

Participants release souvenir at a literary seminar on '2000 Gee Matungda Thorakhiba Manipuri Nupi Ayeebisingi Khut-eeda Tariba Leibak Ningbagee Masak' organised by PAWF at Manipur Press Club

Efforts, willpower needed for social change: MLA

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IMPHAL: Langthabal MLA Karam Shyam has called on the youth to combine determination with hard work to bring about positive transformation and change in society, stressing that education alone does not define a person's worth.

Speaking as the chief guest at the Viksit Bharat Challenge Track (PPT Presentation Rounds) programme organised jointly by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell of Manipur University (MU) and My Bharat, Imphal West district, at the MU Court Hall, the MLA stressed the importance of punctuality, discipline, civic sense, moral values and good character in a student's life.

While young people are widely described as the pillars of the nation, he opined, they must also reflect on their responsibility to become worthy of that role.

He said good habits and values must be cultivated during youth, adding that it would be unrealistic to expect someone to become a good human being in old age without building character early in life.

Describing books as tools that help acquire knowledge, the MLA pointed out that the real worth of life lies in one's contribution to society, regardless of whether one holds a salaried job.

Karam Shyam said society could prosper only when its youth develop good values and work collectively. He encouraged young people to participate in debates, leadership training programmes, conferences and discussions, and share their experiences to inspire others.

Youth affairs and sports director Dr Mayengbam Veto, MU vice-chancellor Prof RK Hemakumar and finance officer Prof Laishram Rajendrakumar also attended the programme as presidium members.

DISTRICT ROUND-UP

Hero MotoCorp opens Thoubal outlet

CORRESPONDENT



THOUBAL: Akoijam Mobility, the first associate dealership of Hero MotoCorp Ltd in Manipur, was inaugurated at Thoubal Okram on Friday. Thoubal DC Yumnam Robita, former chief secretary Oinam Nabakishore Singh, and Akoijam Tikendrajit Singh attended the inauguration.

Speaking on the occasion, proprietor Bikendrajit Akoijam said the showroom would offer motorcycles at company-prescribed prices and provide servicing through company-trained technicians. Most models of Hero MotoCorp motorcycles would be available at the dealership, he added.

Inaugurating the showroom, Robita said the dealership in the heart of Thoubal bazar would make purchasing and servicing motorcycles more convenient for local residents. She also wished the venture success.

During the programme, the Thoubal District Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TDCCI) presented a certificate of recognition to the proprietor, Akoijam Bikendrajit, acknowledging the establishment of the dealership.

Pherzawl launches Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign

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PHERZAWL: The district administration has launched the 60-Day Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0 under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption and protect young people from tobacco addiction.

The campaign was formally launched on Thursday by DC and DHS/NHM, Pherzawl chairperson Anunay Anand at the conference hall of the DC Camp Office.

Addressing the gathering, the DC stressed that combating tobacco consumption requires collective responsibility and active participation from all sections of society. He underscored the importance of spreading awareness, promoting positive role models and encouraging young people to engage in constructive activities for a healthier and brighter future.

Speaking on the occasion, nodal officer and resource person Dr Chingnunsiam highlighted the serious health consequences of tobacco consumption, stating that it can lead to heart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and various forms of cancer, including lung, mouth, throat and bladder cancer.

She also elaborated on the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, which prohibits the sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions and sale to persons below 18 years of age. Emphasising the role of educational institutions, she described schools as crucial frontline institutions in preventing tobacco addiction among young people.

As part of the programme, the DC administered the 'Say No to Tobacco' pledge to district health officials and DLOs, reaffirming the commitment to creating a tobacco-free environment and protecting the younger generation from the harmful effects of tobacco consumption.

Health camps conducted, 4,090 treated

KAIMUANTHANG **MANGTE**

CCPUR: A medical team that conducted health camps in remote and inaccessible villages, particularly in Thanlon subdivision and parts of Pherzawl district, returned on Wednesday, after a 16-day outreach mission that began on November 3.

The medical team, led by Dr Thangkhankhup Guite alias D Khup, conducted the camps in collaboration with the Zomi Students' Federation (ZSF) and Zomi Youth Organisation (ZYA), according to reports.

ZYA leader Lianzalal said the medical outreach programme was conducted in two phases under the joint initiative of the ZYA, ZSF and Dr Thangkhankhup and his team.

He said the second phase, led by Dr Khup, involved four doctors, two nurses and other volunteers, with a total of 32 team members travelling to some of the most remote areas where vehicles could not access.

During the outreach programme, the team conducted medical camps in 44 villages and examined 4,090 people. It also issued 120 health cards benefiting 924 people and distributed medicines free of cost, Lianzalal said.

Briefing the media, Lianzalal said several critically ill villagers who had been unable to access medical treatment at health centres were examined and provided medicines free of cost.

He said the villagers expressed overwhelming gratitude for the medical team's services, with some reportedly breaking down in tears as they struggled to express their appreciation.

Kids talent hunt promotes cultural exchange

CORRESPONDENT



BPR: A children's cultural exchange and talent hunt programme was organised at INA Auditorium Hall, Moirang Kangla, to mark International Children's Day and promote cultural understanding among children from different communities in Manipur.

The programme was jointly organised by New Life Foundation Manipur, Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR), Just Rights for Children (JRC), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Bishnupur, Child Protection Committee (CPC), Bishnupur, and Peoples Resource Development Association (PRDA).

MCPCR chairperson Keisham Pradipkumar, social welfare deputy director Konsam Saroja, JRC national secretary Rishikant, CWC Bishnupur chairperson Laishram Ranjita Devi, district child protection officer Indrani Chongtham, Manipur Police Training Centre assistant director Victoria Yengkhom and New Life Foundation Manipur secretary L Pishak attended the programme as presidium members.

Victoria, who also served as a resource person, spoke on cyber threats and abusive content, highlighting issues affecting children's safety.

Children from 25 relief camps across the state, along with those from child welfare centres, clubs and homes, showcased their talents through group dances, solo songs, remix dances and Maibi Jagoi among others.

In his address, L Pishak said the initiative aims to nurture children's talents and promote their mental, physical and emotional well-being, quality education and health, prevent child marriage, check child abuse and exploitation and ensure that every child is entitled to constitutional rights irrespective of religion, caste, economic status or physical appearance. The initiative seeks to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, he added.

NMMU, PHC conduct health screening

CORRESPONDENT

KAMJONG: The National Mobile Medical Unit (NMMU) under the National Health Mission (NHM), in collaboration with Kasom Khullen Primary Health Centre (PHC), conducted a village-level health screening programme at Khamlang village under Kasom Khullen Block in Kamjong district on Friday.

During the health screening programme, villagers from across all age groups were given free check-ups and consultations for diabetes, hypertension, allergies, asthma, eye-related ailments, cold and fever, among other conditions. Medicines were also distributed free of cost to the beneficiaries.

NMMU personnel stated that the team operating under Kamjong district has been conducting medical outreach programmes across villages and has covered around 20 villages this month. The team further stated that the medical tour would continue in the coming days.

Villagers, while interacting with this correspondent, expressed gratitude to the medical team for extending healthcare services to the community. They said such outreach programmes are particularly beneficial for the poor and elderly, who often face difficulties accessing medical facilities in the region.

It may be mentioned that Kamjong district continues to grapple with inadequate healthcare facilities and infrastructure. A recent visit to Kamjong District Hospital by this correspondent found the facility operating with only five doctors and few nurses despite its upgradation to district hospital level. The facility was also found poorly equipped and mired by inadequate facility and shortage of medical personnel.

STUDA seeks intervention of authorities

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IMPHAL: Stating that the exploitation and mismanagement of natural resources, which should be utilised to generate income for Manipur, along with the improper handling of public property by certain society board members for their personal interests, have severely affected the livelihoods of ordinary people and the economic development of the state; Sekmaijin to Tokpaching Union of Development Agency (STUDA) has urged authorities departments concerned at both state and district levels to monitor such activities in a timely and appropriate manner.

In a press release issued by its publicity secretary, STUDA said authorities need to ensure that the demarcation work being carried out in Village No. 67 (A) Khoidum Lamjao, and Village No. 84 (A) Pumlen, under Kakching and Waikhong subdivisions of Kakching district by society officials and departmental authorities, is conducted strictly in accordance with established rules and regulations, and that no irregularities are allowed. The authorities must also ensure that the land records are updated, patta and jamabandi are prepared, and no attempts are made to facilitate the unauthorised transfer or occupation of land. If any such irregularities have already taken place, legal action should be initiated, it stressed.

Furthermore, the paddy fields and godown belonging to the society at Village No. 62 Kakching Wairi, which was formerly part of Thoubal district before the formation of Kakching district, have allegedly been sold by the society's board members to a private individual. Demanding that the said land be immediately retrieved and restored to the society, it cautioned that if the matter is not resolved and the land not returned to the society, the farmer members of the society will launch various forms of protest across the state.

Literary seminar for women writers held

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IMPHAL: Patriotic Writers' Forum Manipur (PWFM) organised a one-day literary seminar on '2000 Gee Matungda Thorakhiba Manipuri Nupi Ayebisingi Khuteeda Tariba Leibak Ningbagee Masak' at Manipur Press Club, on Friday.

Inaugural session of the seminar was attended by PWFM former president Yaiskul Khwairakpam as chief guest, incumbent president Naoroibam Khamba Luwang as functional president and Imphal East Zilla Parishad former member Kshetri Tama as special guest.

Addressing the gathering, Tama called upon the women writers to strive to share individual sense of patriotism as well as instil the same spirit on the younger generation through their work.

The seminar featured four patriotic women writers from Bishnupur, Kakching, Imphal East and Imphal West districts presenting their papers on topics relating to patriotism among women writers.

State native bags NERIST award



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IMPHAL: Manipur's Pritam Pebam has received the Young Alumni Achievers Award at the 12th convocation of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST).

The award was presented by the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in recognition of his contributions to artificial intelligence, language technology and human-computer interaction as a product designer at Meta Reality Labs in the United States.

Pritam has been associated with technology initiatives involving Google Translate, the Manipuri language and Meetei Mayek (script), supporting linguistic accessibility and the preservation of indigenous cultural heritage.

He has also contributed to the development of Meta Ray-Ban Display smart glasses, integrating artificial intelligence, advanced display technology and innovative human-computer interaction.

An alumnus of NERIST, Pritam completed his B Tech in Computer Science and Engineering in 2010 before obtaining a Master of Design from IIT Bombay in 2014.

He is the youngest child of late Pebam Jaychandra Singh and Shusila Devi of Porompat Thawan Thaba Leikai, Imphal East district. The youngest among seven siblings, Pritam's recognition highlights NERIST's contribution to nurturing professionals in science and technology.

CAU faculty induction prog ends

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IMPHAL: The first phase of the 21-day Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) for newly-recruited faculty members of Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal, concluded at the conference hall of the College of Agriculture, Iroisemba, on Friday.

Speaking at the concluding session, NIRF and FDP coordinator and course director Prof Indira Sarangthem encouraged the participants to apply the knowledge gained during the programme to their professional and academic growth and help improve the university's ranking.

She expressed gratitude to CAU vice-chancellor Dr Anupam Mishra, stating that the Faculty Induction and Faculty Development Programme was initiated under his vision, guidance and support, which contributed to its successful implementation.

Prof N Brajendra Singh of the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, College of Agriculture, highlighted the importance of the programme for newly-recruited faculty members. He urged participants to adopt innovative and effective teaching strategies to improve student learning outcomes and promote academic excellence.

On the final day, participants delivered individual and group presentations demonstrating the knowledge and insights gained during the programme. They also shared their feedback and reflections on the induction programme.

The programme aims to strengthen the professional capabilities of newly recruited faculty members and equip them with approaches to improve teaching and academic performance.

'Kadomdano' depicts unrest impact

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IMPHAL: A press show of Manipuri feature film "Kadomdano", based on the impact of the unrest that erupted in Manipur on May 3, 2023, was held at Tanthapolis on Thursday.

Written by Yoimayai Mongshaba, the film is produced under the banner of Hamom Creations and directed by Dhamen Laishram. Singer-actor Hamom Sadananda and actress Abenao play the lead roles.

Speaking on the occasion, Hamom Sadananda, who also produced the film, informed that it was made as a personal contribution towards addressing the ongoing crisis and preserving its impact as part of the region's history.

He said the film portrays the hardships faced by people amid the prevailing situation, particularly families displaced by the unrest. It seeks to document the suffering they have endured and continue to experience since May 3, 2023.

Sadananda said the press show was organised to gather feedback and identify shortcomings, allowing the filmmakers to refine the film by making necessary additions or deletions before its final release.

He also expressed concern over the growing tendency among people to undermine one another instead of engaging in constructive discussions and working collectively to bring about change.

Emphasising the need for unity, he said development and stability in the region could be achieved only when society came together with a shared vision and purpose.

The film seeks to highlight the human cost of the ongoing crisis while encouraging reflection on the responsibilities of individuals and society in addressing the challenges facing Manipur.

AR holds medical camp, NIT competition

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IMPHAL: Assam Rifles reportedly organised a medical camp under Operation Sadbhavana at Govajang village, extending essential healthcare services to residents of Govajang and Thenjang villages.

According to PRO IGAR (S), 450 villagers, including 240 from Thenjang, benefited from the camp as medical teams conducted health check-ups, provided consultations, distributed free medicines and referred patients requiring further treatment.

The initiative reaffirmed Assam Rifles commitment to humanitarian assistance, healthcare accessibility and community welfare. Villagers expressed gratitude for the medical support, appreciating the force's continued efforts to reach remote communities and strengthen mutual trust, the PRO said in a release.

In another release, it is informed that Assam Rifles organised a poster-making competition at Integrated Learning System (ILS) Passion English School, Waikhong Ningthoumanai, Kakching district on Wednesday to mark National Integration Day.

The competition was organised under the theme "One Nation, Many Cultures, One Heart" to promote unity in diversity and communal harmony among young people.

A total of 55 participants, comprising students, teaching staff and Assam Rifles personnel, took part in the event aimed at sensitising students to the values of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence while providing them with a creative platform to express their understanding of national unity.

Through their artwork, participants depicted India's cultural heritage, diverse traditions and collective strength across different languages, religions and customs.

The programme also provided an opportunity for interaction between security personnel and local youth. It concluded with the distribution of prizes to students for outstanding entries.

National Integration Day is observed on November 19 to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the beginning of Qaumi Ekta Week.

House gutted by fire

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IMPHAL: A house belonging to one Sinam Arun near Thongju Pechu Lampak in Imphal West district was completely gutted by fire on Thursday morning.

The fire broke out around 8:45 am, prompting Manipur Fire Service department to deploy four fire tenders to the spot.

Firefighters worked to bring the blaze under control and prevent it from spreading to neighbouring houses. The director of Manipur Fire Service also personally joined the firefighting operation.

No major injuries or casualties were reported in the incident. The cause of the fire and the extent of the property loss were not immediately known.

Ccpur DEO reviews preps; TBL roll revision begins

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CCPUR/TBL: A review meeting on preparations for the 2027 Manipur Legislative Assembly election was held at the Mini Secretariat DC Conference Hall, Tuibong on Thursday.

District election officer (DEO)/DC Krishna Kumar chaired the meeting, which focused on the duties and responsibilities of nodal officers. Nodal officers appointed in the district, returning officers (ROs), assistant returning officers (AROs) and other officials attended.

The meeting reviewed the work assigned to nodal officers in their respective departments. Officers presented updates on progress, challenges and measures taken to address pending issues. The chair stressed the need for accuracy and coordination at every stage of the election process.

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DEO Krishna directed officials to complete all tasks properly and within the prescribed deadlines, in accordance with Election Commission guidelines. He also urged them to plan ahead and take timely action to prevent shortcomings.

On the other-hand, a special campaign under the Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, with January 1, 2027, as the qualifying date, will be conducted at all polling stations in Thoubal district on November 21 and 22 and December 5 and 6, to facilitate the revision process.

The initiative aims to ensure that every eligible citizen gets an opportunity to be enrolled in the electoral roll, particularly left-out electors, young prospective voters and first-time electors attaining the age of 18 years as on the qualifying date.

All booth level officers (BLOs) have been directed by the electoral registration officers (EROs) to be present at their respective polling stations on the specified dates during office hours and to organise the special campaign for receiving Forms 6, 7 and 8.

The BLOs have also been advised to assist eligible citizens with enrolment, submission of claims and objections, and other electoral roll-related services. Meanwhile, all BLO supervisors are directed to visit their polling stations and liaise with BLOs for the successful conduct of the special campaign.

The directives have been issued by the EROs of six assembly constituencies - M Priyaroshini Devi (Lilong); Robert Meinam (Thoubal); H Kiromani Singh (Wangkhem); Aribam Amarjit Sharma (Heirok); Seema Sanjenbam (Wangjing Tentha); and Surma Thiyam (Khangabok).

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