



World AIDS day observance at Manipur Press Club

State observes 'World AIDS Day' CHCs, PHCs to be equipped with HIV testing facilities; ART centers on the anvil - CM

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Imphal, Dec 1: Manipur, like the rest of the world observed "World AIDS Day" today under the theme "Getting to Zero" with the main function being held at the IMR Ground organized by the Manipur State AIDS Control Society (MACS) with Chief Minister O Ibobi as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister stressed the importance given by the government to the continuing menace of HIV/AIDS in the state. He also disclosed that the state government is planning to equip CHCs and PHCs in the state with free HIV/AIDS testing facilities as well as to set up ART centers with special emphasis on the centers located in the hill areas, while reiterating the broadening benefits made possible by the revision of the Manipur State AIDS Prevention and Control Policy, making each and every afflicted individual under the BPL and APL category to avail of the various facilities and assistances which were earlier given only to the BPL families. Highlighting the award secured by the state for having the lowest infant mortality rate and also the very high standard of arts and culture, not to mention the dominating position of Manipur in sports in the

country, the Chief Minister emphasized on the improving scenario with no new recorded case of infection or death from HIV/AIDS for the last three years in Manipur as well as the absence of discrimination of infected persons while lamenting the fact that the percentage of infected individuals is still one of the highest in the country. He further voiced the need for a concerted effort of the NGOs, CSOs, individuals as well as the implementing bodies to fight the menace, while lauding the efforts of MACS in raising awareness and mitigating the problem. Phunzathang Tensing, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, in his Presidential speech states



that the percentage of infection has climbed down but Getting to Zero will still remain a big challenge in the state. He also points out that the prevalence rate of infection amongst pregnant women still remain worryingly high and the main routes of infection are the injecting drug users and sexual route. The Chief Minister inaugurated a

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp as part of the observation and awards were distributed to six outstanding doctors working in the field. A rally comprising of participants from thirty-nine contingents representing various NGOs of the state was also taken out from Chingamthak Hako Ground till the IMR Parade ground.

CADA and MNP+ jointly observed World AIDS Day

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Imphal, Dec. 1: Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) and Manipur Network of Positive People (MNP+) observed the World AIDS Day at Manipur Press Club, Imphal today, on the theme "Getting to Zero; Zero new HIV Infections, Zero AIDS related Death, Zero Discrimination". The observation was presided by Advocate Yumnam Ratankumar, President Coalition Against Drugs and

Alcohol (CADA), Pradeep Kumar Jha (IAS), Project Director Manipur State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) as Chief Guest, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai, President All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) and Dr. N. Sunil Kumar, HOD Defense Studies DM College of Science attended as guest of honours respectively. Speaking on keynote, L. Deepak, President, MNP+ said that "Getting to Zero" Zero new HIV Infections, Zero

AIDS related Death, Zero Discrimination" would not happen and millions of people will die unnecessarily unless governments do the right thing and live up to the financial pledges they have made. He said that the government should have a sustained commitment to comprehensive treatment, prevention and care service. Further talking on the HIV treatment prospect he also urged the desire of having drug resistance test machine installed in the health setting.

KNO & UPF appeal to discontinue their adversarial activities towards the Aimol people

Siamchinthang Tangpua: **Cepur, Dec. 1:** Armed group Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United Peoples' Front (UPF) while welcoming the peace initiative being underway between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India today appealed any armed groups to discontinue their adversarial activities towards the Aimol people in the interest of the larger tribal unity.

In a joint statement of the two outfits presently ensue suspension of operation, the outfits appealed to maintain mutual respect and peaceful co-existence with all communities, particularly with the Tribals of Manipur. "The Govt. of India and NSCN (IM) has signed a frame work agreement and the KNO and UPF entered a very critical stage in the peace process", said Calvin H.

convenor KNO & UPF and T.S. Haokip, co-convenor, KNO & UPF in the joint statement. The joint appeal said, these political developments are welcomed steps collectively taken by Govt. of India and the concerned groups for political survival of the Tribals and fervently appeal to all concerned to desist from taking steps that can hurt the sentiments and

upset the peace process. It may be recalled that, on Nov. 20, 2015 a stone was erected at Aimol Satu village, in Chandel district stating that Aimol tribe belongs to Naga. This was reportedly carried out under such a pressure from certain armed groups. The KNO & UPF joint appeal further said that, "today there is no better where we should maintain mutual strive for tribal unity".

Manipur tribals held indefinite Coffin Protest in Delhi for 27 days now; 9 dead bodies unburied for 91 days, MTFD set Coffin Rally on Dec 9

New Delhi, Dec. 1: The ongoing indefinite sit-in protest organised by the Manipur Tribals Forum, Delhi (MTFD) here at Jantar Mantar completed its 27th day today. Mr CL Ruala, Congress MP (Mizoram), Mr Majeed Memon, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Mr Vijoo Krishnan, Joint secretary, All India Kisan Sabha and a CPI-M leader attended the protest on Sunday. The relay protest has been held every day since November 4, from 4PM to 8PM. Mr CL Ruala, though from a Congress party, gave a short speech in supporting the Manipur tribal's cause. He

said he came to show his support and not to give speech. Mr Vijoo Krishnan continues to grace the protest almost every day. He said he will try his best in helping the tribals of Manipur. Mr Majeed Memon expressed his support for the tribal movement and promised that he will be with Manipur tribals and help them in all the possible ways he can. He said that he will apprise PM Narendra Modi at the earliest. "This fight is not just a Centre or State issue but more of a Humanity issue," Memon added.

"MTFD earnestly calls out to every individual who believes in justice, peace and equality. Because enough is enough. We deserve to live in dignity and in tranquility in our own homes. We will fight together, for our brothers, sisters, our mothers and fathers, our children and our future," said J Maivio, co-convenor of MTFD. MTFD leaders said that the issue was also raised by Nagaland MP Mr Neiphu Rio on Nov 25, 2015 at the NDA Allies Meet. Prime minister and Home minister responded and told the meeting that they will seriously look into the

matter and resolve it as soon as possible and a dialogue is also soon to begin and a solution will be found soon too. He will be raising the issue again in the Parliament. Neiphu Rio is the first MP to support the tribal movement and also first MP to join the ongoing protest at Jantar Mantar. The nine youths who lost their precious lives during the protest in Lamka after the passing of three Bills in Manipur Assembly on August 31 were Enkhankhup (20) h/o Chingngaihang s/o Nangzachin, LV Lane, New Lamka; Robert V

K.D Steels bluffs consumers; sold inferior quality iron bar by mixing with ISI mark materials

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Imphal, Dec 1: At a time when people are talking about converting Imphal into a smart city, some traders supplying iron bar for construction of houses are bluffing consumers by mixing iron bars which do not meet the quality. "They told me it is high

quality Kamdhenu -500 FE with ISI mark, but when we check it is learnt that not all the iron bars are of the same quality", said Mayengbam Dhananjay. The iron bar (Kamdhenu -500 FE with ISI mark) is being sold by an agent called D.K Steel located at Thangal Bazar. It is being sold at Rs. 1680/- per

40 Kg. "Usually they mix the original quality iron bars with inferior quality iron bars as the consumers are not aware of it", said Dhananjay. But the construction workers easily differentiate the original Kamdhenu -500 FE with ISI mark and those mixed along with them.

'Valley based civil society leaders need to attend Functions organized by hill people'

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Imphal, Dec. 1: Discussion on "the pros and cons of the present peace talk process between GOI and NSCN (IM)" was held today in connection with the observance of 1st Foundation day of the Committee of Civil Societies Kangleipak (CCSK) at Manipur Press Club. Ng Tejkumar, Director of Public Prosecution, Manipur who attended the function calls on the need for participation of Valley base civil society organizations in functions organized by Hill based civil society organization. "The valley based civil society leaders need to attend the function organized by Hill base civil society organization like the

University, urged people of Manipur to remain alert on the Mines and Minerals Act, on which the President is almost ready to give his assent. If once the bill has passed and become an Act, the act will be like a Tsunami to us, said the Professor. Understanding the upcoming consequences following the unrest in Manipur, he appealed all the communities, hills and plain in Manipur be united instead of throwing stone each other and to defend ourselves from the unwanted social changes brought by so called Political terrorists. Taking part in the discussion, RV Mingthing, Ex Minister called people to unite whole North Eastern States as one formed based on Unity in Diversity.

way Hill based civil society organizations were invited by valley based civil society organizations" Tejkumar said. He further pointed out to connection with the Emotional and Cultural Integrity, among hills and valley people which had been departed by misconception of religion, custom and so on. He urged women leaders of different civil body organizations to lead people to do the right thing in rebuilding the unity. Other resource persons in different fields of teacher, advocates, social activists, economist also gave their critical perspectives in the present socio-economic-political scenario in the state. Professor Chinglen Meisnam, Economic Department, Manipur

Enforcement Directorate, income tax department conduct raids on Karti Chidambaram's firms

TNN

New Delhi, Dec. 1: The Enforcement Directorate and income tax department on Tuesday conducted raids at firms of Karti Chidambaram, son of former finance minister P Chidambaram, Times Now reported. In August, the Enforcement Directorate had summoned two directors of Advantage Strategic Consulting, a company allegedly linked to Karti Chidambaram, in the Aircel-Maxis case.

In the Aircel-Maxis case, ED had in December last year questioned former telecom minister Dayanidhi Maran and his brother Kalanithi after the agency had probed all the financial transactions of their Sun Network group companies. As the then leader of the opposition in Rajya Sabha in May 2012, finance minister Arun Jaitley had accused P Chidambaram, then home minister, that a firm (Advantage Strategic Consulting) owned

by his family member had allegedly made payments to Aircel. This deal came up just before the telecom company had received major investment from Malaysian firm Maxis and the ownership had changed. The issue relates to 2006 when the matter of change of ownership of Aircel was pending with then finance minister P Chidambaram. As FM, Chidambaram had approved the Maxis investment in Aircel on March 7, 2006.

Good news for Uro-related patients

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At
- CMC Hospital Korengei - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
- Residence
(Chingamthak, Pishum Leirak) - 7.00 am to 9 am.
- 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Jamminthang (30) s/o (L) Vungkhazom College Veng, New Lamka; Khamsianmung (22) s/o Kamkhenthang of Vengkhong, Pearsonmun; Khaijiamang Touthang (11) s/o (Late) Haokhothang Touthang, Bijang; Henlalsong (18) s/o M Khaikhothang Headquarter Veng, Lamka; Pausuanlian (19) s/o Hauilianching Vengnuam, New Lamka; Thangzalian (30) s/o Vungching Hiangtam Lamka; H Paulianmung (23) s/o H Thianlal, Dorcas Veng, New Lamka and K Lamkhenthang (45) s/o K Ginzalian, Vengnuam, New Lamka. (Contd. on page 2)