

## Be fair to those who did not vote for you : Prez

**AIZAWL, NOV 30** /-/- President Ram Nath Kovind today urged legislators to be the true representatives of people by being fair to their constituency, and not just those who voted for them. Addressing a special session of the Mizoram Assembly, Kovind said a legislator equally represents those who did not vote for him

or opposed him. The president said a rival in an election was a political competitor and not an enemy, and ideally, the functioning of the legislature should be marked by dignity and decorum. The political system should not allow differences to become disputes, he said. "After the election, the competitor could be-

come a colleague in the task of ensuring the well-being and development of a constituency, of the state and of the country," he said. Appealing to legislators to uphold the beauty of a democratic polity, Kovind said, "I am glad to see that this philosophy has such an instinctive acceptance in Mizoram." (PTI)

## Noisy scenes in Bihar Assembly for third day in a row

**PATNA, NOV 30** /-/- Opposition members created noisy scenes in the Assembly for the third consecutive day today forcing adjournment of the House till noon. They created a ruckus over an alleged scam in which thousands tonnes of paddy were transported on motorcycles in three years since 2011-12.

Temper rose at the Question Hour when Bhai Virendra of the RJD sought to know why only 15 per cent of the allocated amount was spent in the second agricultural road map during the first six months of 2017-18. Of the 15 per cent, agriculture minister Prem Kumar replied, 11 per cent had been spent only during the 4 months of the NDA ministry in the state. Following this, opposition members rose on their feet and protested vociferously.

RJD MLA Ramanuj Prasad later asked what action was taken against those guilty in the paddy scam in which hundreds of bags of paddy were allegedly transported by motorcycles. He asked whether the Special Investigating Team constituted to go into this scam, that took place during 2011-14, had found the allegation true, and if yes, what action had so far been taken against the guilty. Bhola Yadav of the RJD inter-

jected that Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi had got a book published on transportation of fodder by scooters during the fodder scam. To this, Modi said "It is for the opposition to get a book published on any similar scam." Following the intervention of the Patna High Court, 15,000 FIRs had been filed in the Rs 4,000 crore paddy scam. RJD's Atri Muni alias Shakti Singh Yadav said amid noisy scenes. It was alleged that bags of paddy were taken out of mills and sold to open market instead of sending the bags to government godown.

He wanted to know why no action had so far been taken against the guilty officials and other accused persons. Shakti Singh Yadav also demanded that a joint committee of the House be set up to go into the matter. As he was pressing for the demand, opposition members rushed into the well of the House and started raising slogans against the government.

Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary thereafter, adjourned the House till 12 pm. When the House re-assembled, the Speaker read out obituary reference to Anand Bhushan Pandey, sitting BJP MLA of Bhabua, the news about whose death was received today. (PTI)

## Odisha minister denies farmer death due to agricultural issues

**BHUBANESWAR, NOV 30** /-/- The Odisha government on Wednesday claimed that no farmer in the state committed suicide due to agricultural issues during 2016-17 and 2017-18. Odisha agriculture and farmer empowerment minister Damodar Rout said the state government had received information about 11 farmer suicides in 2016-17 and seven in 2017-18.

"No farmer has committed suicide due to agricultural issues as per information received by our department," he said in the Assembly while replying to a written question of Congress member Bhujabhai Majhi. Rout said all 18 cases were jointly probed by the district collector and superintendent of police of the districts concerned. "The state government has taken a number of measures to prevent farmer suicides," the minister said.

The Opposition Congress and BJP, however, rejected the state government's claim and termed the minister's statement "unfortunate". They alleged a number of farmers had committed suicide due to crop loss and loan burden in the state. "We demand a judicial inquiry into all farmer suicides. It is unfortunate that the state government has been denying agricultural issues were not a reason behind them," said BJP MLA Pradip Purohit.

## GM addresses Rly officers' meet



**Harindra Rao, General Manager, Eastern Railway addressing the Executive Committee Members of Eastern Railway Promote Officers Association (ERPOA) at ER Headquarters today in presence of Sudhir Agrawal, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway, Rana Bandyopadhyay, President, ERPOA and Abhijit Roy, General Secretary, ERPOA were also present on the occasion. -EOPiKs**

**KOLKATA, NOV 30** /-/- Harindra Rao, General Manager, Eastern Railway addressed the Executive Committee Members of Eastern Railway Promote Officers Association (ERPOA) in a meeting at ERHQ today. Addressing the Officers, General Manager informed about the present scenario in Indian Railways in general and Eastern Railway in particular. He urged upon the officers to come up to the expectation and work hard with a team spirit to achieve the stiff target of Railway Board this year.

Mr Rao appreciated the pivotal role played by the Promote Officers in running the railway system smoothly by working as the backbone of the organisation. He also praised Promote Officers for their valuable contribution towards the improvement of

Railways. He advised all officers to own the organisation as a team and collectively work for the all-round development of railways. He advised to sensitise all supervisors and field level staff in particular for safety of the system. Punctuality is also a big challenge faced by Railways today and it practically tarnishes the image of Railways which is required to be restored back immediately. We should work diligently to meet the challenges, Shri Rao said. He asked the Promote Officers to play a strategic role in the development of railways. Sudhir Agrawal, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway also addressed the gathering. Rana Bandyopadhyay, President, ERPOA, Abhijit Roy, General Secretary, ERPOA and other officers also spoke on the occasion. (EOIC)

## SK Chourasia appointed DGOF and chairman of OFB

**KOLKATA, NOV 30** /-/- Sunil Kumar Chourasia, IOfS, has been appointed as the new Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). Previously, he was Member, OFB and was in charge of Material and Components Division. Graduating in Mechanical Engineering from Jabalpur and thereafter earning an M Tech from IIT Kanpur, Chourasia joined Indian Ordnance Factories Service in 1981. He was deputy director of the Government of India to United Kingdom for an MBA. Further, Chourasia was in the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi during its tenure at OFB, heing and was awarded an M

Phil. During his tenure in the Ordnance Factories' organization, he gathered rich and varied experience in Production & Operations management, weapon and ammunition manufacturing. He has travelled widely across the globe in his official capacity. Chourasia was selected to work in Government of India as Deputy Secretary and thereafter Director in Ministry of Defence from 1992 to 1997. He was Chief Vigilance Officer in PSUs from 2002 to 2005. From 2005 to 2008, he held the post of Director & Commissioner for Departmental Enquiries at Central Vigilance Commission. Before taking over as Chairman at OFB, he was the General Manager of

Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project, Trichy & Sr. General Manager of Ordnance Factory Kanpur. Chourasia is well known for taking problem head-on and offer pragmatic solutions. He very well appreciates the changed defence production scenario in India. Hundred per cent FDI in Defence Production has allowed the entry of new players, both domestic as well as international. With a liberalised Defence Market, higher expectations from customers, and most especially the growing competition from national and international players, OFB faces tougher challenges. He has put emphasis on 'Quality of Production' to meet all challenges. (EOIC)

## CRB's surprise visit to Howrah Station



**KOLKATA, NOV 30** /-/- Ashwan Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board (CRB) reached at Howrah station in a surprise inspection on Wednesday (29.11.2017) late night. Mr Lohani arrived Howrah station at about 11.00 p.m. and inspected Food Plaza, waiting area and other passenger amenities available at the station premises.

DRM/Howrah, ADRM and other officers were present at Howrah station during the inspection. Harindra Rao, General Manager, Eastern Railway also accompanied Chairman, Railway Board during his inspection.

Chairman, Railway Board discussed with General Manager, Eastern Railway on various developmental works related to passenger amenities, beautification of the station area and other facilities provided for the comfort of the passengers. Mr Lohani also advised General Manager and all other officers for strict monitoring of the safety measures and further improvement of various amenities for passenger satisfaction. (EOIC)

## Positive about construction of airport at Hollongi: Arunachal minister

**ITANAGAR, NOV 30** /-/- The Arunachal Pradesh government today said that the intention for construction of the greenfield airport at Hollongi near here has been very positive from day one. Initially the proposed site was selected as Karsingba but due to technicalities, the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) had asked the state government to locate some other site for the airport, state urban development minister Nabam Rebia told reporters here.

The minister informed that accordingly the second option site at Hollongi was selected. But again there were lot of controversies aroused for the site selection. "On the request of the state government a central joint inspection committee came to Itanagar to study the feasibility of the site." The Central Technical Committee in its joint inspection report recommended Hollongi as the feasible site," he disclosed and added that the state Cabinet met in its meeting on July 18 this year approved the Central Technical Committee's recommendation for Hollongi as the feasible site for Greenfield airport. "The acceptance and approval of the state government had been communicated to Civil Aviation ministry, DGCA and AAI," Rebia said.

"A team from AAI on the directive of the Union Civil Aviation ministry will arrive here today on a six-day visit to the state to carry out detail study on all airfields in the state including the proposed Greenfield Airport," Rebia said. On establishment of a Sainik School in the Nyishi belt, the minister informed that instead of a simple Sainik School, the state government is in advanced talks for establishment of a cantonment in the capital region. "We have already identified 500 acres of land and the joint survey will be done shortly," Rebia said adding, the matter was discussed during the recent visit of Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who had approved it in principle.

"The cantonment will have referral hospitals, schools and other infrastructure," the minister added. Rebia said, the chief minister in a meeting on October 20 this year with the NES representatives promised to fulfill their demands and accordingly convened a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) on October 23 last which approved all the proposals and forwarded it for sanction under State Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF). The House was then adjourned for the day. (PTI)

## Retirement of CLW employees

**CHITTARAJAN, NOV 30** /-/- A total of 47 employees have been retired from railway services on superannuation in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) in November, 2017. G. Sreenivasa Rao, Chief Personnel Officer felicitated them in a ceremony, today and wished their happy post retirement life. Retired employees along with their family representatives of CLW accompanied by representatives of local banks were present on this occasion. (EOIC)

## IAF achieves milestone in AAR on transport aircraft

**KOLKATA, NOV 30** /-/- An Indian Air Force Embraer transport aircraft specialised to conduct Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) function, successfully carried out Air to Air Refuelling (AAR), to fly a long duration flight beyond the aircraft's stated endurance. It is also the first time that AAR has been carried out on the Embraer platform. The "Probe and Drogue" air-to-air refuelling methodology practised by IAF pilots requires exceptional flying skills as the receiving aircraft has to accurately insert the receptacle probe into the basket shaped drogue trailing behind the fuel tanker aircraft.

During the process of Air-to-Air Refuelling both aircraft have to maintain extremely accurate flying parameters. IAF is one of the few Air Forces in the world to demonstrate this capability and the Embraer AEW&C has also proved its prowess in the category. A mere 10 minute in-flight refuelling can generate additional four hours of flying endurance. The achievement has given a tremendous boost to Indian Air Force's operational capability. (EOIC)

## State Notes

### Youth assaults BDO, complaint lodged

**JAJPUR, NOV 30** /-/- A youth allegedly assaulted a Block Development Officer (BDO) inside his office in Bari block of Jajpur district, police said today. Maheswar Sethy, the BDO, has filed an FIR against the attacker who has been identified as a resident Moharana (85), the police said. Moharana, a nephew of Bhabanipuri in Alipur panchayat of the block, barged into the BDO's office on Thursday and assaulted him, a police officer said. The sarpanch of Bari panchayat was also present in the BDO's chamber when the incident occurred, the officer said. The youth had attacked him without any provocation, Sethy said. The BDO was admitted to a local government hospital with face, neck and chest injuries, the police officer said, adding, an investigation has been initiated. (PTI)

### Ex-MLA gets 14 months Rli in graft case

**BARIPADA, NOV 30** /-/- A vigilance court here on Wednesday awarded 14 months Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) to a former Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MLA and ex-president of the Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd in a corruption case. Vigilance court special judge Tara Parasand Rath awarded Bimal Lochan Das the sentence and also slapped a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on him. The judge also ordered Ranjit Dhir, who took a loan of Rs 1 lakh from the bank illegally to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year and pay a fine of Rs 1 lakh for one case and rigorous imprisonment of one year and Rs 10,000 fine in another. The jail terms would run concurrently and in case of default, he would undergo an additional jail term of two months. (PTI)

### Mizo Gu optimistic about Prez visit

**AIZAWL, NOV 30** /-/- Mizoram Governor Lt Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma expressed optimism that President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to the state would bring several issues concerning it to the forefront. He said Mizoram occupied a strategic place in the Act East Policy, but while it achieved admirably in various human development indicators and social indicators such as literacy rate and sex ratio, infrastructural deficit was acute. The way ahead is to enhance connectivity in all its dimensions - ways (information ways), highways, airways, railways and waterways, 'panch tatva' as our Hon'ble Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) has called it in the context of the North East," he said. Kovind today became only the second president to address the Mizoram Assembly after A P J Abdul Kalam. In a special session of the Assembly earlier in the day, Kovind hailed Mizoram as "special", and said it is the focus of the Act East Policy that aims at providing access to new markets for the state. (PTI)

## ER's ticket checking drive

**KOLKATA, NOV 30** /-/- A massive ticket checking drive conducted by Eastern Railway will cover its jurisdiction from 17 November, 2017 to 23 November, 2017, altogether 42,750 persons were detected travelling without or with improper ticket and carrying unbooked luggage and an amount of Rs.84,06,832 was realised from those offenders as fare & fine. (EOIC)

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