

UPF observes 19th Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Aug 28: Imphal based civil society body United Peoples' Front (UPF) today observes its 19th Foundation Day at Manipur Press Club. Former convener of the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS), Khomdran Ratan, who is also the ex-president of UPF, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while President of the UPF Soraisham Ratan presided over it. General Secretary of United Committee Manipur, YK Dhiren attended as guest of Honours. UPF is a civil society body which has been playing vital role in any issues of the state that concern with the freedom and dignity of the citizen. The organisation was established by a group of likeminded youths on this day of 1998. Since then the civil body has been taking active role in building peaceful atmosphere in the state of Manipur. During the great June 18 uprising of 2001, he UPF played important role in retraining the people from

being influenced by communal card players. The UPF is also one of the important organisations which form the United Committee Manipur (UCM)- a conglomerate of Major civil society bodies in the state. Besides political issues UPF also played important role in nurturing youths of the state to become a successful person either in sports and also in education. Every year the UPF organised Mega Marathon to encourage sports persons.

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Kh. Ratan disappointed to the freezing of ILPS issue

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Imphal, Aug 28: Former convener of the JCILPS Khomdran Ratan who was arrested on charged of having nexus with an armed rebel group but later released today expressed disappointment over the slow move to the demand for introduction of ILPS in the state. Talking as the Chief Guest 19th Foundation Day held at Manipur Press Club today Khomdran Ratan said that many false allegation has been framed to sabotage the movement for introduction of ILPS but those attempt will not be able to suppress the peoples' movement. Regarding rumours about huge amount



of money found in his personal bank account, Ratan said that the money was donated and deposited by the government authority for assistance to those injured in the ILPS agitation. He said the money is deposited in his personal account as there were no joint account for the ILPS at that time. Lately, after challenging

the matter to the law court it has been proved and as per the directives the money will be distributed to the victims of the ILPS movement. Ratan also added that the money had been deposited to the JCILPS account and the functionaries of the ILPS had assured him to distribute the money by September this year.

Border Guard Bangladesh sends back 171 Rohingya refugees

By: Siam Sarower Jamil
Dhaka, Aug 28: As hundreds of Rohingyas continue to enter Bangladesh through different unguarded border points of Ukhaia, Teknaf and Naikhyangchari in last two days, Border Guard Bangladesh today detained 171 Rohingya refugees and sent them back. They were detained from different border points when they were trying to illegally enter the country, said Director of BGB Teknaf Battalion-2 Lt Col SM Ariful Islam. BGB provided the Rohingya refugees with some food and medication before sending them back, the official said. Meanwhile, police detained 75 Rohingya refugees near Kutupalong Rohingya camp in Ukhiya upazila since last night when they were trying to



illegally enter the camp, said Officer-in-charge of Ukhiya Police Station Md Abdul Khair. They were later handed over to BGB's Battalion-34, the police official said. Many hundreds more also took shelter on no man's land after failing to cross the border since the last two days. Although BGB and the local administration denied entry to

Rohingyas, residents and elected representatives in those areas said refugees were coming through six unprotected points. Bangladesh saw a fresh exodus of refugees after at least 89 people were killed as Rohingya militants besieged border posts in northern Rakhine State of Myanmar on August 25.

AMSU 52nd Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Aug 28: All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) has celebrated its 52nd Foundation Day today at AMSU Headquarter, DM College Campus, Thangmeiband.

The celebration was held in the form of a student's union. President of AMSU, Dr. M. Helien Lupo, Former Secretary General of AMSU graced the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively. Other dignitaries and invitees present at the

function shared their experience and thoughts about AMSU. Showing their sincere gratitude and acknowledgment, the students' body presented small token of appreciations to former office bearers of AMSU. Various civil society organizations and students from different schools participated in the occasion.

M. Diana crown as most courageous women

IT News
Imphal, Aug. 28: Manipuri Native, Mayanglangbam Diana, a citizen of India, represented the nation to bring back honour to the subcontinent by stepping at the top of the Mrs. Worldwide International Beauty pageant Contest 2017 held at Singapore by becoming the most courageous woman of the year. In the contest held yesterday at Singapore Island Country Club, was crown the Mrs Empowering title. The title is usually conferen on to the most courageous woman of the year by the organisers. Contestants from over 32 countries are taking part in the contest

Awareness Program on "Empowering Towards Disable"

IT News
Imphal, Aug 28: Fund allocated by the state government for the Disable Persons in the budget is lower than the food arrangement made for Non-Manipuri officials visiting the Sangai Festival, said Tongbram Romio Singh. Speaking on one day awareness program held under the theme "Empowering Towards Disable" held at Meitei Christian Church in Patsoi Lamkhai today, Tongbram Romio Singh, President of All Manipur Handicapped Persons Welfare Association (AMHPWA) expressed that the support

from both the public and government is a must for the welfare of disable persons. However, whatever the state government has done for the disable persons is just for the namesake, he added. Romio said that a minimum budget for more than fifty thousand disable persons in the state is allocated by the state government while crores of rupees is spent on food arrangement at Sangai Festival for Non-Manipuri officials. MLAs' and Ministers have even brought up the issues of the disable persons during the state assembly

session, however, it didn't bother to give a voice to make an arrangement in the allocated budget. Seems emphasis on the Non-Manipuri officials is more important than the disable of the state, he added. Romio also said that disable persons of the state must not feel any kind of discouragement by the act of the state government, instead work hard to live independently. Parents of the disable children's also need to expose the talent of their children to showcase it to the whole world rather than keeping it hidden, he added.

One Thief arrested

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Imphal, Aug 28: Personnel of a night Quick Reaction Team (QRT), has arrested one thief identified as Khupkhanlian Valte (29 yrs), son of (L) Lalchung of Headquarter Veng, Churachandpur early morning at around 4 am today. The QRT personnel arrested Khupkhanlian along with

some stolen items from Churachandpur New Bazaar. It has been found out that Khupkhanlian has been involved in many petty theft cases in the past and also a habitual drug abuser. He has been kept at Churachandpur Police Station for further legal action.

KVK Prog.

IT News
Imphal, Aug 28: One Day training programme for extension functionaries on the topic "Role of Micro Nutrients of Crops and its importance in soil fertility" was conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chandel's Training Hall today. The training was attended by 20 staffs of NERCOMP's NGOs of Chandel District

Animation Film 'The Tales of the Tribes' screened

IT News
Imphal, Aug 28: The *Tales of the Tribes*, a 38 minute long film of five animated Indian tribal folktales was screened today and afterwards discussed at the Conference Hall, Anthropology Department, Manipur University (MU) at 1.00 pm. The programme started with the formal interroduction of Tara Doughlas, Secretary, Adivasi Arts Trust by Prof. MC Arunkumar, The Head of Anthropology Dept., MU. Tara Doughlas presented a PowerPoint preview, then followed with a screening. tara Doughlas is also associated with the film as Coordinator, Producer and Co-animator. The stories in the *Tales of the Tribes* series are: 1. *The Story of the Peacock* from the Pardhan Gonds of Madhya Pradesh; 2. *Man Tiger Spirit* from the Angami tribe of Nagaland; 3. *Abotani* from the Tani tribes of Arunachal Pradesh; 4. *Nye Mayel Kyong* from the Lepcha of Sikkim; 5. *Tapta* from Manipur. 1. *The Story of the Peacock* from the Pardhan Gonds of Madhya Pradesh When Bara Dev created the peacock he first made all the parts - the head, feathers, tail, legs and crown separately. The Lapwing decided that she would take the legs for herself. This film was developed by Gond artists and students of the National Institute of Design (www.nid.edu) in 2012. The production was completed in 2015. <http://www.gondanimationworkshop.blogspot.in> 2. *Man Tiger Spirit* from the Angami tribe of Nagaland Spirit, Tiger and Man are three brothers born from a union between sky and earth. The three were unable to live together in harmony, and Man used his cunning to outwit Tiger, forcing him to live in the jungle. Man is separated from Spirit but becomes an important chief who remembers his dependence

on nature. *Man Tiger Spirit* was completed in 2011 with support from the Government of Nagaland. The film was premiered at the Hornbill Festival 2011. <http://www.nagalandanimationfilm.blogspot.in> 3. *Abotani* from the Tani tribes of Arunachal Pradesh *Abotani* is a story about the mythical hero Abotani and his relationship with his brother, a spirit or Yapom. Pre-production for this film took place in Arunachal Pradesh in early 2013 in collaboration with the Centre for Cultural Research and Documentation and Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar. The production was completed in 2015, and the film was premiered at RGU with HE J.P. Rajkhowa in 2015. <http://www.animationworkshopinarnachalpradesh.blogspot.in> 4. *Nye Mayel Kyong* from the Lepcha of Sikkim A Lepcha folk tale of an adventure in a mythical place called Nye Mayel Kyong was chosen for the first short animation film from Sikkim. This is a story of a hunter who stumbles upon Paradise while he is hunting a wild boar in the forest. Pre-production for this film took place in March 2010 in Sikkim in collaboration with the Nyamgyal Institute of Tibetology

(Gangtok), Echostream and the Directorate of Handloom and Handicraft (Gangtok). The workshop received support from the Commonwealth Foundation and a grant for production from National Geographic All Roads. The production by Girgit Studios in Pune was completed in 2014. <http://www.animationfilmfromsikkim.blogspot.in> 5. *Tapta* from Manipur *Tapta* is a slapstick comedy arising from mistaken identity and imaginary fear. It is one of the most popular folktales of the Meitei community chosen for the short film in an Animation Workshop held in Manipur in March 2012. The film was completed by the Manipur Film Development Corporation in 2015. <http://www.animationworkshopinmanipur2012.blogspot.in> The *Tales of the Tribes* films are introduced by an animated presenter character, Dr Verrier Elwin, who also invites young audiences to choose their favorite story out of the collection of five. The Animation Workshop to bring Verrier Elwin to life as the Presenter took place at Centurion University, Orissa from 10 Aug-2 Sept 2016. <http://talesofthetribes.blogspot.co.in>



ATTENTION VEHICLE OWNERS

Transport Deptt. Govt. of Manipur is conducting "SMOKE EMISSION TEST" for all kinds of vehicles including 2 wheelers, 3 wheelers, 4 wheelers light vehicles as well as Heavy vehicles. The test will be conducting on every working day from 9.30am to 4.30 pm at MSRTC complex Moirangkhom. All vehicle owners are hereby notified to get "SMOKE EMISSION TEST" clearance within the said period from the transport Deptt.