

His Excellency Mr. Nils Ranger Kamsvag, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi to Call on Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur to day at 10 am. The Ambassador is here in Imphal to attend the Sangai Tourism Festival.



By-poll : 67% turn out at Thangmeiband and 55% turn out at Thongju at 1 pm

IT News

Imphal, Nov 21: Bye-poll being underway at Thongju and Thangmeiband Assembly constituencies is reported to be peaceful except for some minor incident of argument at some of the polling station. Report said that at around 1 pm today morning around 67% voters cast their franchise at Thangmeiband Assembly constituency. At Thongju Assembly constituency to total turn out around 55% at 1 pm.



All together 5 candidates are in the fray in the two assembly constituencies. G. Tonsana Sharma, an Independent candidate

under the banner, Manipur Democratic Peoples' Front (MDPF) is contesting in both the Assembly constituencies. BJP candidate Khumukcham Joikishan and Congress candidate Jotin Waikhom are the keen contestants at Thangmeiband assembly

constituency. On the other hand Congress candidate Bijoij Kojiam and BJP candidate Thongam Bishawjit are expecting to fight the election neck to neck. At Thangmeiband Assembly constituency, a total of 26,335 voters will exercise their franchise at 41

remaining 14,703 are female voters. All the polling booth in both the assembly election is declared as hypersensitive. The bye-election is being held after former MLA Joikishan of Thangmeiband assembly constituency and The Bishawjit of Thongju Assembly constituency were disqualified under the tenth scheduled of the Peoples' Representative Act. While both Joikishan and Bishawjit prefer to fight fresh election, another MLA who was disqualified along with them took the matter to law court challenging the Speaker's verdict and regains his status as MLA.

Re-poll at 5/25 polling station at Thongju

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Imphal, Nov 21: Even as there are no violence reported during the bye-election at both the Assembly Constituencies, technical error in EVM, at 5/25 polling station at Singjamei Kshetriteikai Primary School has put halt the voting prompting the Election Commission authority to declare re-poll of the polling station. The polling station has a total voter 967 voters. Report said that some technical error started occurring at the EVM machine at around 11 am when the voting was in full swing. Polling agent said that there was beeping sound when casting the vote and because of that some voters cast twice to get the sound. At around 1 when checked at the EVM machine, it was found that a total of 513 votes were found to be recorded in the EVM machine while the Presiding Officer recorded only 501 vote. District Election Officer Devdendro and General Observer Rajendranath Roy after taking stock of the situation announced re-poll for the polling station.

Asian Theatre Festival

IT News

Imphal, Nov. 16: 6 theatre group including two from Japan and Bangladesh will take part in the Asian Theatre Festival which is scheduled to begin from November 22 at Chandrakirti Auditorium as a part of the Sangai festival which kicks off today.

On November 23, Theatre group of Japan Kaden Theatre Company will performed the play Troia in Japanese Language. The 70 minutes long play is directed by Madoka Okada.

On November 28, theatre group from Bangladesh Aarshinagar will perform the play 'Se raate punima chhilo, the play directed by Reza Arif and is 1 hour 45 minutes long. Internationally renowned theatre group of the state Kalakshetra, Chorus Repertory Theatre and NT Theatre group of Manipur will also performed their selective play during the festival.

Other group performing in the festival are Ba of Assam and Nandikar of West Bengal.



REFORM observes Foundation Day

IT News

Imphal, Nov. 21: The 6th foundation day of Research Forum Manipur (REFOM) was observed at Manipur Press Club today. Director of DIPR, Somorjit Salam, President of REFOM Naoribam Indramani and Professor Aheiam Romal were grace the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.

Myanmar tourists landed in Imphal to witness Sangai Festival

IT News

Imphal, Nov 21: Around 18 Myanmar tourists today landed at Imphal - airport at around 11 am to attend the Sangai Tourism Festival. 2 among them are Meitei of Myanmar. Speaking to the media persons at the Imphal Tulihal Airport, Khin Maung Myint, CEO of Golden Myanmar Airlines said that the Golden Myanmar Flight has landed six times during the season of Sangai Festival and this is the third year to land. Apart

from flying during the Sangai Festival seasons only, they are also looking forward for regular flight between Mandalay and Imphal if there are passengers and good cost factor. Khin Maung Myint also said that the people of Myanmar are very optimistic about their future. The country economy has opened since 2011 and with the coming of Lady Aung San Suu Kyi, people of Myanmar are hoping for better future, more FTI to visit their country and expansion

of the country economy and every sector including the aviation sector, he added. Khin Maung Myint further said that for him this is first time to visit Manipur though he was planning for many years. Manipur has similar things, the features, culture etc. and like to make a bridge between Manipur and Myanmar and want the people of Manipur to visit Myanmar, see their culture how similar between Manipur and them. People are also very open and friendly like

Manipur and people of Myanmar are also excited to visit and see how Manipur is, he added. Pangambam Kunjabihari, proprietor of KB enterprises said that the Myanmar tourists will now tell the story of Manipur when they return to their country. Eighteen passengers including two Manipuris namely Purnimala and Lakhimi Devi from Mandalay visited the state today and thirty five passengers from Manipur will leave Imphal for



Mandalay today, he added. Purnimala and Lakhimi Devi of Mandalay while speaking to reporters said that visiting Manipur remind them of their forefather. This is the third time they are visiting Manipur

and feel very heart warming. They will stay six days in Manipur. During their stay they will visit places like Govinda Temple, Moirang and many other places of Manipur, they added.

Organic Arunachal clothes to hit national market soon

By Pradeep Kumar ANI: **Pasighat, Nov.21:** Retired Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Mohonto Pangin has been giving new designs and shapes to cloth products, including traditional dresses, eyeing India's huge readymade market. Pangin, after serving in the IAF for 25 years and retiring in 2014, ventured into the setting up of the state's first mechanised loom here in June 2015 with machines procured from the Ahmedabad-based Lakshmi Textiles and plans to give wings to local products and to create a market for them across India. Attitude is the prime requirement to become a fighter pilot and a fighter remains fighter whether in sky

or on ground, said former pilot trainer Pangin, who has 3,500 hours of flying experience. He is the only one in north east India with that feat and has been decorated with the Vayu Sena medal. The first to demonstrate the IAF twin-jet multi-role air superiority fighter Sukhoi Su-30MKI during the Statehood Day celebration at Itanagar in 2012, Pangin told a group of journalists and IPR director C M Longphong at his industrial unit - ELAM industries here, that perhaps Arunachal is the only state in India where people are used to wearing hand woven or handloom made organic clothes. In India, 90 percent clothes are power loom products and

10 percent handloom, Pangin said, adding that with only eight locals, including five women and a technical supervisor, he got all of them trained and started production with four machines - 15 to 20 metres per machine, in an eight-hour shift. The present production is 500 metres against a capacity of 2,000 metres. Though the GoAP had given license, allotted land but there is no three-phase electric supply, a must necessity in the notified industrial area where four sawmill and brick industry located and have been incurring Rs.25,000 expenditure daily on diesel to run generator for production. With an investment of around Rs 60 to 70 lakh, the total

expenditure comes to around Rs.70,000 monthly, but all products - beautifully designed gale, shawl, bed sheet, cushion cover, table cloth, towel, gamsa, shirting, curtains etc bearing Arunachal signatures - are sold locally. "As Arunachalees have been using muga, silk, endi, cotton yarns for handloom since ages, I have been encouraging local weavers to produce more to buy them creating a win-win situation for me and them by promoting weavers and get raw materials locally. Presently, the raw materials are procured from Guwahati and it may take five years to reach the breakeven point," he said. (Contd. on page 2)

DAVP photo exhibition highlights developmental programme

IT News

Imphal, Nov 21: Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, Field Exhibition office, Imphal, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India has inaugurated Ten Days long photo exhibition at Nambol .Phojing, Public Theatre on the theme " Saal Ek Shruat Anek". A total of 39 photo Panel will be exhibited during the course of the Exhibition. The function was inaugurated by Dr. P. Merajao Singh, MO In-charge, Nambol CHC as Chief Guest and T. Ibochou Singh, Former Chairperson,

Nambol Municipal Council as President of the function. Giving welcome address, H. Deepakkumar Sharma, IIS, Exhibition Assistant, DAVP, Imphal associated the public, Public Theatre Artistes Association, Nambol and the School authority of Brighter English School, Nambol Poijing for their valuable present at the inaugural function. He also thanks the Chief Guest and the president of the function for willingly accepting the invitation. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Dr. P. Merajao Singh highlight the

importance of photo in this present digital world and appreciated the DAVP Imphal Unit for highlighting various flag ship programmes through photo. President of the function T. Ibochou Singh share his knowledge on various flag ship programmes taken up the Government of India. He also expresses his desire to organise such photo exhibition in coming years. He also asks the teacher community of the Nambol area to visit the photo exhibition and explain the various flag ship programmes to their student as it will help them in gaining knowledge.