

Performance during 4th State Level Tribal Cultural Festival 2015 at Tribal Research Institute, Manipur



Sanjenthong Bridge inaugurated

CM blames frequent bandh, blockade and other obstacle for the delay in completion of the Bridge

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Imphal, Nov 18: The much awaited Sanjenthong Bridge was inaugurated today morning by the Chief Minister of Manipur. The Sanjenthong Bridge which is the main link between Imphal East and Imphal West districts and built across Imphal River was being inaugurated after a delay of one year. Earlier, the Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress government had promised the people to complete the Bridge before last year Sangai Festival.

“Frequent bandh, blockade and other obstacles are the main cause for the delay in the completion of the Sanjenthong Bridge”, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi said during the inaugural function of the bridge. He said as the materials which has to be transported through the National Highways could not reached here in Imphal due to frequent bandh and blockade, there has been much delayed in the completion of the bridge. Besides, the unexpected rains and other problems



also hindered the construction works of the Bridge. The Chief Minister however expressed regrets over its failure to hand over the Bridge to the people on time.

The Sanjenthong Bridge is being inaugurated today in view of the upcoming Sangai Festival scheduled from November 21. Many components are still yet to be

completed. Reacting to the media assessment about the loss of around Rs.35 crores rupees while the construction of the Bridge estimated less than Rs. 30 crores has been constructed, Okram Ibobi mockingly said that such assessment are lessons need to be learnt by each and every government machineries but appealed the

media to publish another similar assessment of the loss during bandh and blockade. Interestingly, the chief minister received applauses from the learned gathering while spelling out the appealed.

On the delay about the completion of the renovation works at Kanglapat, the Chief Minister blames the “unseen problem” as a factor

that is hindering. He said unexpected rains once or twice in a week compelled to halt the ongoing works many a times. The renovation works is being conducted as preparation for the Sangai Festival.

Many are of the view that the unfinished works at Kanglapat is going to spoil the beauty of Imphal city.

Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, who also attended the inauguration function, said that Manipur is marching towards development and no power can stop Manipur from going forward.

So far around Rs. 20 crores has been spent to the construction of the Bridge, said Additional Chief Engineer of state PWD, Tenba. He said that more components of the Bridge are still yet to be completed. The Bailey bridge is the first of its kind in the entire North Eastern region, added the engineer.

Tribal Cultural Fest 2015 kicks off



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Imphal, Nov 18: 4th State Level Tribal Cultural Festival 2015 organized by the Tribal Research Institute, Manipur began today at its office complex, Chingmeirong, Imphal.

O Ibobi Shngh, Chief Minister, Manipur, Gaikhangam, Deputy Chief Minister, Manipur, Victor Keising, Parliamentary Secretary (TA & Hills and IT), Manipur, W.L. Hangsing, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (PHED)/TAHSC/L, Government of Manipur attended as dignitaries of today’s function.

Speaking on the occasion, O Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister, Manipur said the establishment of the Tribal Research Institute, Manipur

was mainly to undertake research works on the various tribal customs and put them into written forms for preservation of the age old tribal traditions, customs and practices. Manipur is inhabited by different ethnic groups which altogether constitute the proud Manipuris and has been living together peacefully for many decades, he added.

O Ibobi further said that the theme of today’s function is very appropriate as we the people of Manipur has already witnessed many attempts made by some sections to drive wedge in our age-long unity. TRI will spare no stone returned to do justice to its given objectives, he added.

Naga Women Union Chandel organized Cleanliness Drive

Letmang Haokip Chandel, Nov. 18: With the objective to keep the public places neat and tidy, the Naga Women Union Chandel (NWUC) organized a cleanliness drive at District Hospital, Chandel by conducting a social service today.

During the cleanliness drive, Volunteers of the Naga Women Union, a team of Chandel Police, Widow Association’s members and staffs of the District Hospital Management swept and clean the surrounding as well as inside of the Hospital.

Chandel’s DC Robert Singh Kshetrimayum, Chandel Naga People’s Organisation’s Ws. Kanral Anal, Naga Students’ Union Chandel’s President SR. Joyningam and Chandel

Police Station’s Officer in Charge took part in the cleanliness drive.

Speaking at the sideline, Lh. Bliss Anal, President of NWUC told that the cleanliness drive was conducted to give a message to the people of the District that Cleanliness is next to godliness. Apart from personal hygiene, we have to keep our surrounding clean and public places including hospitals tidy, she added.

While appealing the concern contractors to complete the ongoing construction of 50 bedded hospital at the earliest, President of the Naga Women Union also urged the concern authority to provide solid waste management facility at the District Hospital for disposal of waste.

AB cable found wrecked at Kakching

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Kakching, Nov.18:

Negligence or perhaps intentional damage cause to the MSPDCL, a portion of AB cable which was meant to fit underground was found wrecked at Kakching Sumak Leikai area along Burma-Sugnu road in Thoubal district.

Locals said the cable could have been wrecked as heavy loaded vehicle often ran over it as it was left unattended along the route for quite a long time. Locals also said that unattended works of the kind not only damage properties worth lakhs or cores of rupees but also create inconveniences to the people.



Reachout demands immediate release of Mangneo Touthang

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Imphal, Nov 18: Assistant Editor of Khohui News Magazine MangneoTouthang, aged about 30 years was reportedly arrested by a team of state force from Keishamthong Elangbam leikai, yesterday evening. A statement of the Reachout Manipur said that he was kidnapped by unknown persons who came in a bolero vehicle from Leirak Macha, Elangbam Leikai,

Keisamthong, Imphal West. When reported the matter to concern police station, it was learnt that Mangneo Touthang was under the custody of Imphal west police commandos. Reachout appealed the Government of Manipur to release MangneoTouthang immediately as no arrest memo was provided. The organisation further added that it will take the course of action in the court of law if there is no positive reply from the government.

Army Colonel Martyred leading operation against terrorists PRO(Defence)

Imphal, Nov. 18: Colonel SantoshMahadik attained martyrdom while leading his troops in an fierce encounter with a group of three terrorists in Manigah Forest Area of Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on Nov. 17. Colonel Mahadik, the Commanding Officer of 41 Rashtriya Rifles made the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of the Indian Army. The Colonel was a true soldier and had conducted many successful counter terrorist operations. Originally from the Special Forces, the officer was earlier awarded Sena Medal for exhibiting gallantry and leadership in counter terrorist operations.

Lt Gen DS Hooda, Army Commander, Northern Command has expressed deep condolences on the loss of this brave Commanding Officer. He said, “we owe a deep debt of gratitude to officers like Santosh who lead from the front and are willing to pay the ultimate price in the fight against terrorism.” Colonel Mahadik leaves behind his wife and two children aged eleven and five years. The Army is committed to providing all support to the family in this hour of grief.

Manipur InformationCentre

New Delhi, November 18: The Manipur day Celebration of IITF held every year usually drew a large crowd for its colourful dances and cultural performance. Tuesday at Hamsadhwani Theatre in Pragati Maidan here had a large crowd to witness the Manipur Day Celebration which was a part of the ongoing 35th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2015 held at national capital Delhi.

Manipur Commerce and Industries Minister Govindas Konthoujam who was the Chief Guest of the function said that Manipur had been participating in the IITF since its inception in 1980. This year, 29 industrial units from different districts of Manipur and four government departments and Corporations exhibited their products in Manipur Pavilion of IITF 2015.

He stated, “This year’s IITF theme- ‘Make in India’ is very relevant to the State of Manipur. The handlooms and textiles, handicrafts and agro food products displayed in Manipur Pavilion are all made in Manipur”. He announced that in the line of Government of India’s ‘Make in India’ campaign;



Manipur Government would shortly launch ‘Make in Manipur’ with a focus on job creation, skill development, zero effect and zero defect in the sectors like aromatic and medicinal plants, handloom and textiles, handicrafts and agro food products. Govindas Konthoujam said, “Manipur handloom and textiles, handicrafts and agro food products are popular not only in India but across the world. Many handloom and handicrafts

products are exported to European and Asian countries”. Referring to Manipuri culture, he said, “Manipur is blessed with rich cultural heritage. Manipuri classical dance and various folk dances of different communities are famous all over the countries and abroad”.

On tourism, he said, “ Manipur which is described as a Little Paradise on Earth is worth visiting. Manipur Sangai Festival, a major tourism event is an annual event like IITF being held from November 21 to 30 in Imphal”. He invited everyone to come and celebrate Manipur Sangai Festival with the people of Manipur Dances of Lai Haroba Festival, Dhol Dholak Cholom and Basanta Raas and tribal dances of Manipur mesmerized the audience.

Cultural performance was followed by the fashion parade on Manipuri traditional attire designed by Chanam Doren. Principal Secretary of Sericulture L. Lakher and Commissioner of Commerce and Industries V. K. Dewangan also spoke about Manipur government’s initiatives for development of Manipuri handloom and handicrafts in order to create more jobs for unemployed youths.

Manipur Handloom & Handicrafts products find its market in European & Asian Countries: Govindas Konthoujam