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# BJP forms govt in Arunachal as 33 PPA members join it

### People's Party accuses saffron brigade of hijacking its MLAs

**ITANAGAR, DEC 31 /-** In a fast paced development, a BJP government was today installed in Arunachal Pradesh after 33 out of 43 Peoples Party of Arunachal (PPA) MLAs led by chief minister Pema Khandu, joined the saffron brigade in this politically fragile state.

Khandu paraded the MLAs before Assembly Speaker Tenzing Norbu Thongkhol who accepted their joining. The high-voltage political drama began since late Thursday night when PPA president Kahfa Bengia temporarily suspended Khandu, his deputy Chovma Mein and five legislators from the primary membership of the party for alleged anti-party activities. The PPA, an alliance partner of the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) government in the state, selected Takam Pario as the new chief minister of the state on Friday. However, the political equation changed after the joining of the PPA MLAs who initially extended support to Pario, later shifted their allegiance to Khandu. The PPA today also suspended their other MLAs including Honchun (Igangdam), Bamang Felix, Punji Mara and Pani Taram. Lotus has finally bloomed in Arunachal. The people of the state will see a new dawn of development in the new year under the new government," Khandu told reporters in the Assembly premises. Elaborating on the decision to merge with the BJP, the chief minister said that circumstances compelled the MLAs to take the decision in the interest of the people and the state.

visible development in the state. We joined the PPA with the intention to take the state's progress and prosperity, but there too, we find similar condition where the party president treated the MLAs undemocratically. So with focus on development, our MLAs decided to join the BJP for overall progress of the state," the chief minister said. Terminating the decision of the PPA president to suspend the MLAs as "undemocratic," Khandu said that before such a move the party leadership should have issued show cause notice to the MLAs. "There was no significant development in the state even last year. There will be no more, but now with NDA government at the Centre, the state will witness a sea change in the coming years," Khandu said adding that he would like to be a blessing in disguise for the people and the state. "Until and unless there is stability in the government, no development could take place. There will be no more dissent politics and we shall now only focus on development," Khandu asserted.

When asked about the court case filed by Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Padi Richo against the joining of Congress MLAs with PPA which is pending with the Gauhati High court and which would be taken up on January 7 next, Khandu said that the joining was done in accordance to the Constitution. Later today, the PPA today accused the BJP of hijacking its MLAs. Addressing media persons at Arunachal Press Club (APC) here, the PPA chief Bengia criticised NEDA convenor Biswa Nath Sarma for remaining a silent spectator during the political crisis. "The NEDA convenor instead of



coming to the state to resolve the ongoing crisis went to Kenya. He should have deputed somebody to sort out the differences between the MLAs of the party," Bengia said. "Most of the MLAs treat PPA as NEDA in the state and we are going to discuss the issue with other constituent members of the alliance soon," PPA central working committee (CWC) chairman Kamen Ringu said while supporting Bengia. Criticising the BJP for its "conspiracy" to dislodge the PPA led NEDA government in state and to install a full-fledged BJP government, Bengia alleged that the party even hijacked the PPA candidate for the November 19 by-poll to Hailujiang Assembly constituency and forced her to contest from a BJP ticket.

"Khandu of the MLAs treat PPA as a 'transit camp'. We'll not allow it any more. We'll try to strengthen the lone regional party of the state and will come out strong in the 2019 elections," Bengia said. "Most of the leaders are not to lead the state but to loot," Bengia said, adding that the party had enough legal aspects to teach lessons to those who had been maintaining equal relation with PPA as well as the BJP.

**SILIGURI, DEC 31 /-** The Indian Medical Association (IMA), the only representative, national voluntary organisation of Doctors of Modern Scientific System of Medicine organised a pan India protest today to voice and demand prompt action to key issues impacting the medical community at large. The "IMA Stop NMC Satyagrah" was held in over 500 cities simultaneously between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on the occasion of International Tolerance Day and saw the participation of over 1-lakh doctors.

IMA has been demanding key reforms towards the betterment of the medical profession since over a year. The Satyagrah that was

originally supposed to be held in November 2015 was postponed on the assurance of Health Minister of India, JP Nadda that an Inter-Ministerial Committee will address IMA's demands within six weeks. While the government accepted some demands initially, key issues remain unresolved. The Inter-Ministerial Committee is also only recommendatory in nature making them incapable of any action. "IMA asks for the government to consider the demands that it has put forward on behalf of 2.7 lakh doctors and action that within a six weeks period. These are genuine demands and need to be considered on priority," said Dr

SS Agarwal, National President IMA & Dr A. Marthanda Pillai - Immediate Past President IMA in a joint statement.

Elaborating on the demands Padma Shri Awardee Dr KK Aggarwal - National President Elect of Indian Medical Association said, "IMA has been demanding swift action against serious issues affecting the transparency and efficient functioning of the medical profession since the past one year, yet key issues remain unresolved. The proposed NMC bill is undemocratic and must be done away with. The PCNPDT Act is unjust and the inclusion of doctors under the purview of the Consumer Protection

Act unfair. Protecting doctors against the increasing incidence of violence is the responsibility of all including the government. Together we stand unified as a medical profession and hope that as demands are heard," "We must together work towards restoring the nobility of the profession and seek the governments help in this. These are issues affecting not one individual but the entire fraternity at large and must be addressed immediately," said Dr Pijush Kanti Roy, State President & Dr Mridula Chatterjee, President IMA Siliguri branch & Dr N Tandon - Honorary Secretary General (Elect) IMA in a joint statement.

## First Bengali Cardinal visits West Bengal

**KOLKATA, DEC 31 /-** With a message of love and peace for people in India and Bangladesh, the first Bengali Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church is on a visit to West Bengal after being given the rank of Cardinal-Priest last month by Pope Francis.

I wish all the people of Bengal, both this side of Bengal and other side Bengal, both believers and people belonging to all ethnic and religious groups, the blessing and grace of the Blessed Mother," Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario, Archbishop of Dhaka, said. The 75-year-old Holy See prelate is not only Bangladesh's first cardinal but he is also the first to be given the rank from among Bengali-speaking people.

After a solemn Eucharistic celebration with eight priests at the cathedral church, near the city 200 faithfuls gathered for the celebration and received his blessings. The visiting cardinal and entourage comprised around 40 relatives from Bangladesh and here including Bengali clergy from the Archdiocese of Calcutta, as well as priests from Salesian and Jesuit provinces of Kolkata.

## No resolution in sight to Manipur blockade as both CM and UNC refuse to budge from their stands

**IMPHAL, DEC 31 /-** A solution to the two-month-old crippling Naga indefinite economic blockade of Manipur is nowhere in sight with Manipur chief minister Oram Ibooi Singh and the United Naga Council (UNC) not budging from their respective stands, officials said.

The UNC had imposed the indefinite blockade on November 1 in protest against the government's plan to create two new districts. According to the UNC, several 'lands of the Nagas' will be usurped by the new districts. However the government responded by creating seven, and not two, new districts. All sections of people welcomed it saying that apart from administrative convenience this has been their long standing demand for speedy development.

The chief minister told a news agency that first UNC should call off the blockade and give an assurance that it will not be repeated. Only after that can talks be held and Gaitan Kamei and Stephen Lamkang, two UNC leaders, may be released to create a conducive atmosphere.



State chief secretary Omam Nabakhishore said: "One of the conditions of UNC is that the talks should be held in the district headquarters of Senapati". In response Singh said: "The UNC is a club of a handful of persons. If the government goes to Senapati district all other organisations may put such conditions in future. At the most we are ready to go to Delhi for the proposed tripartite talks".

Kiren Rijiju, the Union minister of state for home affairs, recently said that the Manipur government is not serious about ending the blockade. However the Manipur chief minister de-

nies it saying that there was no question of playing politics. It is a question of starving the people of the state.

Manipur has been without consumer items, baby foods, building materials and other items since November 1 as a result of the blockade. Rijiju who said that the "blockade is totally unacceptable" had despatched additional paramilitary personnel who are being used to escort trucks and oil tankers along NH 47. But the UNC said that it shall intensify the agitation. From Saturday, it is picketing government offices in the Naga dominated areas in the hill districts.

## Five prisoners escape from Buxar jail, action taken against three jail officials

**BUXAR (BIHAR), DEC 31 /-** Five convicts, including four serving life term, escaped from the Buxar Central Jail on Friday late night by passing the prison wall, raising questions over security of jails and prompting the administration to suspend three jail officials. District Jail Officer Kamran Kumar said today that the jailbreak took place between 12 midnight and 3 am. Iron rod, pipe and 'dhoti' have been found at the spot from where the prisoners scaled the wall. Kumar said, Superintendent of Police Undara Sharma said those who escaped included Raj Singh, hailing from Motihari, Girdhari Rai of Chapra, Sonu Pandey and Undara Shah of Ara, all four serving life imprisonment and Sonu Singh of Brahmapur, Buxar, convicted for 10 years. The DM said that after probing the incident, responsibility would be fixed on the erring jail officials for the jail break.

Three jail officials of Buxar prison have been suspended in connection with the jailbreak. The suspended officials include controller Kamlesh Kumar and Undara Das and Raj Kumar Ram, both wardens, Inspector General of Prison Anand Kishore said in Patna. Kishore told news agency PTI that a two-member jail department team has been sent to conduct an on spot inquiry into the jailbreak. The prison comprises Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of prison Shivendra Priyadarshi and Director Jail Administration Rajeev Verma, Kishore said. Based on reports of the probe team, action would be initiated against those who found guilty.

## BJP's growth in Tripura due to 'our weakness': CPM

**AGARTALA, DEC 31 /-** The ruling CPM in Tripura has said the BJP managed to increase its vote in the recent by-polls in the state taking advantage of "our organisational weakness and by luring people with false promises."

The results of the recent two by-elections held for two Assembly seats and by-polls in panchayat seats show that the BJP managed to increase their votes," party secretary Bijan Dhar told news persons on Friday night. "All these things happened due to our organisational weakness and due to their alluring people by giving false assurances," Dhar said. "Taking advantage of being in power at the Centre they also misused their power to lure voters," he said. Leftist leader alleged that RSS, Bajrang Dal and BJP have brought their activists from outside the state for trying to build up a political base for the party. "Those activists are indulging in false campaign against the Left Front government and organising demonstrations in front of the residences of ministers, government offices and roads by raising false issues," Dhar said and added: "We have asked the administration and common people to remain alert about the activities of the BJP activists". He said the opposition Congress has become "very weak," due to split in their party and the breakaway faction who formed Trinamool Congress in the state also could not be certain about their political future in the state. The Left Front has been in power for the last 23 years in Tripura.

## Assam govt takes step for speedy implementation of Majithia wage board

**GUWAHATI, DEC 31 /-** Assam government today said it has reconvened a tripartite committee for ensuring and monitoring speedy implementation of the recommendations of the Majithia Wage Board in the state.

On expiry of the terms of the tripartite committee constituted in August 2015, the government has reconvened it with representatives of the government, newspaper management, and the journalists/non-journalists workers unions, an official release said. The committee has been constituted with Assam labour and welfare minister as the chairman, additional chief secretary (labour and wel-

## Demonetisation hits tourism in state

**KOLKATA, DEC 31 /-** Demonetisation has impacted tourism in West Bengal severely, tourism minister Gautam Deb said here today. Speaking at the valedictory session of International Industrial Trade Fair organised by BNCCI, Deb said tourism earning in the state had affected badly due to demonitisation. He, however, did not quantify the impact in the state. In-bound travellers from other states and even international tourists faced cash crunch at their lands leading to lower spending, the minister indicated and criticised the Centre for problems faced in general trade and commerce. The business at the fair, an annual event, was not very good said stall owners across the country and overseas. A participant at the fair from Turkey selling various decorative lamps said due to cash crunch volume of sales had been affected. BNCCI officials said overall business level was lukewarm compared to earlier years.

## Sikkim became India's first fully organic state in 2016

**GANGTOK, DEC 31 /-** 2016 turned out to be a great year for Sikkim as it became India's first fully organic state besides being adjudged the cleanest state, overall best in education and tourist destination while the famed Kanchenjunga National Park was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land were gradually converted to certified organic land by implementing practices and principles as per guidelines laid down in National Programme for Organic Production. It took the state 13 years to fully implement organic farming since the idea was mooted way back in 2003. 2016 also saw the Pawan Chaming ministry amending the state gambling and casino rules allowing all locals from entering casinos in the state starting July. Kanchenjunga National Park in West Sikkim was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site committee at its 40th session held on July 17 at Istanbul. August was a dampener after a freak landslide blocked a

portion of Kanka river, a tributary of river Teesta in North Sikkim's Dzongul which created an artificial lake submerging five houses and affecting hundreds of families in the area.

The threat of a lake bursting and causing a flash flood down river triggered panic along the Teesta river belt towards West Bengal. Achievers from the state who made news were Meriya Subba who bagged the Mega Miss North East title in June along with kickboxer Sushmita Rai who made a country proud by winning a bronze

at the World Martial Arts Masters Championship held in South Korea in September. Sikkim also had its share of lows in 2016. The rape of a student from Kolkata who was on a vacation here in May shocked the state.

Sikkim was awarded the cleanest state in India by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in September. The result was announced by Union rural development minister Narendra Singh Tomar based on a survey for the year 2015.

All four districts of the state figured among top 10

ranked districts of hill states of the country. Simultaneously, in October, Sikkim was also adjudged the cleanest tourist destination in the country by the ministry of tourism.

The award was handed over by the Prime Minister. On June 7, maintenance of Sevoke-Gangtok highway, the "lifeline of Sikkim" was handed over to PWD, West Bengal by BRO which had been in-charge of maintenance of the highway since the devastating landslides of 1968. The highway now rechristened NH-10 is significant since it also leads

up to Nathula along Indo-China border.

In June, Chaming submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi four separate memorandums including demands of special financial package of Rs 43,589 crore for development.

In the same month, Berniok Tokol Senior Secondary School in a remote village in south Sikkim became the first school in the northeast to have smart classes and smart TVs. Sikkim was once again conferred with the overall best state in education.

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