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8. "Stone pelting has become BJP's trend, Constitution is silent" : CPI-M sitting MP, East Tripura candidate Jitendra Chaudhury has slammed BJP's trend of stone pelting which was never seen in Tripura before few years.

9. Rahul, Sonia, Priyanka, Modi to campaign in Tripura: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi among leaders who will campaign in Tripura next week, party sources said on Tuesday.

10. IPFT rejects BJP demand to exit Tripura LS contest: Setting aside speculations, ruling BJP's junior ally IPFT in Tripura on Thursday remained firm on contesting the Lok Sabha polls "to achieve a separate state for tribals". According to political analysts, the electoral contest between alliance partners -- the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) -- is a part of latter's political strategy.

'IPFT betrayed its own Community', says Congress



AGARTALA (TIWN): Based on anti-BJP wave across Northeast over Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 (CAB) which BJP attempted to pass in the last parliamentary season, Congress State President Pradyot Manikya had called for unity among all Tiprasa (indigenous people) against Citizenship Amendment Bill and its Godfather BJP. On yesterday night, Pradyot Manikya, regional party INPT's President Bijay Hrangkhawh went to IPFT President NC Debbarma's house seeking his support for

anti-BJP wave by the indigenous people across Tripura. But today morning, NC Debbarma called Pradyot Manikya and said he can not support Congress right now. Reacting over NC Debbarma's reply, Pradyot Manikya said, "On yesterday's meeting at NC Debbarma's home we sought his help, Bijay Hrangkhawh kept his hand on NC Debbarma's hand seeking his support for Tiprasa people and those who are protesting against Citizenship Amendment Bill

(CAB). Being asked by media, whether if after Lok Sabha Election, IPFT wants to align with Congress will Congress welcome them, Pradyot Manikya said, "After this episode, I would never talk to IPFT. The party whose basis is to talk for indigenous people's rights today kept politics ahead and community far away." "I am not only the President of Tripura Congress but also a traditional head. I myself went to his home, folded hands seeking his help and all indigenous leaders went with us", said Manikya. "IPFT is trying to help BJP indirectly by dividing votes but after this decision of IPFT, I don't think IPFT will be around in the political scenario anymore or can win election", said Pradyot Manikya.

EC's special police observers for Tripura, Mizoram, Bengal, Jharkhand



AGARTALA (TIWN): The Election Commission has appointed Special Central Police Observers for Tripura, Mizoram, West Bengal and Jharkhand, an official said here on Wednesday. An official of the Tripura Election Department said that former Director General of Manipur Police Mrinal Kanti Das has been appointed by the Election Commission as Special Central Police Observer for Tripura and Mizoram. "The Special Central Police Observer would monitor and guide the authority about the deployment of central armed forces and state forces during the Lok Sabha elections," the official added. Das, a 1977 batch Manipur-Tripura cadre IPS officer, relinquished the Manipur police chief's post in November 2013. The official also said that former Director General of Border Security Force K. K. Sharma has been appointed by the poll panel as Special Central Police Observer for West Bengal and Jharkhand. Sharma, a 1982 batch Rajasthan cadre IPS officer, retired from service in September last year.

Nominations of IPFT leader, 4 others rejected

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Mahatma Sandeep Namdeo, returning officer of Tripura West Lok Sabha constituency, told TIWN. However, the nomination of another IPFT candidate Brishaketu Debbarma, an alternative nominee of the party for the seat, was found valid. Namdeo said 18 candidates of different political parties and independents filed nominations for the Tripura West Lok Sabha constituency till Monday and scrutiny of these papers was undertaken on Tuesday in presence of leaders of political parties and Election Commission observers. The IAS officer, also the District Magistrate and Collector of the West Tripura District, said 13 nominations were found valid after the scrutiny and the remaining five were rejected for a variety of reasons.

IPFT Minister Mebar Jamatia confirms 'Good Relation' with BJP

AGARTALA (TIWN): After Congress, INPT, IPFT's meeting on yesterday latenight went as viral news item, IPFT Minister Mebar Jamatia has confirmed before media that there is no problem between BJP and IPFT at all. Mebar Jamatia said that due to seat debate, IPFT decided to battle alone, but there is no link between IPFT and BJP's division. He said, it's a part of alliance practice and in other



states also same rule has been followed years after years. "IPFT is a member of NEDA and there is no problem between

BJP and IPFT. The opposition leaders' work has always been to criticize IPFT", Mebar Jamatia told media.

BJP is afraid of voters, Democracy : MP Jiten



AGARTALA (TIWN): CPI-M MP Jitendra Chaudhury while addressing in a political rally said, "BJP is afraid of people and thus not allowing opposition to raise voice. This Lok Sabha battle is not a battle between CPI-M and BJP neither CPI-M vs. Congress, but it's a battle against communalism and capitalism. All patriot, democratic people should come forward to remove the Modi

Govt from power", said the MP. "Vision Document is today resulting in violence. CPI-M worked for common men not by words, but by works. Our strive for common men's rights will be continuing. Left parties left as the only party which are really close to common men and understand poor people's agony. Time to time we have raised voice for their rights

and will continue to do that", he said. Tripura Election will be conducted in two phases April 11 and April 18. MP Jitendra Chaudhury is the sitting MP contesting for East Tripura constituency whereas sitting MP Sankar Prasad Dutta will be contesting from West Tripura. West Tripura election is scheduled to held on April 11 and East Tripura will be held on April 18.

Congress, INPT to contest Tripura LS polls jointly

AGARTALA (TIWN): The Congress and it's old ally the Indigenous Nationalist Party of Twipra (INPT) have decided to fight the Lok Sabha elections together in Tripura, leaders of the two parties announced here on Sunday. The INPT, the state's oldest tribal party, had announced its candidates for the two Lok Sabha seats in the state a week ago after its "seat-sharing negotiations with the Congress failed". However, the two parties held a joint press conference on Sunday to announce their alliance before the Lok Sabha elections. "We discussed the political scenario in Tripura and decided to prevent the division of votes. The INPT and the Congress would jointly contest elections to defeat both the ruling BJP and the opposition CPI-M led Left Front in the two Lok Sabha seats," Tripura Congress President Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarmansaid. He also said Congress President Rahul Gandhi has approved the alliance. "Without any

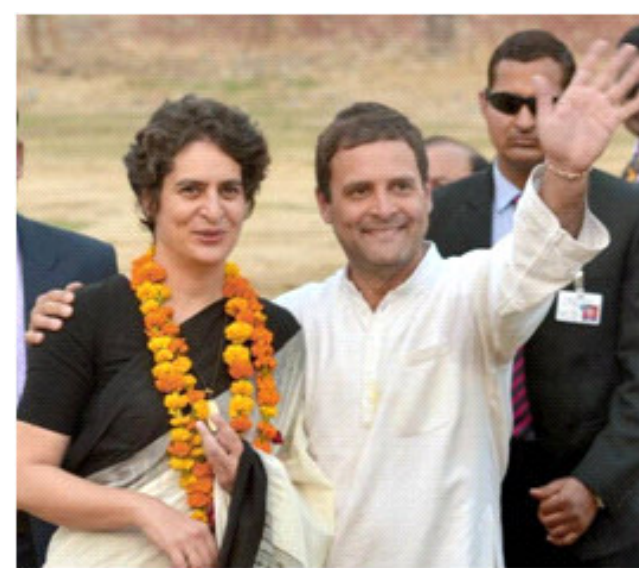


preconditions, we are supporting the Congress candidates in the elections. The Congress President and the state party leaders have agreed to provide more power and autonomy to the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council," said INPT President Bijoy Kumar Hrangkhawh, earlier nominated for the Tripura East seat. INPT General Secretary Jagadish Debbarma said the two parties would leave no stone unturned to defeat the BJP and the CPI-M. "For the welfare of the

people of Tripura, especially tribals, the Congress and the INPT would work together like before," said Debbarma, earlier named by the INPT for the Tripura West seat. The Congress and the INPT have been contesting polls in Tripura jointly since 1983. The two parties also ran a coalition government in the state for five years from 1988. Polling for Tripura West will be held in the first phase on April 11 and Tripura East in the second phase on April 18. Votes will be counted on May 23.

Rahul, Sonia, Priyanka, Modi to campaign in Tripura

AGARTALA (TIWN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi among leaders who will campaign in Tripura next week, party sources said on Tuesday. Bharatiya Janata Party spokesman Nabendu Chattacharjee said Modi, who addressed a public gathering here on February 9 and launched several projects, would address an election rally on April 6 in southern



BJP will turn India into religious state: CPI-M

AGARTALA (TIWN): If the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) returns to power after the Lok Sabha polls, it would turn India into a "fully religious nation", Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) Central Committee member Bijan Dhar said here on Sunday. The BJP, which is backed by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), in its present five-year tenure embarked on a plan to turn India into a "religious nation" and after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls they would complete the mission to turn India into a "fully religious nation", Dhar said. He said the BJP has started destroying India's traditional culture, heritage, language, history and education and blamed it for destroying secularism, economy, age-old social justice, federalism -- the pillars of the Indian Constitution. "Talks have started spreading that after 2024 there would be no elections. It was being done by believers of Hindutva. This is a dangerous campaign in a secular country like India," said Dhar, also the convener of the CPI-M led Left Front. The Left leader said as the BJP did not fulfil most of its poll promises, it is against holding elections, through which public opinion could be reflected. "Since the BJP camp to power, over five crore people have lost jobs.



Royal family contributes in Tripura Politics to unseat BJP



AGARTALA (TIWN): Tripura's Royal Family of the Manikya dynasty which had been always associated with National Congress, was not directly connected with state politics much for last few years. Queen Bibhu Devi, addressed by people as Rajmata was a leading Congress figure in state earlier, but quitted direct involvement in politics for long. This year, Congress has announced Pradyot Manikya, the Royal scion as State Congress President observing his influence on the state youths, but the unpredicted face which has been introduced this time is the entry of Pradyot Manikya's sister Princess Pragya Deb Burman (also known as Pragya Devi). Pragna Deb Barman has filed nomination today for the East Tripura seat amid massive support from the indigenous people, followed by a huge rally. (East Tripura is reserved ST seat). Pradyot Deb Barman as the State Congress President has accompanied his sister Pragya Deb Barman while filing the nomination. When statewide anti-BJP wave on peak followed by year-long deprivation and misruling, Royal family has come forward to contribute in that wave, which has been appreciated by State Congress supporters. Tripura Congress has completed its nomination submission process with Princess Pragya Devi, also known as Pragya Dev Burman has submitted her nomination submission process. Pragya Deb Barman is contesting from East Tripura seat. On yesterday, Congress West Tripura MP candidate Subal Bhowmik also had submitted nomination. Pragya Deb Barman while addressing media, expressed confidence of her winning along with Congress's winning across India. Tripura Election will be held in two phases : April 11 (West Tripura) and April 18 (West Tripura).

Trinamool submits nomination for West Tripura

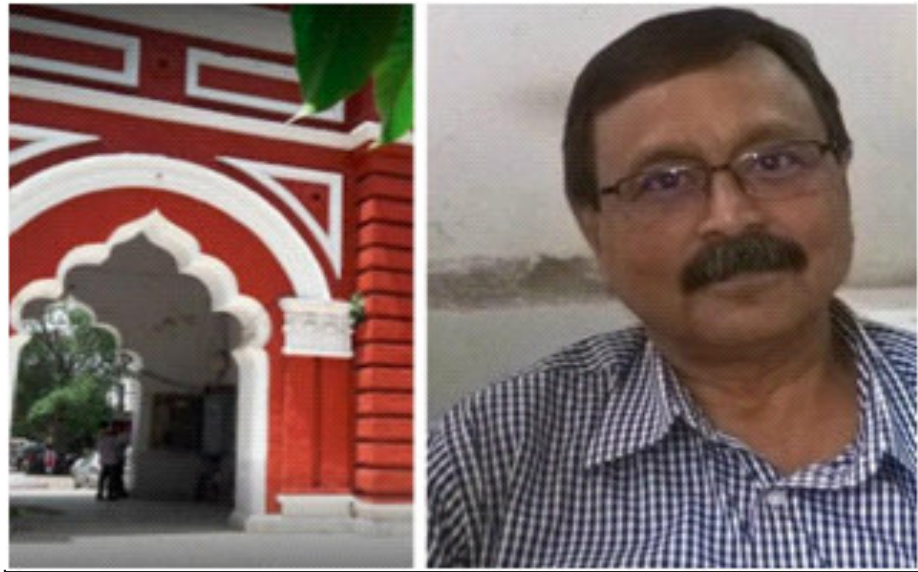


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Tripura. Mamun Khan, a Trinamool leader in Tripura has submitted nomination on Monday. Trinamool in Tripura lost its strength when its leaders joined BJP back in 2017 ahead of Tripura Assembly Election. Recently, remaining Trinamool members have joined in Congress. However, amid crisis situation, Trinamool is battling in the Lok Sabha Election.

Tripura doctor convicted for wrong treatment

AGARTALA (TIWN): Dr Pratap Sannyal, an eminent doctor of state Tripura has been convicted by CJM court for wrong treatment of a journalist's wife. Special prosecutor of the case was lawyer Raghunath Mukharjee and senior lawyer Pujish Kanti Biswas was the lawyer of the convicted Doctor. The doctor has been convicted for one year for his negligence in duty and wrong treatment. Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) of West District court has given the verdict in favour of patient party. The special prosecutor of the case was lawyer Raghunath Mukharjee and senior lawyer Pujish Kanti Biswas was the lawyer of the convicted Doctor. The doctor has been convicted for one year for his negligence in duty and wrong treatment. Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) of West District court has given the verdict in favour of patient party. This has been considered such a case where one of the most eminent doctor has been convicted due to his negligence of work. The patient was the wife of one journalist namely Bapi Roy Chowdhury, Ananda Bazar newspaper correspondent. Bapi Roy Chowdhury, S/O. Lt. Santosh Chowdhury of Rampur, Ramnagar Gangail Road, PS.- West Agartala had lodged one FIR against the doctor in 2006 which reflects that as per advice of Dr. Pratap Sanyal, C/O. Care And Cure Poly Clinic and Medical Research Centre, Palace Compound, Agartala, the wife of the complainant Smt Shrabani Deb (Roy Chowdhury) was admitted at Care and Cure Poly Clinic and Medical Research Centre, Palace Compound Agartala on 07.01.2006 for operation and on 08.01.2006 laparoscopically internal cholecystectomy of Smt Shrabani Deb (Roy Chowdhury) was done by Dr. Pratap Sanyal there and subsequently discharged from there on 12.01.2006. Thereafter, during post-operation period all necessary steps were taken by Dr. Pratap Sanyal on 14.01.2007 but after 10 days abdomen pain of Smt Shrabani Deb (Roy Chowdhury) got started and she was given further advice by Dr. Pratap Sanyal but no improvement was felt by the patient. Afterwards the complainant took advice from Dr. Pradip Sarkar and Dr. Pradip Bhowmik.



Rebati Tripura submits nomination for LS Election as BJP candidate



AGARTALA (TIWN): With Rebati Tripura has submitted nomination for East Tripura, BJP has completed nomination submission process in Tripura. Tripura has two constituencies : East Tripura and West Tripura. Pratima Bhowmik & Rebati Tripura were announced as Tripura BJP's Lok Sabha election candidates for West and East Tripura. On yesterday Pratima Bhowmik had submitted nomination whereas today, Rebati Tripura has submitted nomination.

Lok Sabha Election campaigning in full wave in Tripura



AGARTALA (TIWN): Keeping the Lok Sabha election ahead, election campaigning is going on in full wave in Tripura. The election in Tripura will be conducted in two phases and here are the phase-wise details given by CEO. First Phase Election will be conducted on April 11, 2019. For the First Phase date of notification has been started 18th March and last date of nomination will be 25th of March. Scrutiny will be held on the next day. Last date of withdrawal is 28th March. Second Phase Election will be conducted on April 18, 2019. For the Second Phase date of notification will be 19 March and last date of nomination will be 26th of March. Scrutiny will be held on the next day 27th March. Last date of withdrawal is 29th March. Counting will be held together on 23rd May along with whole nation. 25, 98, 290 voters are in Tripura. On April 11 and April 18 the election to be conducted in two parts. The Election Commission on Tuesday issued a notification for the second phase of the seven-phased Lok Sabha elections, kicking off the process of filing of nominations for another 97 constituencies across 13 states and Union Territories including East Tripura (ST reserved) seat. Scrutiny will be held on the next day 27th March. Last date of withdrawal is 29th March. Voting in the second phase will take place on April 18, said the notification, which comes a day after the poll panel notified the first phase covering 91 constituencies.

Only Chief Minister has changed, not corruption : Subal Bhowmik



AGARTALA (TIWN): Resigned BJP Vice President, Congress's West Tripura MP candidate Subal Bhowmik on Tuesday has hit top bureaucracy's corruptions, claiming nothing has been changed under Biplab Deb's regime, rather corruption is going on from the point where Manik Sarkar took pause after 25 years. Subal Bhowmik was addressing in a public rally in Agartala and targeting Biplab Deb's OSD Dilip Ray said, "After 25 years just the Chief Minister has changed, but no development in last one year Biplab Deb could bring. The corruption high level state officials who had been enjoying in CPI-M's 25 years regime are now enjoying and are becoming OSD of Biplab Deb." Oppositions joined BJP to unseat the CPI-M but only the CPI-M has changed, but 25 years corruptions are unstoppable", said Bhowmik. "The administration corruption is going on as rampant as earlier. In case of politics also, those who murdered, attacked CPI-M, BJP supporters are now roaming free with BJP flags in hands", Bhowmik told the mass gathering. "Instead of getting better days, attack on oppositions are going on. How can we call it a change ?? From administration to party all bad elements are existing. The true leaders of BJP are now removed and those who were in CPI-M with criminal sides are now placed in heavyweight position", he said. "This is not 25 years Communist regime, but today we can say that 26 years Communist regime is going on in the state", Bhowmik added.

Swine flu affected 21 people in Tripura, malaria, diarrhea in four districts



AGARTALA (TIWN): Health Dept has alerted the people as Swine Flu is taking a serious shape in the state. Four Districts have been affected due to swine flu leaving at least 21 affected. The Health Dept has asked people to stay away from those who are suffering from fever and cold. Swine flu is a disease of pigs that can, in rare cases, be passed to humans. It is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by one of many Influenza A viruses. The disease is spread among pigs by direct and indirect contact, aerosols, and from pigs that are infected but do not have symptoms. On the other side, Dhalai, Khowai, Gomati, South Tripura is being affected due to malaria and diarrhea.

'People will snatch their democratic rights in this election', says Tripura MP



AGARTALA (TIWN): During a massive rally at Longtarai Valley, Tripura CPI-M MP Jitendra Chaudhury said that this upcoming Lok Sabha election will not only be proven just as an election for change, but also to restore the democracy. The MP said that people will snatch their democratic rights by this Lok Sabha election. "Not only at centre, but in last 1 year the way BJP has tortured common men in Tripura will get a lesson. This election will restore democracy and public will snatch their rights", the MP said. Tripura election will be held in two phases on April 11 and April 18. MP Jitendra Chaudhury is contesting as CPI-M candidate from the East Tripura.

Rahul, Sonia, Priyanka, Modi to campaign in Tripura

From Page 1 Tripura's Gomati district Rahul Gandhi, who addressed an election rally in western Tripura's Khumulwng on March 20, would address several public meetings in Tripura. Tripura Congress Vice President Tapas Dey said Sonia Gandhi, Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and Congress leaders Jyotiraditya Scindia and Priyanka Gandhi are likely to address a host of election rallies.

Rahul's rally inspired unity in Khumulwng : Report

AGARTALA (TIWN): Congress President Rahul Gandhi's visit and massive rally at Khumulwng has restored unity among various communities at there, said Tripura's local reports. Since Madhav Bari violence in



January 8 2019 a tensed situation was hovering at there centering police's firing on the protesters of Citizenship Amendment Bill and burning of properties by non-Tiprasa people with BJP flags. During the rally however, Rahul Gandhi had slammed the BJP saying, "BJP works to divide people and Congress works to join people". Khumulwng is the headquarter of ADC and since BJP-IPFT alignment, the unity was cracked in the long run, which has been restored under Congress's new President Pradyot Manikya.

Anti-satellite missile (A-Sat) :EC to probe if PM violated model code



New Delhi (TIWN) The Election Commission of India on Wednesday formed a committee to examine if Prime Minister Narendra Modi violated the model code of conduct (MCC) when earlier in the day he announced the successful test of anti-satellite missile (A-Sat) in his address to the nation. Deputy Election Commissioner Sandeep Saxena will head the committee. The EC, however, did not specify who would be other members of the panel and if it would have a deadline to complete its inquiry. "The matter related to the address of the Prime Minister to the nation on electronic media today (Wednesday) afternoon has been brought to the notice of the Election Commission of India. The Commission has directed a committee of officers to examine the matter immediately in the light of the model code of conduct," the EC said in a statement.

Trinamool promises to probe demonetisation, review GST

Kolkata (TIWN) The Trinamool Congress on Wednesday released its manifesto for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, promising to review GST and probe the demonetisation exercise of 2016 by a Supreme Court judge, if it came to power at the Centre after the Lok Sabha polls. The manifesto, released by party supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, promised employment for students, youths, and minorities, ensuring economic security and livelihood of farmers and bringing the unorganised workforce under a social security network, besides women empowerment. Detailing the main 12 points in the document, she said it was targeted at the electorate in her state. Banerjee exuded confidence of the non-BJP opposition parties coming to power after the 2019 general elections, and said the government then would be formed on the basis of a common minimum programme (CMP) in which her party would pitch for including the all India issues raised in the manifesto. Lashing out against the Narendra Modi government for undertaking the demonetisation exercise, she asked: "Why was it done? In whose interest?... How much money went abroad, and how it went abroad.. whether white money was converted to black money and vice versa." We want a Supreme Court judge to conduct the probe. It will be a part of the CMP." On the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Chief Minister said: "The way the GST was implemented was wrong. Our Finance Minister (Amit Mitra) had to fight a lot on several issues, but on many counts, they (the Centre) paid no heed."



100 Trinamool MLAs to join BJP soon: Arjun Singh

Kolkata (TIWN) Arjun Singh, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate from the Barrackpore Lok Sabha constituency, who recently switched to the saffron outfit from the Trinamool Congress, claimed on Wednesday that 100 legislators from his former party would join the BJP "very soon". "Around 100 legislators from the ruling Trinamool Congress are ready to join the BJP," Singh, a four-time MLA from Bhatpara, told mediapersons. He said some of the lawmakers would come into the saffron party's fold before the Lok Sabha elections while the others would cross over after the polls. Singh said the legislators were keeping regular contact with the BJP leaders. However, he refused to give a categorical reply when asked if some of the Trinamool ministers too were in the queue to join the BJP. "I won't make any comment on this because the moment I say yes, these ministers will be sacked," he said. Meanwhile, the Trinamool dismissed Singh's claims, saying the BJP leader has lost his mental balance. "It seems Arjun Singh has lost his mental balance. Have you seen a single Trinamool MLA so far who has followed him to the BJP," asked Jyotipriya Mallick, state Food and Supplies Minister and Trinamool's North 24 Parganas district President.



Pakistan condemns Indian test as militarization of space

Islamabad (TIWN) Pakistan on Wednesday accused India of destroying a satellite to demonstrate its growing strategic military power. A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry stressed that Pakistan was against weaponizing what he called the common heritage of mankind and that every country had the responsibility to avoid actions that could lead to the militarization of space, reports Efe news. "Pakistan has been a strong proponent of preventing an arms race in outer space," the spokesperson said. "We believe that there is a need to address gaps in the international space laws with a view to ensuring that no one threatens peaceful activities and applications of space technologies for socio-economic development," he added. Without naming India, the spokesperson said that boasting of such capabilities was "reminiscent of Don Quixote's tilting against windmills," a reference to the iconic protagonist of Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes' 17th century masterpiece.



Bomb scare on Mumbai-Singapore flight, F-16s scrambled



Mumbai/Singapore (TIWN) Singapore Airlines' Mumbai-Singapore flight landed safely at the Changi Airport on Tuesday, with two F-16s of the Singapore Air Force escorting it, after a call warning that there was a bomb on board. Soon after the flight, which had 263 passengers on board, landed in Singapore at around 8 am local time, security officials checked the aircraft thoroughly but nothing suspicious was found. A Singapore Airlines spokesperson said that there was a bomb threat concerning SQ-423 operating from Mumbai to Singapore. "We are assisting the authorities with their investigations and regret that we are unable to provide further details," the spokesperson added. The Boeing 777-300ER plane had departed Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at 11.36 p.m. on Monday. Sources in Mumbai said that a woman passenger and a boy have been questioned by the police in connection with the incident. However, airline officials have not yet commented. The Singapore Air Force swung into action as the plane approached Singapore.

Tibet's GDP rose 191% since Dalai Lama fled: China

Beijing (TIWN) Tibet's 2018 GDP has reached \$22 billion — about 191 times more than the 1959 figure calculated at comparable prices, said a white paper released on Wednesday by China. The Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama had fled the country in 1959. And in the next 60 years the hard work of the people of Tibet saw agriculture and animal husbandry become modernised, documented the State Council Information Office's document titled 'Democratic Reform in Tibet — Sixty Years On'. The added value of agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry, fisheries and related industries rose from 128 million yuan in 1959 to 13.41 billion yuan in 2018, the news agency reported. Tibet's modern industry started from scratch and steadily, the white paper said, adding that Tibet's industrial added value rose from 15 million yuan in 1959 to 11.45 billion yuan in 2018.

Markets in green: Sensex up 200 pts, Nifty crosses 11,500

Mumbai (TIWN) The 30-scrip Sensitive Index (Sensex) on Wednesday opened on a positive note up 200 points, while the Nifty crossed the 11,500 mark. The Sensex of the BSE opened at 38,372.03 points and touched a high of 38,456.86 and a low of 38,372.03 points. The Sensex was trading at 38,445.13 in the morning session up by 200.19 points or 0.52 per cent from its Tuesday's close at 38,233.41 points. On the other hand, the broader 50-scrip Nifty at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) opened at 11,531.45 points after closing at 11,483.25 points. It is trading at 11,532.15 points in the morning.



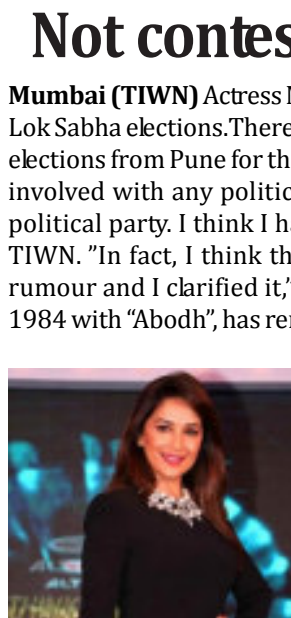
Former Australia cricketer Bruce Yardley dead

Sydney (TIWN) Former Australian Test cricketer, coach and commentator Bruce Yardley lost his battle to cancer and passed away on Wednesday at the age of 71. Bruce, who debuted for Australia at the age of 30, started his cricketing career as a medium-pacer but later turned to be an off-spinner. In his 33 Tests, he took 126 wickets at an average of 31.63. He also bagged 344 wickets in first class cricket. "Bruce was a significant figure in Australian cricket, contributing in many ways on and off the field," Cricket Australia CEO Kevin Roberts was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au. "As a player, it took him more than 10 years of persistence playing first-class and Premier cricket to find the art of off-spin, earning him a Test debut at the age of 30. He was also an excellent fielder and coaches in the world." Yardley had coached the Sri Lankan team in the late 1990s. Mourning his death, former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara tweeted: "Very sad to hear about the passing of Bruce Yardley. He was a good man to get to know and a great friend of Sri Lankan cricket. May he rest in peace."



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Not contesting elections: Madhuri

Mumbai (TIWN) Actress Madhuri Dixit Nene says she is not contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. There were reports that the actress might contest the Lok Sabha elections from Pune for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). But Madhuri says she is not involved with any political party. "It is just a rumour. I am not contesting for any political party. I think I have already cleared the air on that matter," Madhuri told TIWN. "In fact, I think there are three of us (actors) who were roped in for the rumour and I clarified it," the actress added. Madhuri, who entered the industry in 1984 with "Abodh", has remained a pivotal part of the Indian entertainment industry and has enthralled fans through meaty roles in films like "Tezaab", "Ram Lakhani", "Dil", "Beta", "Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!", "Anjaam", "Mrityudand", "Pukar", "Dil To Pagal Hai" and "Devdas". She also starred in "Gulaabi Gang". On the work front, Madhuri is busy promoting her upcoming Marathi production "15 August", which is set to release on Netflix on March 29. She will also be seen in "Kalank".

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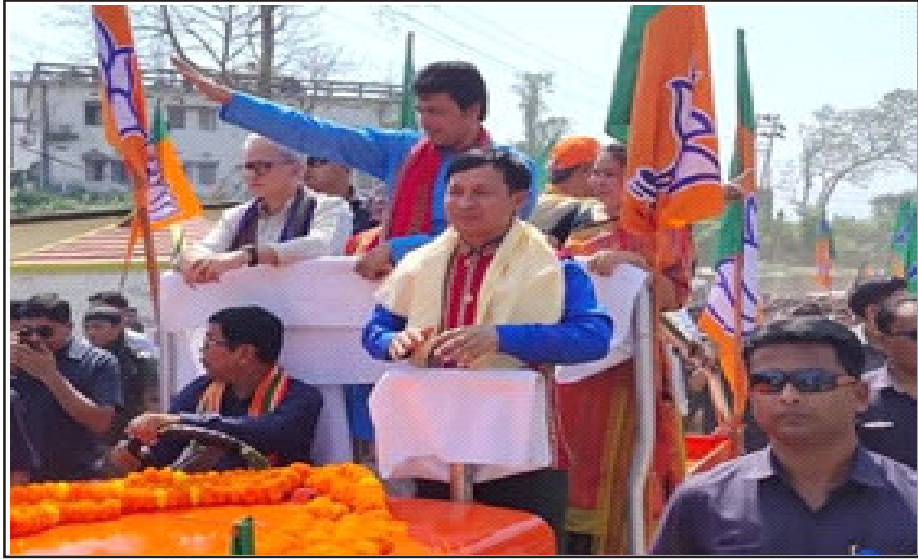
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Colin Jost, Scarlett Johansson are 'in love'



Los Angeles (TIWN): Actress Scarlett Johansson and comedian Colin Jost are "in love" and there is "marriage talk" too. They made their public debut as a couple in November 2017, and have since met each other's families and recently spent time with the actress's four-year-old daughter Rose (from her marriage to Romain Dauriac) at Disneyland in California. "Scarlett and Colin are in love and share many of the same interests and the same sense of humour," a source told people.com. "Scarlett is very happy." Though the "Saturday Night Live star" hasn't popped the question yet, "There is marriage talk with Colin," the insider said. Johansson finalised her divorce from her second husband, journalist Dauriac, in September 2017 after filing in March of that year. She'd also been married to actor Ryan Reynolds for just over two years from September 2008 to December 2010. But the source believes Johansson is in a different place with Jost, who has never been married, than she has been in previous relationships. "She is a mother and in a mature place where marriage makes more sense than it did in earlier relationships that didn't last," the insider said. "She is in love and likes to be married, but is aware of how hard it is these days."

BJP completes nomination submission for LS Election in Tripura



AGARTALA (TIWN): With Rebati Tripura has submitted nomination for East Tripura, BJP has completed nomination submission process in Tripura. Tripura has two constituencies : East Tripura and West Tripura. Pratima Bhowmik & Rabati Tripura were announced as Tripura BJP's Lok Sabha election candidates for West and East Tripura. On yesterday Pratima Bhowmik had submitted nomination whereas today, Rebati Tripura has submitted nomination.

SUCI to participate in Lok Sabha election from Tripura

AGARTALA (TIWN): The Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) or SUCI will be participating from Tripura Lok Sabha election for one seat. From West Tripura constituency, candidate Arun Kumar Bhowmik has urged voters to vote for SUCI. Bhowmik is the Secretary of SUCI. Arun Kanti Bhowmik said, "It's not that SUCI didn't have a position, but we had representatives in four states. Dr Tarun Mandal was the MP represented in the parliament in the long run. We want to aware people with politics also along



with social issues. MP Election is the correct platform through which we can represent the people in the parliament". The Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) or SUCI, previously called

the Socialist Unity Centre of India and "Socialist Unity Centre" is a communist party in India. The party was founded by Shibdas Ghosh, Nihar Mukherjee and others in 1948.

'Corruption in BJP era has increased more', says Congress



AGARTALA (TIWN): Corruption in the BJP era has been increased than CPI-M era, such has been claimed by Congress MP candidate Subal Bhowmik on Monday while

addressing media before submitting nomination for West Tripura candidate. "Today corruption has crossed all limits under BJP Govt and Party. Cheating of BJP with

unemployed youths erupted massive resentment in Tripura. Earlier they promised jobs will be given on missed-calls but now if anybody calls in that number it says switched off", Subal Bhowmik told media. Sounding confident of Congress's winning, Bhowmik said, "Congress is confirmed that Tripura's both seats will be won by Congress and to be gifted to Central Congress, as public are extremely unhappy, resented on BJP Govt", the Congress leader added.

2 Tripura men back after 15-year jail in Bangladesh



AGARTALA (TIWN): Two Indian men returned to their homes in Tripura after spending 15 years in Bangladesh jail on the charges under the Arms Act, the police said on Saturday. "The BGB (the Border Guard Bangladesh) handed over the two Tripura men — Prasenjit Debbarma, 42, and Satish Debbarma, 40, — to the BSF (the Border Security Force) on Friday," a police official said. Later, the BSF handed them over to police and they were sent back to their homes after questioning, he said. Prasenjit and Satish, residents of western Tripura's Khowai district, said they went to visit Rema tea garden, situated along the International border between India and Bangladesh in Tripura in 2004. But they unknowingly entered the Bangladesh territory as there was no border fence or demarcation marks. "The BGB men apprehended us and handed over to the Bangladesh Police. They slapped false charges on us, instead of pushing us back to India," one of the men said. Later, a Bangladesh court sentenced us to 14-year rigorous imprisonment. Though our jail-term completed a year ago, the authorities did not hand us to the Indian authorities, they said. They thanked the Indian High Commission in Dhaka for intervening and making their return possible.

FIR Lodged against BJP MLA Krishnadhan Das for attacking CPI-M members

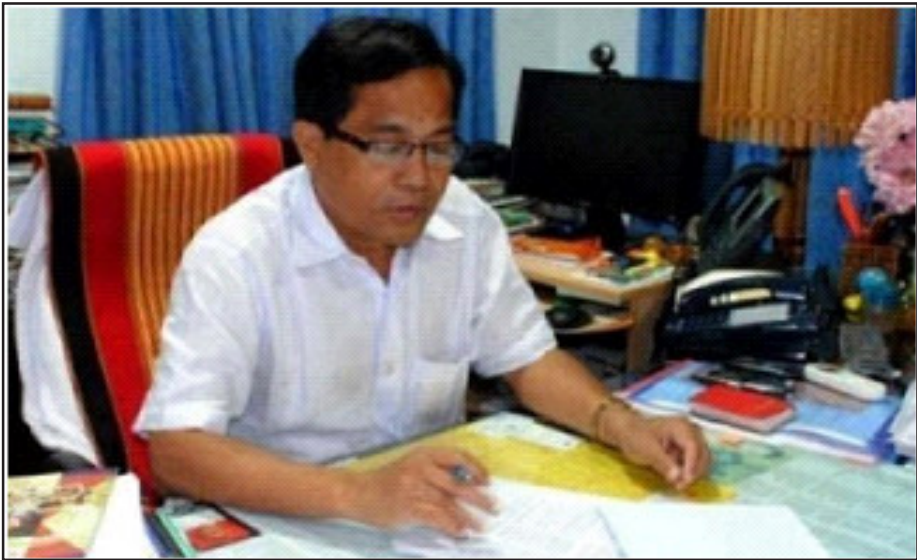
AGARTALA (TIWN): CPI-M has lodged an FIR against BJP MLA Krishnadhan Das for attacking CPI-M supporters at Gandhigram. The attack was followed by party office opening of CPI-M which was closed and occupied by BJP since March 3rd. Under proper permission, CPI-M had opened that office, but BJP activists led by local MLA Krishnadhan Das arrived the spot. Krishnadhan Das asked police to search CPI-M's office but police denied to be indulge in any unlawful activity. Then Krishnadhan Das urged CPI-M to close the party office. The CPI-M activists then closed the office but while returning



home they faced severe attacks by BJP activists which allegedly left many injured. CPI-M has lodged FIR against BJP MLA Krishnadhan Das along with few more attackers at Airport PS as 1) Kajal Dey, 2) Ujjwal Ghosh, 3) Bisnu Deb, 4) Dipak Ghosh, 5) Bisajit Acharjee,

6) Prasenjit Ghosh, 7) Babul Sarma, 8) Subrata Das, 9) Indrajit Achajee. Along with BJP MLA these miscreants attacks CPI-M members brutally at Gandhigram leaving injured Sunil Chandra Saha, Uttam Saha, Bikramjit Paul Nanugopal Pal.

'BJP party is dependent on hooligans': MP Jiten



AGARTALA (TIWN): CPI-M MP Jitendra Chaudhury while addressing in a live telecast asking the people to do justice while voting said, BJP is a party of hooligans exempling the BJP led attack on CPI-M at Manik Bhandar of Kamalpurpur. Referring the violence and forceful cancellation of CPI-M's rally by BJP, Jitendra Chaudhury said, "The party office in Kamalpur Manik Bhandar left closed for long. After months CPI-M opened the office at around 10 am and was scheduled to have a rally at 12 o'clock. But to cancel our programme the BJP started celebration of holi in abnormal manner which was followed by attack on CPI-M activist left 3 persons seriously injured and hospitalized." MP Jitendra Chaudhury said, most surprising outcome of the attack was the whole episode took place in front of top level police officers of the District. At Manik Bhandar yesterday in front of police people's ponds were looted, shops were attacked.

'In last 5 years foundations were made for the country': CM

AGARTALA (TIWN): 'Modi laid the foundation in last 5 years & next 5 years buildings will be made', such has been claimed by Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb on Saturday. Biplab Deb said this when he was addressing to BJP karyakartas at Suryamaninagar in Jana-Sampark programme, where he was taken to energize the karyakartas ahead of Lok Sabha Election. "In last 5 years, Modi has stable the foundation whereas just building



creation is left which will automatically happen in next 5 years and it will be done very fast", he said. Biplab Deb

further warns if BJP doesn't come in power various Govt schemes will be stopped like Ujjwala Yojna.

Top BJP Jana-Jati leader slams Biplab Deb as CM

AGARTALA (TIWN): One of the most popular Jana-Janti (indigenous) leaders of BJP Budhulekha Debbarma has slammed Chief Minister Biplab Deb for neglecting "true party activists". Bhdhulekha Debbarma became popular after BJP National President Amit Shah did lunch at her home before Assembly Election 2018. While addressing media, Debbarma today said, only the Chief Minister has been changed whereas the true leaders do

not have any value in BJP today. She also mentioned, even though a political

change has come, but so far no actual change has come.



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Congress urged voters to vote for Congress in LS Election



AGARTALA (TIWN): With the official declaration of candidates for Lok Sabha Election 2019 in Tripura, State Congress has called for votebanks in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. Subhal Bhowmik, who quited BJP to join the Congress, will contest from West Tripura. Pragya Deb Burman, a member of the royal family in the state will contest from East Tripura. Congress State President Pradyot Manikya has introduced the MP candidates at Congress HQ.

CPI-M complains after various attacks on MP Shankar Prasad Dutta



AGARTALA (TIWN): Followed by severe attacks on Sunday, CPI-M has asked CEO Sriram Taranikanti whether the party should continue their party activities or move for election campaigning from tomorrow or not. CEO in reply assured them safety and asked to continue party works. Today various severe physical attacks took on CPI-M activists, leaders and murder attempt of MP Shankar Prasad Dutta held. CPI-M leaders led by MP Shankar Prasad Dutta, Pabitra Kar have placed a deputation to the ECO Sriram Taranikanti. At least 5 violent attacks took place on CPI-M activists today centering MP Shankar Prasad Dutta's visit in local areas. Shankar Prasad Dutta raised question where does the democracy stand today even after complaining to the Election Commission of India.

Attack on CPI-M at Bisramganj, Bishalgarh : Many injured

AGARTALA (TIWN): In another brutal attack, BJP miscreants allegedly have injured many CPI-M activists at Bishalgarh, Bisramganj. Attack took place on many CPI-M activists including MP Shankar Prasad Dutta. Vehicles were broken, stone pelted. In front police, they CPI-M activists were brought out of car and beaten. The attack took place after CPI-M held a rally at Bisramganj. After Bisramganj, the miscreants came after the CPI-M activists till Bishalgarh and in front of police the hooligans tried to attack them. One more similar attack took place at Jirania, Agartala-Gandhigram. CPI-M State General Secretary Gautam Das has condemned the incident. A complaint will be filed to the Election Commission of India.

