

BJP to support "only" Pema Khandu in A'chal

ITANAGAR, DEC 30—/ The BJP in Arunachal Pradesh today made it clear that it will "only" support Pema Khandu government in the state and "will never" support any other chief minister.

The party decision came in the backdrop of the unprecedented political development where Peoples' Party of Arunachal (PPA) temporarily suspended Chief Minister Pema Khandu, his deputy Chowna Mein and other five MLAs late last night for alleged anti-party activities.

"BJP, being a coalition

partner of the PPA in the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) government in the state, was not discussing on the issue before announcing the decision which could have been sorted out," BJP legislature party leader Tamiyo Taga told a press conference here.

The sudden decision of the PPA is not acceptable to us as they have never discussed with us. In the interest of development of the state and its people, BJP cannot be a party to change government in every six months," Taga said.

Taga, who is also the "Textile and Handicraft Minister,

further said that the party has decided to support Khandu in the floor of the assembly if the Governor issues directions for a floor test. Claiming of a "visible split" among the PPA legislators, Taga said that he had seen 26 PPA MLAs with Khandu when he visited the chief minister's residence this morning.

Giving a genesis of the political development since last year which witnessed three chief ministers so far, Taga said, "Pema Khandu was acceptable to us and the people of the state and so our central leadership al-

lowed us to join the government."

Responding to allegations of PPA president Kahfa Bengia that Khandu was more inclined to BJP than PPA, Taga said that "all the PPA legislators were inclined towards BJP".

When asked whether Khandu along with his supporters would join the BJP to form the next government in the state, the senior party leader in a veiled indication stated that joining of PPA MLAs to BJP would be "considered" by the central leadership and "perhaps it is under process". (PTI)

DPC meet: Depts share vision plan



PORT BLAIR, DEC 30—/ The District Planning Committee for South Andaman District chaired by Mr Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Adityaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman continued for the fourth day on Friday to discuss and deliberate on 15 years Vision up to 2030, 7 years Strategy from 2017-18 to 2023-24 and 3 years Action Plan (2017-18 to 2019-20) of departments of A & N Administration in respect of South Andaman District. The Chief Executive Officer (Ex-officio Secretary, DPC) Zilla Parishad welcomed the District Planning Committee members that included Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, MP, members of Zilla Parishad and Councilors of Municipal Council, Port Blair and also special Inspectors and other officers of Administration present for the meeting. During the meeting, the sectoral plan proposals/ Schemes of the departments viz. Statistics, P&MC, RD, PRIS

& ULBs, Shipping, Health, Pay & Accounts and RCS were discussed. Under the Shipping sector, suggestions like augmentation of frequency of inter-island ferry and Cargo vessel, provision of start ticketing counter at Wimberly Gun, plying of inter-island ships under I.V Act etc. were made. Under Health, the DPC suggested for establishment of facilities of Ayush in rural areas, filling up of vacancies of Medical Officers etc. Under Rural Development, suggestions like modification of present fund allocation ratio, provision of amusement park at Bilmlitan etc. were made. Besides, the DPC deliberated and discussed schemes relating to South Andaman and Campbell Bay in respect of all the departments and made specific suggestions for inclusion in the vision and strategy of the respective departments.

Court orders case against 3 cops for detaining woman at PS

KRISHNANAGAR, DEC 30—/ A local court today issued an order to release a woman on bail in connection with the alleged detention of a woman for more than 24 hours at Hanskhal police station in Nadia district.

Additional chief judicial magistrate (ACJM), Ranaghat, Sanghamitra Poddar issued the order against officer in charge (OC) Hanskhal police station Aninda Bose, second officer Shubshankar Bose (in charge of Bagula outpost) and police personnel Tapas Ghosh. They were slapped with charges under IPC sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 384 (extortion), 511 (attempt to commit punishable offences), 166 (public servant disobeying law), among others.

The court's order followed the visit of ACJM herself to Hanskhal police station yesterday after a complaint by Gobinda Biswas of Hanskhal Mayurbhat and rescue of the 22-year old victim. In the police station, the magistrate had checked and found that no complaint had been lodged against the girl from the cops detained from December 28-29 and took the photocopy of the pages of the general diary during the period so that no insertions could be made later on, a district official said. She then ordered the OC to call all police personnel to stand in a row and asked the detained girl to identify those who went to pick her up on the night of December 28 and asked the OC on Wednesday to submit a report within 24 hours over the illegal detention of the woman. The OC submitted the same at Ranaghat Court today in a sealed envelope but refused to comment anything. The petitioner and one of her daughters, Laxmi, appeared in the court as witnesses and evidences were taken.

Takam Pario likely to be the next Arunachal CM

ITANAGAR, DEC 30—/ Arunachal Pradesh PHED Minister Takam Pario is likely to be the next chief minister of the state after Chief Minister Pema Khandu. His deputy Chowna Mein along with five other MLAs for alleged anti-party activities. Though former deputy chief minister Kameng Dolo, present Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Tanga Byaling and Pario were the front runners for the coveted post, but the consensus decision was to name Pario as CM, PPA President Kahfa Bengia said. "The formal announcement will be made after the end of the meeting of PPA legislators," Bengia said, adding all the formalities would be completed today.

The PPA has 43 MLAs in the house of 60, while BJP has 12 legislators including an associate member, Congress has three and one independent legislator. When asked on the possibility of swearing in of the new chief minister, Bengia said that the party would approach the Governor by this evening. In a late night development in this politically fabled state yesterday, the party suspended Khandu, Mein along with MLAs Jambey Tashi (Lumla), Passang Dorjee Soiza (Mechuka), Chow Tewa Mein (Chowkham), Zingnu Namchom (Namsai) and Kamlung Mossang (Miao) from the primary membership of the party temporarily with immediate effect. Bengia alleged that Khandu in his five-month tenure never visited the PPA office nor initiated any move for membership drive to strengthen the party. "He (Khandu) was more inclined towards BJP instead of working for the interest of the party and even forced several PPA leaders to join BJP," Bengia added.

Bihar: Cable operators blackout TVs to protest tax hike

PATNA, DEC 30—/ Cable TV operators in Bihar are observing an eight-hour token strike resulting in black-out of television sets today to protest against the state government's notification to raise entertainment tax per connection from Rs 15 to Rs 50. Cable operators have resorted to TV sets from 12 noon in the day till 8 PM in the evening as part of their token strike against government hiking tax.

"We desisted from observing a long duration strike from today due to 350th 'Prakash Parva' in celebration of Guru Govind Singh, but if the government did not take back this steep hike in tax we would decide to go on indefinite strike from January 8, 2017," Nilesh Kumar, President of Bihar Cable TV Association told PTI. "Facing fund crunch in

the wake of prohibition, the state government is trying to shift the burden on us which is unjustified," he said. He said over 100 cable operators in the state were observing strike today.

Criticising the state government's December 15 notification hiking tax to Rs 50 per connection from Rs 15 earlier, Kumar said "in rural areas cable operators charge Rs 100 monthly and out of that if they give Rs 50 to the government what would be left with them?" "There should have been a different slab of tax for rural and urban areas," he added.

Multi System Operator Madanjit Kumar siding with the protesting operators said, "DTH and other charge only minimal amount as cess. In such a condition who would prefer cable connection in their TV?"

GOOD LUCK

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celebrating the success of friends is the agenda for today. Your thoughts will be progressive in business or school, and any plans you make will make a rock-solid foundation for your future. Social gatherings and parties will be taken with jubilation and joy.

ARIES
Boy! You are ambitious today or what? You are determined to do anything to get ahead. However, you will progress in your career. Be a little more patient, as Ganesha showers his blessings on you, dear one.

Taurus
Planning your own milestones and

and they will bestow their love and affection upon you, says Ganesha.

CANCER
You may get agitated from your life partner. Ties with business partners will be good and you will get a good news from them. Time to make new plans for the future will pay you. You will find your companionship with spouse, giving you joy.

LEO
You are businesslike and practical in your approach, however, you have an affinity to lose your temper. You will be able to channelise

LIBRA
Ganesha blesses you with stability in accordance with your prestige or social status. Your innovative ideas will help you progress your work field. News is good time to complete those ideas, which had been laid aside. Ganesha blesses you with full of joy and happiness ahead.

SCORPIO
Blood is thicker than water, and you will experience this in a true sense today, says Ganesha. Dedicate to the day for your family and

friends, enjoy and make merry. Feel happy if you are on the top of this world when you set out on a secret date with your beloved. Life is beautiful, indeed!

SAGITTARIUS
Your temper is as hot as a fireball today. It foresees Ganesha. Not for nothing if they say that anger may destroy the world. Don't axe your own feet by your aggressive behaviour. Cool down and think before you act. There is no need to destroy your financial crunch, handle it carefully, advises Ganesha.

CAPRICORN
You have taken your personal obligations for granted, but some irregularities in them have caught your attention. Now, you will focus upon them and try to get to the heart of the matter. feels Ganesha. Communication is the key when it comes to solving your misunderstandings, and with that you will be able to clear out a number of them. Overall, you will have a smooth sailing today, but keep yourself guarded.

AQUARIUS
It's busy day at work, and you're probably involved in some pending project work. It is advisable that you get things completed. Keep an eye on your opponents to have an edge over them, suggests Ganesha. Colleagues will be supportive, and so will family.

PISCES
Organized and sorted as you are, you will still find yourself clouded with emotions today. Those you are thoughtful and do not believe as persons, you will discover the joy of emotions and the warmth that accompanies them. You will take the time to feel things instead of thinking of them and this change in your behaviour will, after all, be the cause for your innermost peace. Those who are close to you, says Ganesha.

KIDZ CORNER

PUZZLE SPOT
Compiled and illustrated by Al Benga

LAWMOWER PUZZLE
Unjumble the mixed up words.

1. RLEIKNRSP
2. CRIVYELC
3. AUC
4. FFKVCR
5. OLTHGSE
6. GPES

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS
Using the drawings as clues, fill in the rhyming words.

1. ROBBERD
2. HEADMASTER
3. PASSAGE
4. SERVICE
5. SLIPPER
6. ATTENTION

7. BETTER
8. SNEEZE
9. NOSE
10. ROOT
11. LOUD
12. BRIEF

Answers: Hidden words: Bed, must, assist, tie, hip, tent, rhyming words: Letter, cheese, house, door, sword, chief

JOINT THE DOTS

Kidspot™ by Dick Rogers

THE KUIZ KIDS Keat and Kate

Use the clues to complete the following two rhyming words below.

1. What letter can be added to **URF** to mean land covered with grass?
2. What letter can be added to **URF** to mean waves breaking on shore?

Minute Maze

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5x5

S	O	S		
	A	O		
A	D	E		
L	E			
H	R	S		

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

No.87

OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE No.86 (Other combinations may occasionally be possible.)

F	L	O	S
L	I	L	A
A	M	I	G
G	I	V	E
S	T	E	R

Reference: C.O.D. 1995