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Women folk join torch rally organised by Kangla Siphai Apunba Meira Paibi in demand for NRC before census

CM flags off 16 state youths for jobs in Japan

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IMPHAL: Chief minister Yumnam Khemchand on Friday flagged off 16 candidates from Manipur who secured employment opportunities in Japan under the Skill, Labour, Employment and Entrepreneurship (SLEE) initiative, at this bungalow, here.

Nine of the candidates, who are alumni of Manipur University's Department of Vocational Studies and Skill Development (DVSSD), would serve under the Tokyo Hotel & Resorts Co Ltd in different parts of Japan, including Tokyo, Hokkaido and Okinawa. The candidates, who underwent Japanese language training at the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) International Academy, secured jobs mainly in the healthcare and hospitality sectors.

Addressing the candidates, Khemchand urged them to remain connected to their roots and take pride in their identity as Manipuris while pursuing their careers abroad. Presenting each candidate with a replica of Pena,



Manipur's indigenous musical instrument, he foretold that they would encounter a different culture, traditions and advanced development in Japan but advised them not to lose their cultural identity.

Drawing an example from Singapore, the CM observed that people there take pride in their national identity and called for a change in the mindset of those who hesitated to identify themselves as Manipuris.

An MoU was signed between the State Bank of India (SBI) and SLEE to facilitate financial support for candidates pursuing overseas skill development and employment. Five candidates undergoing Japanese language training also received skill loans from SBI.

Manipur University vice-chancellor Prof RK Hemakumar encouraged the youths to acquire relevant skills, adapt to changing professional requirements and explore opportunities beyond the state while remaining connected to their roots.

One Dhanapriya Tensubam, who secured employment at Miyakojima Tokyo Hotel and Resort in Okinawa, expressed gratitude for the initiative and pledged to uphold her professional responsibilities while remaining proud of her Manipuri identity.

The programme was attended by MLA Kh Joykisan Singh, government officials, university representatives, SBI officials and NSDC representatives.

Tengnoupal not for Kukis only, say IDPs

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IMPHAL: Internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Moreh currently taking shelter at the Urup relief camp welcomed the state government's decision to station 11th IRB battalion at Saibom village in Tengnoupal district to prevent robbery and extortion along National Highway-102, while criticising opposition from the Kuki Chiefs' Association, Tengnoupal.

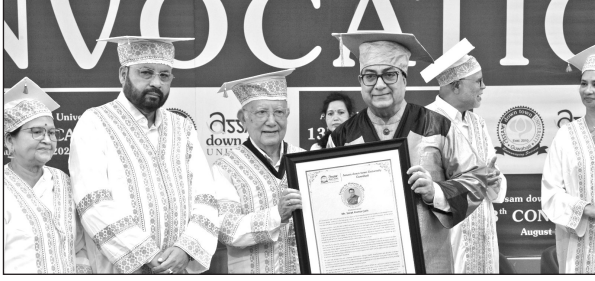
Ahanthem Thoibi Singh, representing the IDPs, stated that Tengnoupal district does not belong solely to the Kuki community and advised the association to abandon the mindset that only the Kuki community should determine what happens within the district.

He pointed out that several communities, including Maring, Aimol, Chothe, Khoibu,

Lamkang, Moyon, Tarao, Pangal, Tamil, Meetei, Tamil Muslim, Kom, Nepali and Bihari communities, reside in Tengnoupal district. None of these communities has expressed opposition to the deployment of the IRB battalion at Saibom. He questioned why the government's decision should be withdrawn solely because the Kuki Chiefs' Association, Tengnoupal opposed the deployment.

Thoibi further stated that the deployment is aimed at ensuring security and preventing criminal activities along the Impha-Moreh road. He described the government's decision to station the 11th IRB battalion at Saibom as highly commendable and urged that it be implemented without being influenced by the objections of a single community-based body.

AdtU confers degrees on 1,885 graduates



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IMPHAL: Assam down town University (AdtU) held the 13th convocation at its Panikhaiti campus in Guwahati on Friday, conferring degrees on 1,885 graduates and scholars, including 1,427 undergraduates, 436 postgraduates and 22 PhD scholars. The graduating cohort included 95 international students from eight countries.

Assam Revenue and Disaster Management minister Keshab Mahanta attended as chief guest, while Febin MF, Head-L&T EduTech, Larsen & Toubro Ltd, was the special guest. The university conferred a Doctor of Literature (DLitt) (Honoris Causa) on SM Group CMD and Indian Chamber of Commerce, Assam State Council chairman Sarat Kumar Jain for his contribution to business and industry.

Pragyan Kalita and Juganta Kr Kalita received gold medals for Best Undergraduate and Best Postgraduate respectively with Subhankar Das named the Best Placement Achiever of AdtU 2026, and Nawang Dondup receiving the AdtU Alumni Award for Inspiring Achievement 2026.

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DISTRICT ROUND-UP

Mao Council hails Medical College in Senapati

CORRESPONDENT

SENAPATI: The Mao Council extended heartfelt gratitude to chief minister Yumnam Khemchand and deputy chief minister L Dikho for unanimously agreeing in principle to set up a medical college in Senapati district.

In a press release, Mao Council expressed delight over long cherished dream turning into a reality. "The far-sighted vision of the government of Manipur for overall development, particularly in Senapati is beyond

our expectations," it lauded.

The release also stated that the proposed Medical College will meet the healthcare services to the people of Senapati and its surrounding areas.

It called for timely implementation of the approved project to enable the people reap its benefits.

The union also prayed to God for blessing all the cabinet ministers with good health, shower them with wisdom and long lasting life.

KVK conducts Parthenium awareness campaign

CORRESPONDENT

KAKCHING: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Chandel, conducted a Parthenium awareness campaign at Hnatham village on Friday as part of the 21st Parthenium Awareness Week, being observed across India from August 16 to 22.

The campaign aims to educate farmers and rural residents about the harmful effects of Parthenium hysterophorus, an invasive weed, and the importance of controlling it in a timely

manner.

The campaign was led by KVK, Chandel senior scientist and head Dr Asem Ameeta Devi with subject matter specialist in plant breeding Leenda Monsang delivering a presentation on the impact of Parthenium on agricultural crops.

Participants were also briefed on the weed's effects on livestock and human health. Leenda Monsang highlighted health risks associated with exposure to Parthenium, including skin irritation, respiratory

problems and allergic reactions.

As part of the campaign, villagers participated in clearing Parthenium plants from areas around the village. KVK Chandel urged residents to remain vigilant and adopt appropriate weed-management practices to prevent the spread of the invasive plant, and encouraged villagers to monitor agricultural fields, roadsides and community areas for Parthenium and take timely measures to control its growth.

ANMs, CHOs trained on oral health

CORRESPONDENT

THOUBAL: Thoubal unit of National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) organised a one-day oral health training programme for Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and Community Health Officers (CHOs) at Yairipok CHC community hall, on Thursday under the aegis of District Health Society, Thoubal.

The inaugural function was attended by Thoubal CMO Dr Krishnachandra Luwang, District Health Society programme officer

Ch Basanta, and Thoubal NOHP nodal officer and Yairipok CHC medical officer-in-charge Dr L Robinson Singh as presidium members. About 30 ANMs and CHOs from 20 health institutions across Thoubal district participated in the training with Dr L Robinson Singh and MDS dental surgeon Dr L Joshini serving as the resource persons.

The training was conducted in two technical sessions covering various aspects of oral health, including common oral health problems, their symptoms and causes, and available treatment methods.

KIMACS seeks NRC update before Census

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IMPHAL: Students of KIMACS, Government Dance College, SSB Music College and Thang-Ta students held a protest meeting at Palace Compound in Imphal on Friday, demanding that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) be updated before the Census and that no Census be conducted until internally displaced persons (IDPs) are settled.

Speaking at the meeting organised under the aegis of the Campaign for Just and Fair Delimitation (JFD), KIMACS secretary general RK

Leninsana criticised preparations to conduct Census while Manipur continues to face turmoil more than three years. He stated that the Centre's decision to proceed with the Census has disregarded the demand of the people for implementation of NRC beforehand.

Leninsana noted that JFD had launched intensified agitations in recent days demanding NRC, which he described as an urgent necessity for Manipur. He alleged that illegal immigrants entering the state are contributing to the prevailing crisis and warned that conducting the

Census without identifying foreigners could threaten the existence of indigenous communities.

He further alleged that the move to conduct the Census without first implementing the NRC is part of a "divide and rule" policy aimed at weakening indigenous communities.

Appealing to the state and central governments to heed the demands raised by the public and civil society organisations, Leninsana warned that conducting the Census by force without implementing NRC would have serious consequences.

Senior Citizens' Day commemorated



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IMPHAL: Senior Citizens' Forum, Imphal East commemorated World Senior Citizens' Day

on Friday at Wangkhei NSK community hall with forum president GA Robichandra presiding over the event during Ksh Binodkumar (Modhu) and A Brajabidhu, both 94-year-old, from Wangkhei, were honoured for their contributions to their families and society.

According to a statement issued by forum general secretary, Th Samson, the observance attended by members, was aimed at recognising the role and contributions of senior citizens in families and society, and raise awareness on physical, mental and financial difficulties faced by older persons.

LJP-RV backs NRC demand, urges MLAs to act

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IMPHAL: Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Manipur State, on Thursday backed the demand for updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC) before conducting the Census, while contending that silence of elected representatives compelled students and women to take to the streets.

Speaking at a function held at party's Keishampat office to distribute appointment letters to newly appointed office-bearers, including the state youth wing president, LJP-Ram Vilas Manipur president Khoirom Deepu cautioned authorities against going ahead with the Census operation amid growing public demand for NRC update.

He called upon elected representatives to unite and convey the people's concerns to the central leaders instead of remaining silent at such a critical juncture. Representatives who sought votes by promising to voice public concerns should act according to the sentiments of the people, particularly when the future of indigenous communities is at stake, the president opined.

Gorkha bats for NRC implementation in state

IMPHAL: Greater Imphal Gorkha Association (GIGA) pledged support to the collective demand put forward by civil society organisations (CSOs) of Manipur for the implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state.

In a press release, GIGA battled for a comprehensive, credible and transparent NRC to establish clear distinction between genuine Indian citizens and illegal immigrants, and for safeguarding Manipur's identity, demographic balance, security and the interests of future generations.

"The Gorkha community has a long and documented history in Manipur and has contributed to the state and the nation through generations of service, sacrifice and participation in its

social and economic life," said the Association, reiterating its stand in favour of citizenship verification based on authentic records, documentary evidence and due process.

"We strongly believe that protecting Manipur from illegal immigration is a collective responsibility that transcends community, ethnicity and political differences. A fair and effective NRC will address legitimate concerns surrounding the issue of illegal immigration while simultaneously protecting the rights, dignity and identity of genuine Indian citizens," the release said, while appealing to the government to take concrete steps towards implementation of NRC through a lawful, transparent and time-bound process.

menting NRC could endanger the future of indigenous communities. He described the "No Census without NRC" movement as a call to protect indigenous people and future generations.

Shreeman also urged the government to ensure that security forces do not use excessive force against students and elderly women participating in the agitation.

Urging the BJP-led government representatives to take a firm collective stand, saying this is not the time for blame games, he claimed that the LJP state unit had already urged central leaders to implement NRC at the earliest.

According to LJP-RV national general secretary W Shreeman, conducting the Census without first imple-

AR reviews Indo-Myanmar border security



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IMPHAL: Assam Rifles conducted a comprehensive security coordination meeting at Sajik Tampak in Chandel district on Thursday to review the prevailing security situation along the Indo-Myanmar border (IMB), bolster coordination with local stakeholders, and address critical community welfare and regional development priorities.

In a statement, PRO IGAR (S) informed that the high-level conference recorded participation from 14 prominent local stakeholders, comprising 12 representatives alongside the village chiefs of Kana. Detailed de-

liberations addressed emerging security challenges and key operational strategies vital for maintaining regional peace, stability, and effective border management.

In light of regional developments across the border in Khampat, Tamu, and Chin State, discussions focused on preparedness to manage potential refugee influxes. Strategic emphasis was laid on systematic refugee registration, close synergy with the civil administration, and timely reporting of arrivals. Furthermore, measures to safeguard border infrastructure were reviewed, prioritising the prevention of damage or tampering with ongoing border fencing

projects, while local hunters were advised against random firing and urged to provide prior notification to security personnel.

Underlining a shared vision for social development, Assam Rifles acknowledged local community resolutions against illegal drugs and encouraged sustained awareness initiatives for adults and children to eradicate substance abuse. Additionally, as part of its ongoing youth-empowerment efforts, Assam Rifles announced an upcoming National Integration Tour to Gujarat for 10 children from Kana area of the district to foster national integration and exposure to India's cultural diversity, the PRO said.

MU seminar dissects NE-Southeast Asia links

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IMPHAL: Northeast India must be placed at the centre of India's engagement with Southeast Asia, with shared religious and cultural traditions serving as the foundation for stronger economic cooperation, speakers said at an international seminar held at Manipur University on Thursday.

The two-day seminar, "Fostering Economic Linkages Between North East India and South East Asia Through Religious and Cultural Ties", was sponsored by the North Eastern Council, Shillong, under the Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region (MDoNER), and jointly organised by Manipur University Department of Economics and College Development Council and the Intellectual Forum of North East - Manipur. The programme began with the MU anthem and the state song.

The seminar brought together academicians, former policymakers, administrators,



researchers and cultural experts. Among others, the inaugural function was attended by former union minister of state for external affairs and education Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, MU vice-chancellor-in-charge Prof RK Hemakumar Singh, Central University of Himachal Pradesh former vice-chancellor Prof Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, MU School of Social Sciences dean Prof Memcha Loitongbam, and Organising Committee chairman Prof Damodar Nepram, who is also head of Department of Economics.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Rajkumar Ranjan said the Act East Policy must flow

from the Northeast rather than being framed in New Delhi and delivered to the region.

"I told my colleagues that India's Act East Policy could not succeed as a policy drafted in Delhi and delivered to the Northeast. It had to be a policy that flowed from the Northeast outward," he said.

Describing the Moreh-Tamu crossing as "a threshold between two halves of the same cultural continuum," Dr Ranjan said economic connectivity could not be built through trade statistics and logistics corridors alone but draw strength from Buddhism, Vaishnavism, Sanamahism, oral epics, textile traditions and cen-

turies of migration and marriage across the region. He also stressed that peace and ethnic harmony within the Northeast were essential for meaningful regional integration.

Prof RK Hemakumar said the Northeast's potential as a religious and cultural hub between India and Southeast Asia remained largely untapped. Stronger cultural bonds, he said, could promote pilgrimage and heritage tourism, attract infrastructure investment and create employment, while benefiting sectors such as handloom, handicrafts, agro-products, hospitality and transport.

He expressed hope that the seminar would help establish Manipur University as a knowledge hub and academic bridge between India, Myanmar and Southeast Asia.

Prof Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri described Northeast India as one of the historic gateways connecting India with Southeast Asia. He proposed reviving cultural and pilgrimage circuits

through Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia, including routes linking Moreh with Angkor Wat and Kaina in Manipur with Vrindavan.

Prof Agnihotri said Manipur University, given its strategic location, could play a major role in rebuilding the region's intellectual and cultural bridges.

Prof Memcha Loitongbam, who presided over the function, called for people-centred regional integration involving artisans, entrepreneurs, women-led enterprises, young innovators and cultural institutions.

Prof Damodar Nepram delivered the welcome address, while co-convenor Prof Hanjabam Shukhdeba Sharma, director of the College Development Council, proposed the vote of thanks. Prof Hanjabam Isworchandra Sharma was the seminar convenor, and Prof Sougrakpam Dharmen Singh one of the co-convenors.

The inaugural function concluded with Vande Mataram and the national anthem.

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