

Rhenock Bazar school excels in quiz competition at Pakyong division

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RANGPO, SEPT 29 /- Govt Junior High School Rhenock Bazar has stood first in the divisional level of the State-level Junior High School Sanitation Quiz Competition organized under the auspices of Rural Management Development Department at Pakyong Division. The participating students of the school won the competition. Sejal Chhetri of class VIII, Apsana Pradhan of class VII and Rahul Chhetri of class VI were felicitated in the morning assembly on Saturday. The team will now participate in the district level competition in Gangtok on September 30. The school also celebrated the birthday of Angli Tamang of class II during the day. The boy's football team of the school is playing the quarter final in the Inter School Secondary level football tournament organized by Aritar Secondary School on Saturday.

Debate on should property right be fundamental right or legal right



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GANGTOK, SEPT 29 /- The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, organized a Debate Competition on the topic: "Whether it is appropriate to bring back right to property in the domain of fundamental rights under article 19(f) or should only be recognized as a legal right as provided under article 300 of Constitution" for the students of Sikkim Government Law College, Birtuk, East Sikkim, Sikkim University, Tadong, East Sikkim and I.C.F.A.I. University, Lower Sichey, East Sikkim on Saturday. The Judges for the competition were Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim N. Rai, Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA, S.S. Hamal and Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA T.R. Barfungpa.

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BJP becoming focal point in TN politics: Union minister

COIMBATORE, SEPT 29 /- The BJP is becoming the focal point in Tamil Nadu politics as all political parties were either criticizing or appreciating it, Union minister of state for finance, Pon Radhakrishnan said today.

Noting that a situation has arisen wherein the BJP has become the focal point in the present politics of Tamil Nadu, he told reporters here that the AIADMK was claiming that BJP was behind the DMK and the latter accused his party of operating the ruling AIADMK. BJP has become the talking point for all political parties either to criticize or appreciate, he said while responding to a query on the allegations levelled by DMK chief M K Stalin that the saffron party was behind the recent protest meet organised by AIADMK.

The AIADMK had sought an international probe against DMK and ally Congress for "war crimes" against Tamils in the 2009 Sri Lankan civil conflict when UPA was in power, during the state-wide protests it had staged over the issue on September 25. On the charges levelled against the Centre over the Rafale deal, the Union minister said it was the reflection of rising election fever ahead of the coming Lok Sabha polls. On the Supreme Court verdict on Sabarimala issue, Radhakrishnan said reports reaching him suggested that devotees were 'shellshocked' after the judgement, since they were in favour of the continuation of tradition followed all these years. Asked about the Centre's stand on the SC ruling, he said there was no role for the central government in the matter as it was the state government that had to take steps to implement it.



Sivassena activists' protest march in front of State Secretariat against the Supreme Court verdict of women entry to Sabarimala Temple, on Friday.

Anganwadi worker sacked for having 3 kids moves Bombay HC

MUMBAI, SEPT 29 /- An Anganwadi worker in Maharashtra has approached the Bombay High Court challenging the state government's decision to dismiss her from job for having more than two children and thus, not adhering to its 'Small Family Rules'. The petitioner, Tanvi Sodaye, began working for the states Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme in 2002 and was promoted to the post of an Anganwadi Sevika in 2012. In March this year, however, she received a written communication from the state authorities informing her that she was being dismissed from work since she had three children. The letter informed her a 2014 Government

Resolution (order) mandated that state employees in various departments, including the ICDS scheme, must not have more than two children. In her plea, filed through advocate Ajinkya M Udane, Sodaye, however, argued that her dismissal from service on the ground that she had more than two kids was illegal since she was already eight months pregnant when her third child when the August 2014 GR came into effect. While Sodaye approached the high court in April this year; just a month after her dismissal, her plea was taken up by the court for hearing for the first time only last week. In the hearing, advocate Udane told a bench of Justices R.M. Savant and S.K. Karnik that his clients appointment letter or the letter confirming her promotion to an Anganwadi Sevika, did not have any clause restricting the number of children she could have.

Besides, he argued, since she was already eight months pregnant when the GR in question came into effect, in her case, applying provisions would mean applying a law retrospectively.

Executive 'refuses' to stop car, shot dead by constables in UP; CM hints at CBI probe

LUCKNOW/GORAKHPUR, SEPT 29 /- A 30-year-old man was shot dead early this morning by a policeman when he allegedly refused to stop his car for checking in Lucknow's posh Gombi Nagar neighbourhood, police said. Two constables were arrested on the basis of an FIR lodged by Apple executive Vivek Tiwari's colleague Sana Khan, who was travelling with him. Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath said a CBI inquiry will be recommended, if needed. Hours after the 1.30 am shooting, Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) O P Singh called it a criminal act and said the two constables were dismissed from service.



Vivek Tiwari

Senior superintendent of police (SSP) Kalanidhi Nanchahal said the policemen on patrol duty had asked Tiwari to stop the SUV, which had hit their motorcycle and injured them. Constable Prashant Chaudhary noticed "suspicious activity" and opened fire when the man allegedly tried to speed away. A bullet pierced the windscreen as the car rammed into a pillar, police said.

The SSP had said the actual cause of death, whether it was bullet injuries or injuries suffered by the Tiwari when the car hit the pillar, will be known only after a post-mortem. The autopsy report later confirmed the death was caused by gunshot injuries. The constable, however, said he opened fire in self-defence when Tiwari tried to run over him, according to police. A special investigation team (SIT) has been formed to investigate the shooting. A magisterial inquiry has also been ordered, officials said. The chief minister said, this was not an encounter. The guilty will not be spared and if needed a CBI inquiry will be held, he told newsmen in Gorakhpur. Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Anand Kumar said the incident was unfortunate. "Prima facie it is a murder case, he added. The principle of law is clear that the right of self-defence cannot exceed the perceived threat," the ADG said. He said adequate security has been provided for Sana Khan, on whose statement the FIR was based. Tiwari is survived by his wife and two children.

Newly-wed woman gangraped by husband's relatives in Haryana

KURUKSHETRA, SEPT 29 /- A newly married woman was allegedly gangraped by her husband's relatives and a 'tantrik' in Haryana's Yamunanagar, police said today. According to a complaint filed by the woman's father in Kurukshetra today, she was married to a resident of Yamunanagar on September 12 this year. The family had called an occulist at home. After administration of some intoxicating substance, she was made to have sexual intercourse with her husband's elder brother and her sister-in-law's husband, "the father alleged in the complaint. She was made to involve herself in sexual activities with the occulist for next three days, during which she was gangraped several times, he said. The father said his daughter's mother-in-law and two sisters-in-law were also involved in the conspiracy. The accused would be arrested for forcing her to destroy any evidence in the case. The FIR stated. Stationhouse officer Satya Devisaid zero FIR was registered and the case was transferred to Yamunanagar police station for further investigation.



The New Generation Contractor Co-operative Society, Singtam, has conducted a meeting with the drivers of Bormit Line regarding the formation of a new committee at the office. The newly elected committee members are Mohan Manger, Arjun Rai, Lakpha Lepcha and Lakpha Tamang. The newly elected members were welcomed and congratulated by president Tu Tsh Lepcha and advisor Bhanu Lepcha by the offering of khadas. -- SANJAY AGARWAL