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Incessant rain affects normal life in northeast



AGARTALA (TIWN): Normal life was badly affected in most parts of the northeastern region due to the incessant rains since Thursday due to a hyperactive depression in the Bay of Bengal, officials said. Officials of India Meteorological Department (IMD) predict that due to the depression, the rains accompanied by a light squall would continue till Sunday. Low lying areas, patches of roads, paddy fields and

several houses were inundated by the rain water in Tripura. Incessant rainfall also continued in different parts of Assam on Saturday, with brief intervals at some places since Friday evening dampening the festive spirit. An official of the Tripura Disaster Control Centre said though the water level in most of rivers in Tripura is heavily increased, they are flowing below the danger level. Tripura

Revenue and Relief Minister Badal Choudhury and Urban Development Minister Manik Dey, accompanied by officials, visited some rain affected areas and assessed to take some future measures to check inundation of water. The IMD office in Agartala recorded 157 mm rainfall since Friday morning. "A light to moderate rain occurred at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura with isolated heavy rainfall in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura along with isolated very heavy rainfall in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam and light rain occurred at most places over Nagaland during the last 24 hours" said a senior official of the Regional Meteorological Centre at Guwahati on Saturday.

Indo-Bangla railway project to be completed on 2018's December : NFR Official

AGARTALA (TIWN): NFR Chief Administrative Officer A K Yadav in his one day visit in Tripura told media that the ongoing Indo-Bangla railway project to be finished in scheduled time. Yadav has arrived in Tripura on Monday, met the Chief Minister Manik Sarkar to discuss various issues on Railway. While addressing the media here, Yadav gave a hint on the Rajdhani Express's official inauguration's in this October month. But while talking on Indo-Bangla project, Yadav said that the earlier announced time for Indo-Bangla railway's functioning will be followed. However, as per the earlier announced date by the Central Ministers, the Indo-Bangla railway to be functioned from 2019. Earlier, Union Minister for Statistics and Programme Implementation Devaragunda Venkappa Sadananda Gowda in the month of August said, "Works on Indo-Bangla projects are going on in Tripura Part and the Bangladesh side expectedly to be completed by next year December". Samarjit Bhowmik (Former Transport Secretary while the project began) while visiting Indo-Bangla railway projects, told media that as per as India side is concerned works had begun in Tripura side and for Bangladesh side the govt has sought time till 2018 December.



BSF officer, attacked by cattle smugglers in Tripura, dies

AGARTALA (TIWN): An officiating Commandant of the Border Security Force (BSF), who was seriously injured in an attack by cattle smugglers in Tripura on Sunday night, succumbed to his injuries on Friday at a hospital in Kolkata, BSF sources here said. "Officiating Commandant Deepak Kumar Mondal of 145th Battalion of BSF has expired in a private hospital in Kolkata on Friday. His body is expected to be cremated on Saturday at his ancestral village at Hanskhali in Nadia district," a BSF official told IANS. BSF troopers led by Mondal were guarding the border along Bangladesh to prevent cattle smuggling late on Sunday night at Balerdepha under the Sonamura sub-division in western Tripura's Sepahijala district. Suddenly, a speeding vehicle of cattle smugglers came and hit the 45-year-old BSF officer, pushing him down a gorge. He sustained grievous injuries in the hit. Mondal, accompanied

by a BSF doctor, was flown to Kolkata on Monday and admitted to a private hospital there. His condition was very critical and he was under treatment in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital Tripura Police on Monday seized the vehicle and arrested the driver and are looking for two more assailants. On April 16, 2005, BSF's Assistant Commandant Jeevan Kumar was dragged into Bangladesh territory by a group of smugglers while supervising security at Lankamura, on the outskirts of the capital city, and was knifed before being shot dead. The mutilated body of the young BSF official was returned the next day after a fierce exchange of fire between the BSF and Bangladesh Rifles (now Border Guards Bangladesh). Tripura shares a 856-km border with Bangladesh, with large parts of the border being riverine, mountainous and unfenced, which helps illegal immigrants, intruders and smugglers to cross over easily.

BJP to intensify social media campaign in Kerala, Tripura

AGARTALA (TIWN) The BJP would intensify its campaign through the social media against the "misrule and violence" in Left-ruled Kerala and Tripura, party General Secretary Ram Madhav said



here on Monday. "We will reinforce our campaign through the social media against the misrule, violence, and underdevelopment in Kerala and Tripura," Ram Madhav told media persons. He said: "Violence is the only tool the Left parties have against the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in both states. The BJP will made all-out efforts against the Left Front led by Communist Party of India-Marxist in the next Tripura assembly elections." The northeastern state goes to polls in February next year. "The BJP will highlight the underdevelopment and misgovernance in Tripura." The BJP leader, who arrived here on Monday, held a core committee meeting of the party and also addressed party cadres on the social media campaign.

Tripura's State Govt Employees demand 7th Pay Commission

AGARTALA (TIWN): Tripura State Govt employees have raised their voices once again protesting against the decade long deprivation under the CPI-M Govt. A rally was launched on Sunday at the Capital City roaring with protest



voices claiming that after 4th pay commission till day no pay commission was implemented in Tripura when central govt employees are enjoying 7th pay commission.

Rohingya influx: Security tightened along India-Bangladesh borders

AGARTALA (TIWN): In view of the large scale Rohingya influx into Bangladesh, security along the India-Bangladesh borders has been further tightened to prevent any such infiltration into the northeastern region. "We have further alerted our troopers posted along the borders with Bangladesh. BSF



personnel supervised by the senior officials intensified their patrolling along the borders to prevent any kind of influx, especially of the Rohingyas," BSF's Tripura frontier Inspector General S.R. Ojha told the media here on Tuesday. He said: "Since 2015, many Rohingyas infiltrated into Tripura and other northeastern states via Bangladesh in search of jobs. But after the recent turmoil in Myanmar's Rakhine state, no Rohingya entered the region." Director General of Police (DGP) Akhil Kumar Shukla said: "Though Tripura has no border with Myanmar, we have asked the BSF to further strengthen security along the 856-km boundary with Bangladesh." "Over 18 battalions of para-military troopers were earlier deployed along the India-Bangladesh border with Tripura. We have asked the BSF to also deploy their training battalions in these frontiers," the police chief told the media.

Not sure about northeastern terror camps in Bangladesh: BSF

AGARTALA (TIWN): There may be some camps of northeastern militants in Bangladesh but the Border Security Force (BSF) has no specific information about them, an official has said. "Some camps of northeastern militants might be in Bangladesh but we have no specific information about the camps or hideouts there," BSF's Tripura frontier Inspector General S.R. Ojha told the media here on Tuesday evening. He said: "The Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) is cooperating a lot. Sometimes, BSF and BGB troopers jointly conduct patrolling along the borders to check crimes, infiltration and



illegal movements besides cross-border smuggling." Ojha said of the 856-km India-Bangladesh border with Tripura, around 21 km were unfenced and work is on to fence them. "To further tighten the vigil along the border, floodlighting would be done around 145 km border areas in Tripura," he added. He said in view of the largescale Myanmarese Rohingya influx into Bangladesh, security along the India-Bangladesh borders had been further tightened to prevent any such infiltration into the northeastern region. "We have further alerted our troopers posted along the borders with Bangladesh. BSF personnel intensified patrolling along the borders to prevent any influx, especially of the Rohingyas," Ojha said. According to the intelligence officials of Tripura Police, at least 15 camps or hideouts of Tripura militants still exist in Bangladesh.

'Rajdhani Express likely to start from this October Month' : NFR CAO



AGARTALA (TIWN): With a boon for Tripura's Railway passengers, the much awaited Rajdhani Express is likely to begin from this month, NFR Chief Administrative Officer A K Yadav in his one day visit in Tripura told media. A K Yadav has arrived in state on Monday to inspect various ongoing projects including Indo-Bangla Railway and had a meeting with Chief Minister Manik Sarkar at the Secretariat. While addressing the media, Yadav said, "To begin a Rajdhani it needs some works to be completed first as a matter of safety concerns. However, after the successful trial of Rajdhani from Agartala to Lumding, we are trying to launch the Rajdhani officially from this month or soon". The Rajdhani express which arrived at Agartala Railway Station on Oct 13, had left for Lumding as a part of trial run in the evening of Oct 17. The trial remained successful whereas the official inauguration time is yet to disclose.

Gymnast Karmakar to receive degree from NIT

AGARTALA (TIWN): Ace gymnast Dipa Karmakar, who narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in the women's vault event at the Rio Olympics last year, will be conferred a D. Litt degree by the National Institute of Technology (NIT) here next month, and official said here on Saturday. "The NIT, Agartala senate, has recently decided to confer D. Litt degree to star gymnast Dipa Karmakar in the tenth convocation of the institute on November 11," Dean (Academy) Ajay Das told IANS. He said that NIT Agartala has also informed Dipa Karmakar, who is now in Delhi. The 24-year-old Tripura girl, who became the first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for the Olympics, finished fourth in the final round of the women's vault event at the Rio Olympics Games in Brazil last year. A cheerful Dipa's father Dulal Karmakar, told IANS that his daughter is now preparing for the 18th Asian Games in Indonesia's Jakarta and 21st Commonwealth Games to be held in Australia's Gold Coast. Besides Dipa, NIT will honour IIT Guwahati Director Goutam Biswas and professor of Jadavpur University Biswajit Ghosh with a D.Sc. at the convocation.



'BSF Officer's murder was Tragic but BJP's allegation against CPI-M was Shocking!' says CPI-M State Secretary



AGARTALA (TIWN): After 25 years of smooth functioning without any bold opposition party, CPI-M is facing tough time with BJP ahead of Assembly Election-2018. After opposition BJP had blasted the Chief Minister for his silence over BSF Officer Dipak Mandal's murder and sought reason behind not condemning the tragic death of BSF Officer led by smugglers' attack, Bijan Dhar held a press conference to counterattack BJP's allegation. "BSF's death was tragic but BJP's reaction and accusation was unexpected and shocking. How can BJP blame CPI-M for being in nexus with smugglers?" Tripura BJP leaders led by Subal Bhowmik, Dr Ashok Sinha, Adv Kalyani Roy held a press conference at the BJP office after 24 hours of BSF Officer's murder. The BJP leaders expressed shocked over the silence of the Chief Minister in BSF murder case. BJP spokesperson Ashok Sinha said, "To be a politician one must bear minimum humanity but the Chief Minister since the attack, till day has not uttered a single line for the brave soldier".

Tripura's Social Organization demands CBI probe in Santanu murder case

AGARTALA (TIWN): A social organization named 'Sanskritik Jagaran Mancha' has demanded CBI investigation in Tripura's TV journalist Santanu Bhowmik's murder case, that took place at Mandai on Sep 20. This rally was conducted following a workshop inaugurated by Tripura BJP State Observer Sunil Deodhar. BJP leader former MLA Subal Bhowmik also took a leading role in the programme and in the rally. Earlier, Tripura's a major section of journalists, opposition BJP, murder accused IPFT, even Santanu's father Sadhan Bhowmik demanded CBI, but state govt had denied the appeal and constituted SIT to probe Santanu's murder. Finally on Monday, Sanskritik Jagaran Mancha members have also demanded CBI in Santanu murder case. Addressing media, Subal Bhowmik said, "People of Tripura have been shocked over the brutal murder of Santanu Bhowmik at Mandai. Till day not a single culprit was arrested and in the name of arresting a big drama is going on. Thus, we have also supported the attempt of Sanskritik Chetana Mancha and demanding CBI in Santanu's murder case".



All CPI-Ms at Sonamura are not Smugglers but all Smugglers are CPI-Ms

AGARTALA (TIWN): Criticisms, debates are hitting after the opposition BJP has tied a nexus of Sonamura based smugglers with CPI-M, issuing the long silence of the Chief Minister to comment in BSF Dipak Kr Mandal's murder by cattle smugglers. The CPI-M has strictly denied the allegations of BJP terming it a 'political bluffing'. But from a secret source it has been known that if a single person join in other parties at Sonamura area



Committee to submit report to SC on border fencing

AGARTALA (TIWN): A committee set up by the Supreme Court to oversee the fencing work along the India-Bangladesh border and other issues would soon submit its report to the apex court about the intricacy of the border issues, an official said here on Monday. The three-member Supervisory Committee headed by retired IAS officer A.K. Mangotra visited the border areas of Meghalaya, Mizoram, Assam and is currently visiting Tripura. "The Supervisory Committee would soon submit its report to the Supreme Court about the progress of the works of border fencing and related problems," a senior official of Tripura's home department said. He said: "The committee members accompanied by senior BSF (Border Security Force) officials on Monday visited Tripura's bordering areas of Sabroom, Belonia (southern Tripura) and Sonamura (in western Tripura) and talked to the district administration and other officials about the fencing work and other issues." South Tripura District Magistrate and Collector C.K. Jamatia told IANS over phone from Belonia that they have informed the committee about the 1.73 km undemarcated border popularly known as "Muhurichar" along the bordering sub-divisional town of Belonia.

Birjit hits Tripura Govt for not compensating flood victims since 3 floods

AGARTALA (TIWN): With a major setback it has been exposed that the flood victims of Tripura has not yet received compensations from the state govt since last 3 floods, even though DM Office is noting down the victims names, addresses every times. Congress State President MLA Birjit Sinha has visited relief camps at Pratapgarh, Bakakhal where schools have remained paralyzed due to rain and ongoing flood relief camps. Addressing media, Sinha said, "Why the flood victims are deprived of compensations? Last time atleast 17000 houses were given to people but nothing was given to the flood victims. 3 times there were floods recently, but not a single rupee these victims have been received". The Congress leader further criticized the state govt for pathetic condition of relief camps.



'Socio-Cultural relation between NE India & Bangladesh is unsatisfactory at Assam part': Assam Delegate

AGARTALA (TIWN): A 2 day long workshop was launched at Agartala Press club on Monday with Assam, Tripura, Bangladesh and Japan delegates. Addressing the media, Assam Professor Bhupen Sharma, (also Director of OKDISCD) said, "Through Act East Policy the commercial ties among the two Nations have been strengthened but at the same time a constant cultural, traditional exchanges are needed to boost the sociocultural bonds". The Assam Professor also criticized the current worsening relation among Bangladesh with the Assam Part of Northeast, accused the social gaps for leading misunderstanding, tension among two sides. Tripura's well maintained relation with Bangladesh since the beginning has been praised by Bhupen Sharma. "Such workshop in Tripura although is conducting for the 1st time, but we are hopeful about outcomings. Our next workshop is at Mizoram which is to soon surpass through Bangladesh, Myanmar", added Sharma.



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AGARTALA (TIWN): Tripura University will start to give admission of more number of Bangladesh's students in the coming years and also to tie with Bangladesh Universities for researches and international-knowledge-expansion. Tripura University Vice Chancellor Anjan Kumar Ghosh said on Monday, "The boosting of Indo-Bangla relation is much necessary especially when we are living in Northeast states. Tripura University had always been interested to develop the relation with Bangladesh based Universities". "In the coming year we are expecting more admissions of Bangladesh's students in our University", added Ghosh. "Our students can also have international experience of knowledge if they can be sent to Bangladesh's Universities for research. Such attempts will be taken in futures to expand knowledge and to develop relations between India and Bangladesh", said the VC.



Bordering state Tripura kicks off 2 day long workshop on 'Cross Border Relations with Special Reference to NE India and Road ahead'



AGARTALA (TIWN): A two day long workshop has begun here in Northeast state Tripura centering on India-Bangladesh relation and futuristic efforts to strengthen the ties among these two countries. The workshop was jointly launched by Tripura Central University's Journalism and Mass Communication Dept, OKD Institute of Social Change and Development (Guwahati) in collaboration with Sasakawa Peace Foundation (Japan) at the Press Club, Agartala. Before the workshop had begun Tripura University Vice Chairman Anjan Kumar Ghosh along with Assam, Japan, Bangladesh delegates held a press conference and explained the aims, motives behind the workshop. The Welcome address and introduction was given by University Economics Dept professor Indraneel Bhowmik. Addressing the media, Assam Professor Bhupen Sharma, (also Director of OKDISCD) said, "Through Act East Policy the commercial ties among the two Nations have been strengthened but at the same time a constant cultural, traditional exchanges are needed to boost the sociocultural bonds". The Assam Professor also criticized the current worsening relation among Bangladesh with the Assam Part of Northeast, accused the social gaps for leading misunderstanding, tension among two sides. Tripura's well maintained relation with Bangladesh since the beginning has been praised by Bhupen Sharma. "Such workshop in Tripura although is conducting for the 1st time, but we are hopeful about outcomings."

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'Manik Sarkar's Poverty is a Drama': Deodhar



AGARTALA (TIWN): Tripura BJP State Observer Sunil Deodhar has slammed the Chief Minister calling him a 'Dhongi' (fraud) on Monday. "What is the murmuring of Poor-CM, Wise-CM, Sad-CM... if you are too poor and too sad, why don't you leave the chair? Why you saddening the state further?", said Deodhar. "Poor CM! Fraud CM! What poor? All are lies", said Deodhar. Pinching CPI-M's constant allegation for calling him a outsider-politician, Deodhar said, "I will do only politics as I have come here for politics. But what about those politics which are killing our cultures? If we are promoting our tradition, culture it's better than CPI-M's culture-devastating politics".

'12817 families affected due to flood in Tripura': Disaster Management

AGARTALA (TIWN): Partially and majorly, total 12817 families have been affected due to the recent flood, informed Disaster Management office at Agartala. TIWN visited various relief camps of Agartala, still filled by thousands of flood refugees at there. National highways were blocked in various places, total 3 landslides occurred at Dhalai Dist, which have been cleared now. Tension is high at Dombor as an old barrage has been collapsed due to the flood. At South and Gomati Tripura around 1000 families took sheltered in relief camps, but raised allegation of food-crisis and water crisis. The flood affected families have also asked for proper compensation form the state govt.



Take call on playing national anthem in cinema, SC tells Centre



New Delhi (TIWN) The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to take a call on regulating the playing and singing of the national anthem in public places including cinema halls. A bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra said it was needless to say that the Centre will have full discretion in the matter. The court said that while taking a decision, the government will not be influenced by the apex court's 2016 order wherein playing of the national anthem in cinema halls was made mandatory.

Bengal BJP protests on dengue outbreak issue in Kolkata



Kolkata (TIWN) West Bengal BJP leaders and workers on Monday protested against the dengue outbreak and criticised the state government for alleged lack of infrastructure to tackle the disease which, they claimed, had led to over 1,000 deaths. The protesters demanded that the Mamata Banerjee government make public the actual number of deaths due to the disease in the state. The agitators marched to the Swasthya Bhawan headquarters here, broke through the police barricades and rallied in front of the Health Department building gates to demand that officials hand over records of actual number of people affected by dengue in Bengal. Some activists of the Bharatiya

Janata Party's Mahila Morcha put up mosquito nets on the streets and registered their protest while sitting inside. Accusing Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of trying to "mislead" the people and doing politics over a serious issue like dengue outbreak, BJP state Mahila Morcha President Locket Chatterjee said the Trinamool Congress government should immediately ensure proper treatment of the affected and compensation to families of those who succumbed to the disease. "It is unthinkable that a Chief Minister is doing politics and trying to misguide people on a serious issue. As per our information, more than 1,000 persons have died of dengue in Bengal while the official

figure is 38," Chatterjee said. "Doctors and testing laboratories have been pressurised to suppress dengue cases, due to which a lot of people are not getting proper treatment. There should be no hiding of facts on medical reports," the BJP leader demanded. "Rs 2 lakh is given to families of those who die in hooch tragedies. Why not something for dengue victims as well? The Chief Minister should consider some compensation in form of jobs or financial assistance for families of those who die of dengue," she added. State government reports say more than 30 persons have died due to mosquito-borne disease, while over 14,500 have been affected.

Olympic flame being lit in Greece for Winter Games

Athens (TIWN) South Korean prime minister Lee Nak-yeon was in the Greek capital here on Monday as part of a visit that would see the Olympic flame being ignited in Olympia ahead of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics. Lee Nak-yeon laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in central Syntagma Square on the morning, before meeting his counterpart Alexis Tsipras, as seen in photographs released by epa, reports Efe. The flame is to be lit on Tuesday in a symbolic act ahead of the Games set to take place in February 2018 in the northern South Korean county of

PyeongChang, at a time of escalated tension with North Korea. Various high profile officials will attend the torch-lighting event, including Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos and President of the International Olympic Committee Thomas Bach. Greek actress Katerina Lehou was set to reprise her role as high priestess during the ceremony as she had done for Rio 2016 and would pass the flame onto the first torchbearer; Greek cross-country ski champion Apostolos Angelis. South Korean former soccer player Park Ji-sung, who played for Manchester United, will

become the second torchbearer as the flame is sent on a week-long tour of the European nation before being flown to South Korea on November 1 exactly 100 days before the Games start. The torch will pass through the hands of some 7,500 torchbearers during the traditional relay, which will cover a distance of 2,018 kms (1,253 miles). The IOC had considered sending the torch through North Korea after it participated in its transport for the 2008 Beijing Games, but the proposal was ruled out over diplomatic tension between the two Koreas. Faced with military development and ballistic missile tests being carried out by its northern neighbour, South Korea is preparing to boost security measures for the Games with big players in winter sports like France and Austria having threatened not to attend if the security of their athletes cannot be guaranteed.



US threats over n-deal has no impact on oil market: Iran

Tehran (TIWN) Iran's Petroleum Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said that global oil markets have remained unfazed by the recent remarks of US President Donald Trump against Iran's international 2015 nuclear deal,



internationally known as JCPOA, Press TV reported on Sunday. "The oil market did not hear Trump's remarks," Zanganeh said, adding that "If Trump's threats had been materialized, there should have been a rapid rise in prices of oil." However, "there have been no significant changes over the past week," he was quoted as saying. In the meantime, Iranian senior lawmaker Hossein Naqavi Hosseini said that Trump's anti-JCPOA stance, should have increased oil prices to as high as \$65 per barrel. "However, Trump's remarks failed to produce any major impact." The JCPOA was reached between Iran, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Britain, China, France, Russia and the US, plus Germany, in July 2015. Under the deal, Iran agreed to halt its nuclear weapon programme in exchange for economic aid and lifting of international sanctions. However, on October 13, US President Donald Trump called for decertifying the agreement, alleging Iran had committed "multiple violations".

Bangladesh top priority among neighbours: Sushma



Dhaka (TIWN) Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Monday said that Bangladesh gets priority among all of India's neighbours and bilateral ties were moving ahead at a fast pace. She was addressing a programme after the inauguration of the Chancery Complex of the Indian High Commission and 15 other projects in Bangladesh funded by India at a cost of Tk 71.64 crore, the Daily Star reported. According to bdnews24.com, the projects cover sectors such as education, healthcare, IT, water supply and social welfare. Eleven water treatment plants are being built in southern Bhandaria Upazila in Pirojpur that will provide desalinated potable drinking water to 150,000 citizens. Some 36 community clinics will also be built. Those projects also include reconstruction of the Ramna Kali Temple which was destroyed by the invading Pakistani forces in 1971. The project includes construction of the main temple, a five-storey guesthouse, a deep tube-well in the temple premises and the construction of the main entry gate of the temple. Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.H. Mahmood Ali, Health Minister Mohammed Nasim, Environment and Forests Minister Anwar Hossain Manju, Prime Minister's Political Affairs Adviser H.T. Imam, Foreign Secretary M. Shahidul Haque and Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla were present at Monday's event. Sushma Swaraj, who arrived in Dhaka on Sunday, held the Fourth Joint Consultative Commission meeting with her Bangladeshi counterpart Mahmood Ali and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral ties. She leaves Dhaka later on Monday.



Patralekhaa 'blushed like a child' in SRK's presence

Mumbai (TIWN) Actress Patralekhaa got a chance to meet Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan and says she blushed like a child in front of the actor. Patralekhaa, best known for her roles in films like "CityLights" and "Love Games", took to Twitter on Sunday to share a photograph of herself with the "Dilwale" star. "Highest of all reverence Shah Rukh Khan. Blushed like a child in your presence. Gratitude," Patralekhaa captioned the image. Actor Rajkumar Rao, who shared screen space with Patralekhaa in Hansal Mehta's "CityLights", was happy that his girlfriend met SRK. "I've never seen you this happy and blushing Patralekhaa. That's Shah Rukh Khan sir's charm. Looking ravishing," Rajkumar tweeted.

Gujarat bribery row Congress seeks court-monitored probe



New Delhi (TIWN) The Congress on Monday demanded a court-monitored probe into allegations by a Patidar leader from North Gujarat that he was paid Rs 1 crore to join the BJP. Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari said Narendra Patel, who belongs to the Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS) led by Hardik Patel, had said that the BJP attempted "to purchase him for Rs 1 crore and Rs 10 lakh was paid in advance". Tewari said the allegations of bribery were "very serious" and said Narendra Patel had said Gujarat BJP President Jitubhai Vaghani was the culprit. "It calls for reaction from the Prime Minister and the BJP President. It calls for registration of FIR against the Gujarat BJP. It calls for investigation under a sitting judge of the Gujarat High Court. If this is not checked, the sanctity of the election process in Gujarat in times to come will be

questioned," Tewari said. He said it was incumbent on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to investigate the allegations as these were being levelled against his own party leaders. Tewari also accused the BJP of trying to "break" people-led movements opposed to BJP rule in Gujarat. "Why is the BJP trying to coerce, lure, allegedly bribe the leaders of this movement and trying to break it? Isn't this a clear sign of their frustration? Isn't this a clear manifestation of their demoralisation?" he asked. Tewari said another Patel leader, Nikhil Sawani, had quit the BJP within days of joining

it. He said "allegations of bribery" were also levelled by Congress MLAs during the Rajya Sabha election earlier this year. "Congress MLAs were coerced, attempts to bribe them were made, every instrumentality of state and central government was used and misused by the BJP-led central government. Income Tax, Enforcement Directorate and god knows which other agency was tasked to raid the resort where the MLAs were staying in order to protect themselves." Tewari said the truth prevailed in the end and the BJP lost the Rajya Sabha poll.

Global cues lift equity markets

Mumbai (TIWN) Positive global cues along with healthy buying in oil and gas stocks lifted the Indian equity markets on Monday. According to market observers, healthy buying was witnessed in oil and gas, IT and banking stocks. The 30-scrip Sensitive Index (Sensex) provisionally closed 117 points or 0.36 per cent higher. Similarly, the wider 50-scrip Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) provisionally closed on a positive note. It edged higher by 47 points or 0.46 per cent to close at 10,193.55 points. The Sensex of the BSE, which opened at 32,411.86 points, provisionally closed at 32,506.72 points (at 3.30 p.m.), higher by 116.76 points or 0.36 per cent from last Thursday's close at 32,389.96 points. The Sensex touched a high of 32,614.89 points and a low of 32,312.74 points during the intra-day trade.



Why depression raises risk of early death in women

Toronto (TIWN) Due to the pressure caused by changing societal roles and multiple responsibilities, depression has significantly increased the risk of early death in women, a study has found. The findings showed that the risk of death associated with depression appeared strongest in the years following a depressive episode. "During the recent years in which women's risk of death increased significantly, roles have changed dramatically both at home and in the workplace, and many women shoulder multiple responsibilities and expectations," said Ian Colman from the University of Ottawa. In the study, the lifespan for young adults with depression at age 25 was markedly shorter over the 60-year period — the lifespan shortened ranging from 10 to 12 fewer years of life, then four to seven years and later seven to 18 fewer years of life. "At first the association was limited to men, but in later years it was seen for women as well," said Stephen Gilman from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in Maryland, US.



THUMBNAILS

From Page 1 by the National Institute of Technology (NIT) here next month, and official said here on Saturday.

10. Badal Choudhury demands Rs. 80 crores for Ayush hospitals in 8 Districts : When Central Govt has asked to set up Ayush hospitals in all districts, Rs. 80 crores have been demanded by the Tripura Health Minister Badal Choudhury.

Tripura's State Govt Employees demand 7th Pay Commission

From Page 1 While agitating, Tripura Government Employees Federation chief Samar Roy said, "Due to State Govt's depriving attitude to its employees the workers, teachers, pensioners are the highest sufferers. In 2007 instead of Pay Commission, Tripura Govt launched a pay review committee resulting more deprivations. In the running year also the Left Front Govt following its traditional deprivation manner it has fooled the employees with 2.25 FT" Eventhough in the calculation as high amount of salary-increasing was highlighted but in reality there was no match of the actually claimed", he said. However with all these the Govt employees from Oct month to November will organize various protest programmes across the state against the ongoing deprivation.

Huge banyan tree collapsed at Agartala: 1 injured



AGARTALA (TIWN): The age-old tree of Kashari Potti has been collapsed on Saturday led one person injured. The injured person has been identified as Babul Das, who was inside his shop when the incident happened. No causality was informed after the incident but local shops and a vehicle was damaged after the tree had been collapsed. This incident has caused traffic jams on that way, although workers have been deployed to fix the path. Tension has increased on river banks of Agartala, specially among the locals residing on those parts.

Liquors seized at Dharmanagar worth Rs. 70 Lakhs



DHARMANAGAR (TIWN): Dharmanagar police have seize huge quantity of liquors from Central road on Sunday. The raid done at Central Road, was an illegal liquor shop owned by J C Saha. J C Saha's liquor shop named 'Foreign Liquor Shop' has lost its license long back but J C Saha was allegedly selling liquors secretly. On Sunday Dharmannagar police raided the shop and seized all his stocked items. Total 70 lakhs of liquors were seized by Dharamannagar police. Local people are happy with the successful raid led by Dharmannagar police. Total 6 godowns were seized during the raid.

Badal Choudhury demands Rs. 80 crores for Ayush hospitals in 8 Districts



AGARTALA (TIWN): When Central Govt has asked to set up Ayush hospitals in all districts, Rs. 80 crores have been demanded by the Tripura Health Minister Badal Choudhury. Earlier, Union Minister for State of AYUSH Shripad Naik said that Central Govt is ready to set up Ayush Hospitals in each districts, but when Central Govt sent a letter to

Tripura Govt, they didn't show any interest. According to Naik Modi Govt has decided to set up AYUSH Hospitals in each and every Districts of Northeast and like Delhi AIIMS there will be AYUSH Hospitals and Colleges and job opportunity to be increased more. But till day from Tripura Health Minister no such proposal was given to the Centre, which is fully unsatisfactory. But Badal Choudhury has denied all the allegations and said that Tripura Govt is eager to boost Ayush hospitals and per hospital it will need Rs. 10 crores.

'400 families affected in Maharani' ADC Executive member



UDAIPUR (TIWN): Atleast 400 families have taken shelter in Udaipur based Maharani area, ADC Executive member Joy Bahadur Jamatia said. The Executive member of ADC confirmed that all of those families have been given shelter in various flood relief camps. TIWN spot visited various relief camps of Maharani as Gamaria High Secondary school, Love Story Community Hall, Malsadhu Para school, Choygoria School. Many houses were collapsed at there with massive losses to fisheries, agriculture. The victims have demanded help of the Govt and proper compensation.

'Tripura tops in ganja cultivation': Opposition alleges

AGARTALA (TIWN): Opposition BJP has alleged CPI-M's nexus with Ganja plantation while condemning BSF Officer Bipak Mandal's murder led by cattle smugglers. 'Not only cattle, but Tripura has topped in illegal ganja production. All kinds of narcotic-business, chorex, phensedyl and illegal business' den is Tripura', said BJP leader Subal Bhowmik. Expressing shocks over CM's silence on the BSF's murder, Subal Bhowmik said, 'Such an incident happened in state, but the Chief Minister is totally silent. Manik Sarkar's constituency Dhanpur has been topped in Ganja production'. 'Dhanpur is such an area, where if a person join in other parties leaving CPI-M, Melarmath get the report but how is it possible that CPI-M doesn't know about ganja productions across there?', said Bhowmik. The BJP leader also alleged that CPI-M is hunting for some deaths should occur at the border which may kill people but the sympathy will draw to the party which will benefit the party heavily. Bhowmik said



Major seizure of Ganja, Phensedyl by BSF

AGARTALA (TIWN): Acting on specific intelligence inputs provided by BSF intelligence branch Gokulnagar, on 19th Oct' 2017, troops of BSF seized huge quantity Dry Ganja (Cannabis), Phensedyl and other miscellaneous items in AOR of Sector Gokulnagar, having market value of Rs.10.5 lac while smugglers were trying to smuggle these items from India to Bangladesh. On specific information of BSF intelligence Branch, troops of BOP Kalamchera, 74 Bncarried out special ops in the general area of village



Kalamchera under PS Kalamchera, district Sepaihijilla on 19th Oct' 2017 late night. During the special operation troops seized 100kg of Dry Ganja (Cannabis) and 900 bottle of Phensedyl (packed in 11 bags) while smugglers were trying to smuggle these items from India to Bangladesh. Market value of above seized items is about Rs 7lacs. Besides above, during special drive by BSF troops and on specific information of intelligence Branch, also seized other miscellaneous items like Cattle, Liquor, Fish, Plastic items etc.

Waterlogging floods Agartala

AGARTALA (TIWN): The rain-waterlogging has been flooding the Capital City Agartala on Saturday creating much problems for the common men. With the constant rain since yesterday Agartala city is now flooding, leading mass suffering and disrupting normal lives heavily, but no other subdivision has yet gripped by flood except Agartala. Normal lives have been heavily disrupted due to the rain on the last working day of the week. Orient Chowmuhani, Paradise Chowmuhani, Bidur Karta, Jackson Gate, Ganaraj Chowmuhani, Sakuntala roads are the mostly flood affected areas.



'No right to hold Chief Ministry if can't condole BSF's murder': Ashok Sinha

AGARTALA (TIWN): Tripura BJP spokesperson Ashok Sinha has slammed the Chief Minister of Tripura for not condoling BSF Officer Dipak Mandal's death led by smugglers' attack, which took place Chief Minister's own constituency's zone. "To be a politician one must bear minimum humanity but the Chief Minister since the incident, till day has not uttered a single line for the brave soldier", Sinha said. "Amidst Diwali's celebration a darkness has gloomed the state with BSF's murder by cattle



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Flood threat grips across Howrah river banks



AGARTALA (TIWN): Howrah river water level has been increased triggering tension among the people across Agartala. Already many houses have been affected due to rain and the water level that increased on river Howrah. At Bakdakhhal and Srilanka Bosti, the situation is deteriorating. Tension has gripped in river bank areas as the overflowing water already touched the river banks. The Howrah River flows through the Indian city of Agartala and is the major river which flows in the Sadar subdivision of the Western District of Tripura.

Dy Commandant Dipak Mandal's murder didn't take place at Border, but in Populated area: Subal Bhowmik

AGARTALA (TIWN): Tripura BJP leader Subal Bhowmik has condemned BSF's murder by cattle smugglers at Sonamura. Addressing a press conference held in the afternoon at BJP Office, Bhowmik said, "The murder



took place not at the Indo-Bangla border, but it was done in much populated area controlled by Police of Sonamura. "The incident took place in CM's constituency zone, very near to Dhanpur which is not controlled by BSF", Bhowmik added. "Tripura is the den of Narcotic business. Even Bangladesh Govt has expressed concerned about it as this narcotic business is killing the young generation of Bangladesh", added Bhowmik. "Above half of the total cattle smuggling of whole India is done through Tripura border. In 2015 also one BSF was killed at Akhaura border in the similar way but the left front gov't supported the smugglers only", said Subal Bhowmik. "In the whole state under the left front gov't the chorex, phensedyl businessmen are living and they have high links with the party. Smugglers are also sharing funds with Communist party", added Bhowmik. "Ganja production has become a free business here, without any control", he said. The BJP leader further demanded central gov't's intervene in Tripura's law and order issues.