yesterday. Shri. Armstrong Pame explain in details about renewing of ration card and the importance of enclosing Aadhaar card as the non failure to do so the public will not get rice, kerosene supplied by the government.

ADC members, village authorities/ chairman, church leaders, various women society and youth attended the meeting today. More than 200 people including government officials presiding the meeting.

Importance of Fish & Fishery in Manipur



By: Sanjenbam Jugeshwar Singh.

Manipur state is nestled in the Eastern-most corner of North-East India, covering a total area of 23,327 sq.km with suitable climate and soil condition for crop farming. Agriculture forms the back-bone of state's economy, contributing 50-60% to the state's GDP and engaging about 80% of the state total populations. The climatic condition is widely influenced by the topography of the hilly regions and hence ranged from tropical to sub-alpine with average annual rainfall of 1467mm. Around 80% of the total state populations are non-vegetarian and the food items includes chicken, fish, beefs, muttons, pork's etc with pork, chicken and fish are the most preferred. Fish is however the only animal protein sources widely accepted and consumed by almost all the people including the vegetarian sect of the people.

Manipur has diversified water bodies with 56,461.05 hectares suitable for fish farming of which only 18,600 hectares or 32.94% of the total potential water areas are so far developed and used for fishery purposes. With Barak River as the biggest river basin, the state has more than 15 meandering rivers, covering a length of 2000km. Each of the river system has characteristic ecological conditions and diverse fish population. The water-logged marshy and swampy areas, canals and wetlands of the state covered about 5,000 hectares (Economic Survey of Manipur-2008-09). The state is also home to the largest fresh water lake of North-East India, the LOKTAK LAKE, covering an area of 24,672 hectares. It is the most important inland water resources of the state with floating mat vegetation (basically called Phum). Fishing and other fishery activities carried out in and around the lake accounts for about 50% of

the total fish production of the state. The state has around 153 floodplains wetlands (locally called Pat) accounting for 28.34% of the total valley area. The Loktak Lake and Pats supports a huge fisher flock's livelihood. Being an agrarian state, Manipur has huge area covered by paddy field especially in the valley districts. Keeping fish along with the paddy has been in practice since ages ago. Though there is no systematic method followed, integration of fish -cum paddy with fish as the secondary crop has been considered as one of the best alternatives for ensuring the diversity of food basket without compromising on the sociological and environmental functions of the fields.

Manipur shares a part of the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot and is immensely endowed with diverse biological resources. The state fish fauna diversity has been seen to be influenced by the Burmese fish faunas which has been clearly highlighted by the presence of many indigenous fish species in Manipur and Myanmar (Burma) water but not found in any parts of India. The number of fish species found in Manipur was reported to be 125. Panga which is also state fish of Manipur was found abundantly in the water bodies of Loktak Lake and Nambul River. However with the construction of the Itai barrage across Manipur River for the operation of Loktak Hydro Electric Project, the fish population was reported drastic reduction in the wild. The water bodies of Manipur are diverse and harbour various aquatic grasses. Hence grass carp and common carp are the mainstay carp species in the extensive aqua system. The fox nuts (locally called Thangning) which is a delicacy in the state is widely cultured by many farmers in homestead ponds. Most of the aquatic plants are highly marketable for their flowers, roots, rhizomes and stems, fruits and seeds for various purposes including medicinal use. Fisheries has been playing an integral role in the Manipuri society as fish forms a part and parcel of every Manipuri dish served on the table. Fish has thus been termed to be the most widely accepted food items in the state. It

is consumed by almost all people irrespective of age, culture, religion and food habits including the vegetarian sect of people. Fishes of all sizes and varieties are found in the market in the form of live and fresh, frozen, dried, smoked, canned and fermented and consumed as curry, boiled, fried or chutney. Fish plays a major role in many customary and religious rituals of the Manipuri such as traditional use of fresh Nganap and Catfish in the marriage rituals, Ngamu in healing rites, Ngamu and Phabounga in rituals conducted for newly born child. Being one of the most commonly accepted food items, fish is generally used to serve in most of the common feast. The pool barb has been widely consumed by the Manipuri's in fermented form (locally called Ngari). Due to its flavour and nutritive value, Ngari has become an irreplaceable and inseparable ingredient of almost all Manipuri dishes such as Kangsoi, Iromba, ametpa, Singu etc. As the state fish production could not meet the consumers demand, Manipur imports various forms of fish (frozen, Dried, smoked, canned) from other states like Assam, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh etc. Canned or tinned fish widely consumed in the state are imported from Myanmar. The price of fish and fishery product in the state are thus very high.

Fish culture in Manipur was believed to have started since paddy culture began, fish-cum paddy culture in the paddy fields traditionally with the fish as the secondary crop. With the increase of demand of fish for food, slowly fish culture in separate pond began and later improves with better culture practices and technologies. Fish farming practices in the state is more or less pond-based with several species stocked in the same pond (Poly-culture) or integrated with agro/animal husbandry taking advantage of the rich aquatic microorganism and aquatic flora of the water Monoculture practices are rarely seen or reported. Aquaculture methods in the state are mostly traditional especially in the hilly regions though few semi-intensive and intensive system are being taken up in the valleys. Integration of fish with horticulture,

agriculture crops and livestock has been a traditional practices in Manipur over the centuries. The present estimated per hectare production of fish in the states 700-1800 kg/ha/year. There are 123 fishing villages in the state with 34,064 fishermen out of which 8,395 fishermen are full time fishers. The fishermen of the state are mostly concentrated in and around Loktak Lake in Moirang. Around 55 rural and urban hamlets encircled the water bodies and the lake, thus has a population of about 1, 00,000 people harbouring the majority of the state total fishermen in and around it.

Marketing of fish is one of the biggest business in the state because the state consumed a huge amount of fish. Though there is huge demand for the fish in the state, state farmers and fishers faces many constraints and issues in fish production. Some of the constraints are: technical constraints; financial constraints; social constraints; environmental problems and other issues. The water resources of the state have a potential of producing around 64,000 metric tons of fish annually with multiple water bodies not utilized/poor utilized or sparsely stocked. To make Manipur a self-sufficient state in fish production, the various underutilized water bodies' needs to be judiciously explored and utilized sustainably. Proper stocking strategy with diverse fast growing fish species, up gradation of quality fish seed production for natural water bodies' management and development will enhance the fish basket of the state. The state should take vehement steps in conserving the native fish species which are threatened in their natural system. Judiciously harnessing the untapped and potential resources using modern technologies can not only bridge the demand-supply gap of the fish in the state but also produce surplus that can be supplied to the neighbouring states too, which will directly or indirectly uplift the livelihood of many resources dependant fishers, exalt employment and income generation and elevate the nutritional security of the people. **Writer can be reached at: sjugeshwar7@gmail.com**

Nirbhaya case verdict: Rishi Kapoor calls it ridiculous

By Raju Vernekar

Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor on Tuesday termed the delay in awarding punishment to four convicts in the Nirbhaya rape and murder case (Delhi gang



rape case of December 2012) as ridiculous and slammed the Delhi court judgement.

He used the popular "Tareekh pe tareekh" dialogue from the 1993 film "Damini" which narrates how the court judgements are delayed and litigants face repeated postponements.

On Monday, a court in Delhi deferred the execution of the four convicts in the Nirbhaya rape and murder case, which was slated for Tuesday, till further orders. The four convicts — Mukesh Singh, Pawan Gupta, Vinay Kumar Sharma and Akshay Kumar — were scheduled to be hanged at 6 AM on 3 March 2020. Pawan Gupta, the last of the four convicts to seek legal remedy or file a mercy petition, had moved a fresh application seeking a stay on the hanging, as his mercy plea is pending before the President

after the court dismissed their application seeking stay on hanging earlier. He filed the mercy petition after his curative petition was rejected by Supreme Court Monday morning.

The case pertains to the gangrape and murder of a 23-year-old girl, christened Nirbhaya (fearless) by the media, in the national capital in December 2012. Six people, including the four convicts and a juvenile, were named as accused. Ram Singh, the sixth accused, allegedly committed suicide in Tihar jail days after the trial began in the case. The juvenile was released in 2015 after spending three years in a correctional home.

Rishi Kapoor took to twitter to express his view with a post. "Nirbhaya case. Tareekh pe tareekh, tareekh pe tareekh,

tareekh pe tareekh - 'Damini'. Ridiculous," he tweeted. Actress Sonal Chavan, Kangana Ranaut's sister Rangoli Chandel too expressed similar anguish.

It may be recalled, that "Damini" starring Rishin Kapoor and Sunny Deol with Meenakshi Sheshadri in the title role, is a courtroom drama that was fought out in the aftermath of the rape of a young domestic help by a group of influential boys.

Sunny Deol, who fights the case to ensure justice for the dead victim, mouths the "Tareekh pe tareekh" dialogue in frustration and anger even as the defence manages to bank on one loophole after the other to keep deferring the verdict. The film was directed by Rajkumar Santoshi. Deol was given Best supporting actor national award for this film.

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