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Woman lawyer must make herself visible in court: Former SC Judge

KOLKATA, MARCH 30 /-- / Former Supreme Court Justice Ruma Pal has said the first thing a young woman lawyer must do is to show her ability that she can speak in court and make herself visible.

Then people would be familiar with them, Justice Pal told news agency PTI on the sidelines of a discussion on gender issue here on Thursday evening. "I was telling the young woman lawyers among the audience here that the first thing you must do...you must show your ability that you can speak in court and then people will become familiar," she said after the discussion.

'The F-Revolution - Breaking Glass Slippers to Glass Ceilings' was organised by Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival.

"But if you always stay in the back, you will not be noticed. You must make yourselves visible, women must make themselves visible," Justice Pal, who had retired as an SC judge in 2006, said when asked about her advice to young women lawyers and aspiring girls in law. Justice Pal, who had been elevated as SC judge in 2000, said there was a general tendency of underestimating a woman's ability "...at least when I was a lawyer." "Not only in her (woman lawyer) ability to understand, but in her ability to deliver - in other words to argue in court," she said.

To another question, the former judge said: "I had retired from SC 12 years ago. But during my stint I had seen quite a few women who were very good, excellent. Meenakshi (Arora)... she was very good, Indu Malhotra was very good, Indira Jaising was very good." The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act has been brought about because of Indira Jaising, she said. About the discussion, she said it was "a reaffirmation that women are in fact more visible and holding positions of responsibility." (PTI)

Good Friday observed in 3 N-E states

Manipur amends 'working day' order after stir by civil bodies

SHILLONG/AIZAWL/DIMPAUR, MARCH 30 /--/ Good Friday was today observed with prayers and hymns across Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram - the three states in the North East with a significant Christian population.

The day marks the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Calvary Hill in Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago. Special sermons on salvation and prayers for repentance were held in churches across the three states. In Meghalaya, people, mostly dressed in black, took out a procession from Catholic Cathedral, one of the prominent landmarks in the state capital. Catholics were also seen gathering in large numbers at Cathedral Church of Mary Help of Christians in Shillong to attend a prayer meet.

In Mizoram, too, the members of the Catholic Church took out processions in Aizawl and other parts of the state. Similar prayer meets were also held in parts of Nagaland today. In Kohima, a special cross procession, remembering the walk of Jesus Christ to Mount Calvary, was organised by the Catholic churches. The scheme is being implemented by the health and family welfare department of the state at a cost of 70 crore per year, a senior government official said.

Meanwhile, the Manipur government has rolled back its order to make Good Friday a full working day for all government offices, following protests by various civil bodies in the state, which has significant Christian population. Earlier, the government had said Good Friday would be a working day for all government offices and financial institutions to avoid anticipated rush for passing of bills at the fag end of the 2017-18 financial year.

A new modified order was issued on Thursday by the joint secretary of general administrative department on Thursday evening to state that "Good Friday will be full working day for financial institutions and banks" linked to state treasuries. Senior Congress leader and former deputy chief minister Gaikhangam Gangmei told newspersons this morning that Good Friday is universally accepted as a holiday and to change it is a "breach of the secular feature of the Constitution". (PTI)

Tripura govt to set up crime wing of police

AGARTALA, MARCH 30 /--/ The Tripura government has decided to set up a "well-equipped" crime branch under the state police to deal with unlawful activities such as drug and narcotics peddling. The new wing will be modeled after Delhi Police's crime branch, state law minister Ratan Lal Nath told newspersons here today. "The state cabinet has cleared a proposal to form a well-equipped police wing to arrest crime in the state and restore the rule of land, as was promised in the BJP's election manifesto," he said. Anybody found having links with drug peddlers or mafia gangs will be punished, Nath said. "We will seek expert opinion from Delhi and Mumbai to build the wing," he said. The two-hour-long cabinet meeting on Thursday also sought a crackdown on illegal constructions across Tripura. The ruling dispensation has sought a report on government land allotment to political party offices in the state, Nath said. "All district magistrates and superintendents of police have been asked to submit details within 15 days for necessary action," he explained, adding that a separate report on land allotment to different NGOs or institutions during the Left rule will be sought for examination. The cabinet also agreed to extend the tenure of teachers engaged under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan after March 31, when their current engagement is slated to end. "We shall retain them in service till the Centre agrees to provide funds," Nath added.

Workshop for special children by CLW

CHITTARANJAN, MARCH 30 /--/ A team of instructors and children of "Atmavishwas" school of Womens' Welfare Organisation-South Eastern Railways visited Chittaranjan Locomotive Works(CLW) on March 28 and March 29, and attended a workshop under the mutual skill development program with CLW-Womens' Welfare Organisation. At the workshop demonstration of herbal soap and gel candle making were given and also a friendly sports event was organised for the Special children of "Asha Kiran" of CLW and "Atmavishwas" of SER. Under the guidance of Dr Rekha Pathak, president of CLW-WWO and her keen interest and love for special children, this event could be organised with a huge success. The program was an extension of the International Women's day celebration for empowerment of women and girl child.

Metro Rly RPF recover bag

KOLKATA, MARCH 30 /--/ On March 27, at about 7 am, on duty RPF staff of Shyambazar Metro station recovered a black bag which was lying at the North side platform area. The RPF staff deposited the same to the station master's office. Announcement was made immediately through central control regarding the said bag. Half an hour later, a person came to the station master's office of Shyambazar station to collect the same and disclosed his identity. After proper verification, the recovered bag was handed over to him. (EOIC)

Re-exam: Arunachal Cong extends solidarity with CBSE students

ITANAGAR, MARCH 30 /--/ The Arunachal Pradesh Congress today extended solidarity with the affected CBSE students who have to reappear for class 12th Economics and 10th Mathematics examination following papers leak and blamed the BJP-led Central government for poor administration and management.

The APCC demanded for initiating an investigation into the CBSE examination papers leak issue. Expressing its unhappiness on how BJP is not only looting the country but also tampering with the future of the students who are torch bearers of the country, the APCC said in a press statement here. There is rot in education system due to mismanagement by the NDA government. The APCC went on to add saying BJP is not only damaging the school education system but also politically sheltering criminals in the highest educational institution like JNU.

Claiming that Modi-led BJP government has failed to work effectively in the field of education, it said: With the gigantic political interference, BJP has distorted the value and essence of Indian education system which once was praiseworthy. Increasing taxes on higher education when a large number of children are outside school, increase in dropout rate and poor performance of teachers and students lead to increase in suicidal attempt of students, the party alleged.

Six students held in Jharkhand in connection with paper leak

CHATRA, MARCH 30 /--/ Six students were detained here today in connection with the CBSE papers leak, the police said. Six students have been detained. An FIR has been lodged against four, Chatra Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Gyan Ranjan said, adding that no arrest was made so far. The CBSE papers leak has drawn widespread criticism from across the country and triggered students' protest. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced a retest of the Maths paper for Class 10 students and Economics paper for Class 12 students in the wake of the papers leak.

NHPC provides ambulance to health centre in Sukna

SILIGURI, MARCH 30 /--/ NHPC Limited's regional office in Siliguri, as part of CSR&SD initiatives, provided an Ambulance to Sukna Block Primary Health Centre today. The ambulance has been provided to enable the health center to provide better and quicker medical and relief services to the needy people of the surrounding area, and to render various humanitarian services like taking the sick and ailing poor patients of remote areas to hospitals.

D. Chattopadhyay, executive director, Siliguri formally handed over the keys of the ambulance to Ashis Nath, regional health transport officer, RSC, Northern Division, Siliguri, for Sukna Block Primary Health Centre, at a function held at the premises of NHPC Limited, Regional Office, Siliguri in the presence of K K Goswami, chief (HR), Rajappan K, chief engineer (Civil) along with senior officers of NHPC and Doordarshan.

In an interview, Chattopadhyay said that NHPC is working for the welfare and betterment of the people and the society throughout the country and under CSR&SD, NHPC is carrying out charitable works such as providing water filter and fans to educational institutions, organizing skill development programmes for local youths, providing Medical equipments to hospital, organising blood donation camps, plantation of trees etc. NHPC will continue to indulge in such welfare activities in future also.

Assam CM asks deputy secys to bring expediency in governance

GUWAHATI, MARCH 30 /--/ Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal has asked the deputy secretaries to work honestly and in a transparent manner to plug all shortcomings and bring in expediency in governance.

Sonowal said the government will introduce e-office for the convenience of all in secretariat administration. Interacting with the deputy secretaries here, he termed them as capable soldiers and asked them to remain committed to the people and serve them with dedication and honesty. Stating deputy secretaries, who constitute the second rung of bureaucracy, as the force behind the government to perform, Sonowal asked them to work resolutely to take governance down to the grassroots level.

During the interaction, the Assam chief minister also said that to bring in expediency in administration and for inter-departmental coordination, the government will introduce e-office for the convenience of everybody in secretariat administration. Taking suggestions from the deputy secretaries, Sonowal assured them to bring in necessary modalities for ease of administration at all levels of secretariat administration.

The Assam chief minister also said that taking into account the paucity of space in the secretariat, more buildings would be constructed to create an ideal ambience to work, besides employees amenity centres like rest room, more canteens, more toilets will be created for officers and employees.

AASU accuses Assam govt of Playing politics over AWU

JORHAT, MARCH 30 /--/ The All Assam Students Union (AASU) today accused the Assam government of playing politics with the existence of the Assam Women's University (AWU) where students are agitating since March 5 over demands such as appointment of permanent vice-chancellor.

The AASU, an influential students' body, took out a rally in Jorhat, in which organisations like Assam Women University Students Forum participated. "The Assam Women's University is on the boil for nearly a month. But the government is playing politics with the issue and its students," AASU general secretary Lurin Jyoti Gogoi said.

The Union government is stressing on the Beti Bachao Beti Prahao and women empowerment schemes but chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal and education minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have done nothing to solve the issue at the AWU, he claimed. Students of AWU, the only institute of its kind in the North East, are agitating to press for permanent vice-chancellor and for transforming it into a full fledged university.

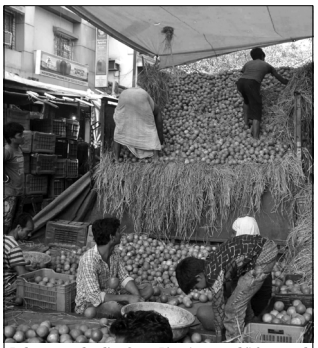
Since classes began in 2014, the AWU has been functioning without a Vice Chancellor and any permanent teaching staff. Assam Agricultural University's VC K M Bujarbaruah is functioning as the Mentor and all the teachers have been appointed on contract and ad-hoc basis. The agitation had been launched on March 5 and protests are being held across upper Assam in support of it.

No formal degree certificates could be awarded to the AWU students and provisional certificates were issued as convocations could not be held without a permanent VC and for other reasons, AWU academic registrar Dr L K Hazarika said. The process for appointment of a permanent V-C is in the pipeline, he said.

Met dept warns of severe thunderstorms in state

KOLKATA, MARCH 30 /--/ The Met department today warned of severe thunderstorms with wind speed reaching up to 65 to 70 kilometre per hour in large parts of West Bengal till Sunday.

Heavy rain accompanied with hailstorm, high winds with speed reaching up to 70 km per hour are likely to affect the districts of sub-Himalayan West Bengal today. "Thunderstorm accompanied with wind speed between 55 to 65 km per hour is very likely to prevail over the districts of Bankura, Birbhum, East and West Bardhman, Murshidabad, Nadia, Jhargram, Purulia, East and West Midnapore, Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata and North and South 24 Parganas of south West Bengal on Saturday and Sunday," regional Met director G K Das said. Das said that similar weather conditions are likely to be the same in these districts on Sunday also. The districts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong, Malda, North and South Dinajpur in northern parts of West Bengal are likely to continue to be affected by thundersquall accompanied with wind speed reaching up to 45-55 km per hour on Saturday, the regional Met director said. "The severe thunderstorms with high wind speed that are likely to affect most parts of the state are owing to a north-south trough over eastern part of Bihar to south interior Odisha," the officer said. The weather system is likely to strengthen during the next two days with embedded cyclonic circulation over east Jharkhand and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal, Das said.



Labourers unloading Sweet Lime (mausambi) from truck at a wholesale fruit market in Kolkata on Thurday

Two PLFI members killed in encounter

KHUNTI, MARCH 30 /--/ Two members of the People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI) were killed in an encounter, while a villager was shot dead by CPI(Maoist) in separate incidents in Jharkhand, police said today.

Two PLFI activists were killed in an encounter with the police in Regre Bagichatoli under Karra police station of Khunti district today. Acting on a tip-off that some members of the PLFI have assembled in the village, a joint team of Ranchi and Khunti district police rushed to the spot, Khunti superintendent of police Ashwini Kumar Sinha said. Activists of the PLFI, a Maoist outfit, fired on the approaching police team and the policemen retaliated, he said adding that two ultras have been killed in the gun battle and others fled.

A search operation has been launched following the encounter to track down the extremists. Police recovered two fire-arms and a motorcycle from the spot. Meanwhile, a villager was shot dead by CPI(Maoist) which has given a Jharkhand bandh today in protest against alleged police atrocity, police said. The villager's two-wheeler was also torched in Goilkera police station limit of West Singhbhum district on Wednesday night. The man was killed on the suspicion of being a police informer, though the police rejected the charge. Meanwhile, the bandh failed to evoke any response in the state, barring West Singhbhum and Khunti districts, where the bandh was partial, police said.

Prolonged darkness in Itanagar

ITANAGAR, MARCH 30 /--/ People of Itanagar and its adjoining areas have been in darkness for around 24 hours, after power supply was snapped during a cyclone accompanied by rain, a senior official said today.

The power supply was disconnected at around 6 pm yesterday due to uprooting of electric poles and damage to electric cables by fallen trees. It was restored shortly after 4 pm today. Several public and private properties were also damaged by the storm, capital deputy commissioner Prince Dhawan said. The cyclone blew away CGI (corrugated galvanised iron) sheets from several houses, he said adding that trees were uprooted blocking roads in and around the state capital and damaging a few cars, the DC said.

No casualty has been reported. As the monsoon season is approaching, Dhawan warned the people to refrain from illegal earth-cutting and urged those living near rivers and landslide prone areas to move to safer places.

Six labourers die of suffocation

BARASAT, MARCH 30 /--/ Six labourers died of suffocation while they were digging a well at a factory in Hazinagar in North 24 Parganas district, fire brigade sources said today. When two workers got stuck in the mud inside the well, four others went inside to rescue them last evening. As nobody turned up, fire brigade was pressed into service. Fire brigade personnel recovered the bodies. All the six labourers died of suffocation after inhaling toxic gas, they said.

TSZP takes steps to contain spread of Babesiosis

JAMSHEDPUR, MARCH 30 /--/ The Tata Steel Zoological Park (TSZP) here is taking steps to check the spread of the disease Babesiosis which proved fatal for two female tigers, a Tata Steel release here said.

Currently, two affected cubs are being treated, it said. Among the steps taken to contain the spread of the disease are regular fumigation of all feeding cells and outdoor enclosures of animals and installation of fly-catchers in feeding cells of tigers. The Central Zoo Authority has decided to depute a team of expert veterinarians from the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Kolkata to assist in containing the disease. Two tigers including a seven-month-old female cub died of the disease within a week earlier this month.

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S/o – Dudhnath Rai

Date: 30.03.2018
Place: Kolkata

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Cong slams BJD govt for anomalies in rollout of 'Khushi' scheme

BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 30 /--/ The Opposition Congress on Thursday slammed the ruling BJD government in the Assembly for anomalies in the rollout of 'Khushi' scheme for schoolgirls in the state.

Under the Khushi scheme, girls are provided free sanitary napkins in govenrment and government-aided schools across the state. The Congress said that the scheme is being implemented in a partial manner. Senior Congress MLA Bhujabal Majhi said the state government should make arrangements to provide sanitary napkins to girls studying between standard 6 and 12 in both aided and non-aided schools. Majhi was replying to health minister Pratap Jena s statement in the Assembly. He said that the scheme will benefit girl students of only government-aided schools.

During Question Hour, the Congress MLA said, around 2,67,400 girls are studying in non-aided schools while many of the 51 schools for children with disabilities are yet to receive 'government-aided school' status. Would the state government include girl students of these schools under the scheme? BJD MLA Sameer Ranjan Dash also wanted to know whether the state government would take steps to provide sanitary napkins to girls who are not even enrolled in schools. Jena, however, said that the state government has not taken any decision in regard to providing free sanitary napkins to all girls. The scheme is being implemented by the health and family welfare department of the state at a cost of 70 crore per year, a senior government official said. After launching the scheme, chief minister Naveen Patnaik had said that about 17 lakh girls studying in government and government-aided schools will benefit from it. (PTI)