



RDJ leaders attending party meeting, in Patna on Saturday

Assam CM urges youths to devote them to agriculture

GUWAHATI, JAN 6 /- Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Friday urged youths to devote themselves to agriculture and work to build a robust economic foundation for the state. The state government is committed to project Assam's potentialities in the global arena and this will be possible only when youth lead the state from the front and work for increasing productivity, he said inaugurating the Assam International Agri Horticultural Show, 2018 at Dibrugarh.

The state government's stern resolve to revitalize the economic condition of the farmers and give them a life of dignity, he said. I urge youths of the state to devote themselves to agriculture and contribute in its growth as our culture is closely linked to agriculture and our strength lies in it," Sonowal said.

Initiative like Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Udayan Yojana (CMSGU) has been taken up to double the farm income and build solid economic foundation for farmers and raise their dignity in society and standard of living, he said.

Under CMSGU, the government has taken a move to distribute one tractor per village to 26,000 villages of the state so that farmers can shift from single to triple cropping," the chief minister said. Lauding the resilience of the farmers of the state, he said they tide over challenges like flood and erosion every year and contribute to the state's economy. Sonowal hoped that the participation of several countries and states in the show would give new impetus to the growth of agriculture in Assam. (PTI)

Police arrest firm's CMD regarding chit fund cases

BHUBANESWAR, JAN 6 /- Seahorse Group CMD Prashant Das was today arrested by police from his residence here in connection with three chit fund cases against him, a day after his release from jail. Das was released on Friday from jail here after got bail in the other chit fund cases. Das was arrested by Dhenkanal Police based on the warrant against his name, said Dhenkanal superintendent of police, Basant Panigrahi. The SP said a team of Dhenkanal Police was sent to Bhubaneswar to arrest Das in connection with three cases lodged against him at the Town Police Station. The cases were lodged against Das in 2013.

Das has been accused of duping investors of Rs 7 crore in Dhenkanal district, police sources said. "Das has been arrested from his residence at Tharpura in Bhubaneswar. After interrogation, we will forward him to court," the SP said. Das said "I will move court for bail". He also said that "I will ensure all the investors of Seahorse get their money back." Das was first arrested by Crime Branch of Odisha Police from Mumbai on June 20, 2013 after the Rs 500 crore Seahorse Group chit fund scam surfaced. Later the case was handed over to CBI which filed a charge sheet against Das, after probe. (PTI)

Final electoral rolls published in Tripura

AGARTALA, JAN 6 /- The final electoral rolls of Tripura have been published with names of 25, 69,216 voters. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sri Ram Taranikanti said. For the first time, the 'third gender' option was included in the final rolls and 11 people have registered their names under the category, Taranikanti said. Of the remaining 25, 69,205 voters, 13, 03,420 are males and 12, 65,785 females. The final rolls were published yesterday after looking into all claims and objections filed from different quarters of Tripura, where assembly elections are due in the first half of this year, the CEO said. During the course of electoral rolls revision, the names of 98,064 voters were deleted and 47,800 first-timers between 18 and 19 years were added, he said. The Badarghat Assembly constituency witnessed maximum inclusion with 57,394 voters while Karbuk seat registered just 34,699 names, minimum among all 60 constituencies. The voters' list was made available to 3,214 polling stations, tehsil offices and election registration offices. The state election authority has ensured 100 per Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPI) coverage, Taranikanti added. (PTI)

Third electric loco reliability meet in CLW



CHITTARANJAN, JAN 6 /- 3rd Electric Loco Reliability Meet was held at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) on 5th & 6th January, 2018. Chief Electrical Loco Engineers (CELEs), Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineers (Sr DEEs) of Zonal Railways, Sr. Officers from RDSO / Lucknow participated in this meet to discuss reliability issues of the CLW built electric locomotives. Special focus was given to enhance reliability of 3-phase electric locomotives provided with the latest IGBT technology based equipments.

The meeting was formally chaired by V.P.Pathak, general manager, CLW on 5th Jan, 2018 in the Administrative office meeting room.

S. K. Singh, EDEE/RS from Railway Board, Q. P. Kesari, Sr.EDSE from RDSO,

Lucknow and senior electrical officers from various railways namely Eastern Railway, South East Central Railway, North Central Railway, West Central Railway, East Coast Railway, Central Railway, Northern Railway, Western Railway, Southern Railway, South Eastern Railway and South Central Railway participated and actively discussed the reliability issues of electric locomotives. The agenda for discussion included problems experienced in field along with latest technological up-gradations. Apart from Railway Officers, representatives from reputed manufacturers of IGBT converters & Brake system also attended this meet. V. P. Pathak, general manager CLW inaugurated the meet on 5th January 2018 and acknowledged the contribution of all the Railways

towards improvement in the reliability of electric locomotives manufactured by CLW. CLW also appraised Railways about the steps being taken to improve the reliability along with the latest improvements being carried out in CLW built locos.

V.P. Pathak, general manager stressed upon the need to have more interaction with the Zonal Railways for better co-ordination for improving the overall reliability of Electric Locomotives to provide better services to Railways on the concluding session on 6th Jan 2018.

CLW took note of the areas of concern highlighted by all the participating Railways and assured about immediate corrective action on all the issues. This will help Indian Railways to run passenger trains on time along with maximization of freight loading. (PTI)

JD-U for reservation in judiciary

PATNA, JAN 6 /- The ruling Janata Dal (United) in Bihar today urged the Centre to expeditiously set up a judicial services commission and asked all political parties to come out in support of introducing reservations in the judiciary. "A little under three crore cases are pending in various courts of law across

the country. Dalits and backward in particular, are vulnerable to being falsely implicated in cases. Delay in getting justice takes up their time and meager resources which also adversely affects the possibility of their children getting proper education", JD-U deputy leader in Bihar assembly Shyam Rajak said

here in a statement.

"Moreover, as many as 6,379 posts of judges are lying vacant in the country. Nine High Courts do not have a Chief Justice. The posts of seven judges will fall vacant at the Supreme Court this year. All these things come in the way of speedy disposal of justice", he said. "The Centre is,

therefore, requested to expeditiously set up a judicial services commission so that the process of filling up vacant posts gathers momentum", he added. Underscoring that the Nitish Kumar ministry in the state had introduced reservations in the lower judiciary, the former Bihar minister said "It was a historic step

which ought to be emulated by other states as well as the Centre." I would urge all political parties to support the cause of introducing reservations in the judiciary. This is essential to realise Ambedkar's dream of an egalitarian society from which caste-based hierarchy has been banished", Rajak added. (PTI)

State Notes

Banned outfit's hideout busted in Arunachal

ITANAGAR, JAN 6 /- Security forces in Arunachal Pradesh have destroyed a temporary hideout of the banned United Liberation Front of Assam (Independent) in Changlang district. Based on specific intelligence inputs, the Janapada Battalion of the Assam Rifles, under the regis of DAO Division, conducted an operation near Namdapha reserve forest on Friday and busted the hideout. Defence spokesman Col Chiranjit Konwer said. The action is part of the security forces' ongoing crackdown on insurgent activities in the run up to Republic Day. There was information about the presence of cadres of the outfit trying to terrorise people through extortion bids at Miao town, the spokesman said. Security personnel recovered extortion notes, opium and other documents from the hideout. Konwer said, adding, the cadres had been using it as a place of transit. (PTI)

Boy held for killing minor girl

HAFLONG, JAN 6 /- A 13-year-old boy has been held for allegedly killing a six-year-old girl at Umrangso in Assam's Dima Hasao district, police said today. According to Umrangso police station officer-in-charge Sewa Singh, the boy on Friday had lured his neighbour's baby girl to a secluded place near NEEPPO water reservoir when she was playing outside their house. After allegedly killing her, he threw the body into the water of the reservoir. Police has taken the boy into custody and investigation into the incident is on, Singh said. The body of the girl has been sent to Haflong Civil hospital for postmortem and a report is awaited. Police sources suspect that the accused boy could have raped the girl before killing her. (PTI)

Gold seized

PATNA, JAN 6 /- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials today arrested a person with 5.10 kg of gold worth Rs 1.56 crore from a coach of Bibhuti Express at Patna junction. Acting on specific information, officers of DRI Patna raided a coach of 12933 Bibhuti express this morning at Patna junction from which a person Gyan Chand Verma, a resident of Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh, was arrested with 5.10 kg of gold worth Rs 1.56 crore. DRI sources said, Verma admitted that the said gold was smuggled from Bangladesh. DRI sources said, adding that the arrested person could not produce any legal document in support of gold he was possessing. The said gold was seized under Customs Act 1962 and the person was arrested under the provisions of the said Act, the sources said. On the basis of revelations made by Gyan Chand Verma during interrogation, raids were conducted by the DRI authorities at the premises of Verma's accomplices simultaneously at Varanasi and Kolkata to nab them. (PTI)

Newly elected MLAs meet Arunachal CM

ITANAGAR, JAN 6 /- Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu today congratulated the newly elected BJP MLAs Bivuram Wahge from Pakke-Kessang constituency and Kardo Nyiygor (Likabali) who called on him at Patna during the inauguration of the party's resounding victory in the state and welcomed them with traditional scarf, an official release said. The people of the two constituencies have shown that they are with good governance and development. They have witnessed the changes brought in by the BJP government and have, therefore, bestowed their confidence on the party under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Khandu said. The chief minister advised the newly elected legislators to live up to the expectations of their respective electorates and become assets for the party. (PTI)

Bike lifters' gang busted

KENDRAPARA, JAN 6 /- Kendrapara police on Friday claimed to have busted an inter-district bike-lifters' gang by arresting four persons, including a diploma engineer. Thirteen two-wheelers were recovered from their possession, police said. The racketeers used to lift the bikes from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar and sell them at low prices through a network of middlemen, said Kendrapara Superintendent of Police Dayanidhi Gochhayat. Ashwini Nayak, a diploma engineer from Jagatour near Cuttack, is the mastermind of the racket, the SP said. The gang has stolen around 25 motorcycles in the past few months, 13 of which were recovered today, he said, adding that search is on to nab the other six members of the gang. (PTI)

Drugs seized

IMPHAL, JAN 6 /- In a major haul, police today seized WY drugs, worth Rs 3 crore in the international market, in Imphal West district of Manipur. Acting on inputs from a reliable source, a mini truck was intercepted near NC College Gate in Imphal West by a team of police officers, additional SP L.Priyadarshini said. The truck, loaded with sandbags, had come from the India-Myanmar border town of Moreh. "When the officers searched the truck, they found WY drug packets tucked between sandbags," Priyadarshini said. Driver N.Ranjit has been taken into custody by the senior police officer said. World's Yours (WY) contains a mixture of methamphetamine and caffeine. It is typically produced in a round pill form. (PTI)

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Arunachal DyCM lauds cops, security forces

ITANAGAR, JAN 6 /- Arunachal Pradesh deputy chief minister Chowna Meena today said the state government will always be perceptive of the needs of the police force and encourage them to perform their duties with sincerity. The deputy chief minister, during a programme at Roing VKV School in Lower Dibang Valley district, lauded the security forces for their crime control measures in the state. "The state government is always there to look into the needs of the police force and encourage them to perform their duty with sincerity and dedication," he said.

Lauding the commitment and awareness programmes of the police department, he said the measures would go a long way in tackling social evils like drug abuse and domestic violence. Meen also lauded the sacrifices and contributions of Assam Rifles and other paramilitary forces and said the people in the border state are safe because of them. Exhorting the students of the school, the deputy CM said education would help them become responsible citizens of the state.

Lower Dibang Valley district SP Sanjay Kumar Sain, while enumerating the measures taken by the district police to ensure safety of people, said the number of visitors to the area has increased since the inauguration of the Bhuben Hazarika Bridge. "With the opening of Bhuben Hazarika Bridge, the number of visitors coming to the district has increased manifold. The manpower at Shantipur Checkgate has been strengthened and CCTV cameras have been installed to check illegal entry," the SP added. (PTI)

Locals block NH 31 after alleged police atrocities

BEGUSARAI, JAN 6 /- A brother and sister were thrashed by policemen after their bike collided with a bike of cops in Begusarai district today, triggering protest by locals who blocked NH 31 ahead of chief minister Nitish Kumar passing through the area for a programme in the district. After the collision, two angry bike borne policemen thrashed the brother and sister and also damaged their bike near station chowk under Balia police station, Balia SHO Sunil Kumar said.

The siblings have been identified as Mohan Kumar and Suman Kumari, residents of Janipur village of the district. The incident occurred with the brother and sister were returning from Barbhigi village under Balia police station.

Balia police station after seeing the dead body of their maternal grandmother, Kumar said. The incident angered the local people who blocked NH 31 (Begusarai-Khagaria main road) for nearly two hours demanding action against the erring policemen, the police officer said.

The policemen, who thrashed the duo, managed to escape from the spot after seeing the angry mob. Stern action would be taken against the policemen who were the law once they are identified, the SHO added. Since the chief minister's programme was scheduled near Balia in the district today, police resorted to mild lathicharge after locals started pelting stones on them and cleared the blockade, the SHO said. (PTI)

Odisha already victim of injustice in Mahanadi row: Ex-Minister

BHUBANESWAR, JAN 6 /- Senior BJP leader and former Odisha irrigation minister Bijay Mohapatra today said the state has already been affected due to construction of barrages on upstream of Mahanadi by Chhattisgarh. His remarks came at a time when the Centre has been maintaining that there would be no injustice towards the state.

There has been no flow of surplus water to Hirakud reservoir in river Mahanadi. Water level at Naraj and Jobra has dropped. Even water level in Kuakhab on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar has declined," Mohapatra, a BJP national executive member, said while reacting over Union resources minister Nitin Gadkari's assurance to Odisha. Stating that the people of Bhubaneswar will face water scarcity in March, Mohapatra said Odisha has already been affected due to construction of barrages

by Chhattisgarh on the upstream of river Mahanadi.

"I am not sure how Gadkari could assure the state that there would be no injustice, Mohapatra said. "I have no idea whether the Union minister was provided details by the state government on the Mahanadi issue." Mohapatra, however, said that all details are with the Central Water Commission (CWC) but it is difficult to comprehend why the CWC was not sharing it with Gadkari. "The CWC should apprise the minister on the Mahanadi issue, Mohapatra said. Describing Gadkari as a very efficient minister, Mohapatra said the minister might not have been fed with correct information. "I feel he was not properly briefed by the department," he said. Mohapatra said that those who are looking at the no justice will be done to Odisha, should know that it is already a victim of injustice. (PTI)

Orisa HC grants bail to woman doctor in graft case

CUTTACK, JAN 6 /- The Orissa High Court on Friday granted conditional bail to Uridha Sethy, a doctor at the SCB Medical College and Hospital here, who was arrested by the vigilance department on corruption charges. Justice Sangam Kumar Sahoo allowed the bail application of Sethy, who was working as an associate professor at the hospital's chemical hematology department.

The HC granting the bail on allegation and the role played by her and since her custodial interrogation is over. Sethy was directed to furnish a bail bond of Rs 2 lakh with two local solvent sureties each of like amount to the satisfaction of the trial court.

The High Court further directed that granting of bail order to Sethy shall not be treated as a claim of parity for the other co-accused person(s). She was arrested on December 13 last year for her alleged role in getting pecuniary advantages from multinational pharmaceutical companies in lieu of showing undue favour to them by prescribing their expensive medicines to patients. The vigilance sleuths had also arrested Sethy's colleague and department head Rabindra Kumar Jena on similar charges. Blaming Jena for the corruption, Sethy's counsel told the court that she was only a nodal officer of the department and the main allegation was against Jena. (PTI)

RRT to tackle cases of witch hunting in Odisha

BARIPADA, JAN 6 /- Rapid Response Team (RRT) will be set up in Odisha's tribal dominated Mayurbhanj district to tackle cases of witch hunting, a top district official has said. The district had witnessed 92 cases of witchcraft and sorcery related offences during last five years, district collector Surendra Kumar Meena said.

To tackle the cases of witch hunting the RRTs would work in block level. Meena said. The process of formation of RRTs would be completed by January 15 and at least 26 RRTs would be set up with the Block Development Officer (BDO) as head, the collector said. The RRTs will comprise child development programme officer, medical officer, block education officer, welfare extension officer, inspector in charge of police station, Nehru Yuva Kendra volunteer, one office bearer of block level federation of self help groups, he said. The children, women and elderly persons were mostly victims of the witchcraft practice. The teams would take steps to prevent any such types of incidents in remote tribal villages and for minimising offences in collaboration with local police and other agencies besides making awareness activities. (PTI)

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