

CM delighted on AR's role in 'War against drug'; says will provide all assistant in rehabilitation of Poppy farmers in Dingpi area

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today lauded the effort of the Assam Rifles trooper in their role against government mission - "War Against Drugs".

Under the supervision of the Col. Sachin Jain, Sena Medal, commanding officer of the 29 Assam Rifles post at Joupri area, poppy plantation in about 300 acres of land have been destroyed after the state government started massive destruction of poppy plantation in the state. Col. Sachin, while informing the Chief Minister said that villagers of Joupri and Dingpi area have agreed to replace the poppy plantation by lemon plants.

"We are targeting lemongrass plantation in 250 acres of land out the 300 acres of land used for poppy plantation", Col Sachin said.

School children from the area - Joupri and Dingpi in Chandel



district, along with some village chiefs were also present during the meeting. They were on a tour to the State Capital under the initiative of Col. Sachin Jain, Commandant of 42 Assam Rifles, whose Unit is currently deployed at this interior Indo-Myanmar border. A Social worker from the

Dingpi area said that poppy plantation was started since 1990.

Villagers also informed the Chief Minister about the problem of the village like unavailability of water and dilapidated road conditions. After listening the grievances of the villagers as well as the effort being taken up by the

Assam Rifles, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the state government will provide all possible assistance in the rehabilitation of the poppy farmers of Dingpi and Joupri area in Chandel district.

He further appealed the AR Commandant to go ahead on the drive against drug even beyond his jurisdiction.

Chief Minister however, felt sorry on the condition of the school education on the area. He assured to look into it.

"Our Government slogan "Go to Village" which is launching on May is one way to look into the problem faced by the villagers of the state", he said. Villagers are appealed to put up their demands of any needs for development of the villagers during the mission Go to Village as all officers starting from Deputy Commissioner will take stock of the needs of the villagers. Biren said all those needed will be taken up on priority basis to improve the condition of the villagers.

Missing man found at Mumbai reunited with family after 40 years

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Khomdrum Ghambir Singh who has been missing since the last 40 years and recently found loitering in Mumbai by a street photographer reunited with his family today.

Ghambir arrived here in Imphal by Indigo flight 6E-874 at around 2.30 pm today.

Large number of people from his locality, well wishers, relatives and media personnel received him at Imphal airport today after.

MP Dr T Meinya Singh also came at the airport to receive the person who had gone missing for 40 years.



Prime Minister Modi confronted by angry protests in London

Agency
London, April 19,

Hundreds of noisy protesters greeted Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he arrived in London on Wednesday, demonstrating over arising tide of sexual violence at home, including two particularly brutal rapes.

Holding placards reading "Modi go home" and "we stand against Modi's agenda of hate and greed," they gathered outside Downing Street and parliament as Modi arrived for talks with Prime Minister Theresa May.

Modi later responded at an event in front of thousands of Indian, saying the rape cases were "a matter of great concern", had brought "a shame" on the country and called for the perpetrators to be ousted.

Sexual violence against women is a highly charged political issue in India, where protests

regularly erupt about entrenched violence against women and the failure to protect them.

"The Indian government are doing nothing, and you feel sorry for the families because of the total injustice of it all," said Navindra Singh, an Indian-born lawyer who lives in Britain. "He has been in power for four years now and there has been no policy change to help protect women and children."

Protests have erupted across India after the latest rape cases were reported. Police officers and a politician are under investigation in two of the unrelated cases.

In a crime that shocked India, an eight-year-old Muslim girl in the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir was kidnapped, dragged and held for several days while she was raped repeatedly and then murdered.

In the other case, a state lawmaker from Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party stands accused of

raping a teenager. No action was taken against the politician until the girl threatened to set herself on fire earlier this month. Her father died soon afterwards from injuries he suffered in police custody.

Modi's comments on Wednesday followed remarks last week, which came after a week of silence on the issue and promised justice regardless of whoever the guilty were.

Nearly 40 percent of India's rape victims are children, and the 40,000 reported rapes in 2016 marked a 60 percent increase over the level in 2012. But women's rights groups say the figures are still gross underestimates.

In London, a spokeswoman for a group of UK-based Indian students and alumni - who did not want her name to be used - said the group had come under fire after it sent a letter to Modi last week demanding action over the rape cases.

New CEO, Manipur appointed

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With the notice receive from the joint chief electoral officer, Manipur K Bono Singh, and in the pursuance of the EC's notification dated April 16, 2018, Prashant Kumar Singh, IAS (MN: 1993) has been selected and taken over the charge of new Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur.

Rehearsal for Khongjom Day observance held

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A full dress rehearsal for Khongjom Day Observance, 2018 was held today at Khongjom War Memorial Complex, Kheba Ching, Thoubal.

The Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal, Smt. Haobam Rosita along with the DLOs and high ranking Police Officers took stock of all the arrangements being made for the observation of Khongjom Day. They also inspected different venues of Khongjom War Memorial, Paona Brajabashi statue, Khongjom river (tarpan site), Sankirtan Pandal, Main Pandal...etc. The Deputy Commissioner also sought the cooperation of all concerned for the successful observation of the Khongjom Day.

BJP members allege ADC Tamenglong as 'Illegitimate'

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Showing disappointment over the BJP government failing to take positive decision over the prevailing situation of the Autonomous District Council (ADC), Tamenglong, the council appeals the government to quash all misunderstanding of the public thereby enabling the government for adhering strict governmental procedures for the formation of a new governance of the ADC, Tamenglong.

Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Meirijin R. Naga said that the present strength of ADC, Tamenglong is 25 inclusive of two nominees as of now and 15 for the BJP members of ADC, Tamenglong while 9 for the present "Illegitimate" governance led by NPF and here the BJP led majority members moved a

No-Confidence motion against the present Chairman Nansinrei Panmei (vide meeting proceedings dated January 15, 2018 as per the section 23 of the ADC Rules and Regulation) of which an issue is still pending for a conclusive decision before the High Court of Manipur.

Since there is pending decision, a crystal clear scenario of the ADC, Tamenglong is vivid for all to gauge the strength of the majority and minority parties thereby making it absolutely illegitimate for the minority party to claim governance, he added.

Meirijin also said that if the chairman claims to be the chairman, he can convene a meeting to resolve for the removal of the CEO passing through the majority of not less than two-third of the total membership of the council but without any regards of the procedure and staffs of the

district councils articles 32 (sub-clause-2) regarding the removal of the CEO, the chairman had repeatedly alleged through various platform to transfer the CEO by leveling unwarranted charges which is very unfortunate, he added.

Meirijin further appealing the government of Manipur for an early judicious decision to quash all the misunderstanding of the public thereby enabling the government for adhering strict governmental procedures for the formation of a new governance of the ADC, Tamenglong, the 15 members of the BJP stand firm in safeguarding the District Council Manual Bill, Rules and Regulations in order to ensure a judicious quotient for the public of Tamenglong District without maligning any individual or cheap political gimmicks.

Protest demanding 7th Pay in the state continues

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Demanding the implementation of the 7th pay commission in the state, employees of All Manipur Agricultural Department Employee Welfare Organisation (AMADEWO) today staged a sit-in protest in front of their office building at Sanjenthong.

Speaking to media persons, Loitongbam Sanatomba Singh, General Secretary, AMADEWO said that the employees of AMADEWO is also a part of the Joint

Administrative Council (JAC) of All Manipur Trade Unions' Council (AMTUC) and All Manipur Government Employees' Organisation (AMGEO) and fully support the agitation and will continue to support till their demands are met. Asserting that most of the neighbouring state Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, the 7th pay commission scheme has already been implemented but "Why is the government of Manipur unable to implement the scheme in the state till date?" he asked.

AMADEWO appeals to the state government to urge

the central government for implementation of the 7th pay commission in Manipur at the earliest and it will be not wrong to say that the central government will accept the demand for the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission if the state government willingly urges, he added.

It may be mention that the JAC of AMTUC and AMGEO has launched various form of agitation including cease-work strike Demanding implementation of 7th Central pay commission in the state for the last few years.

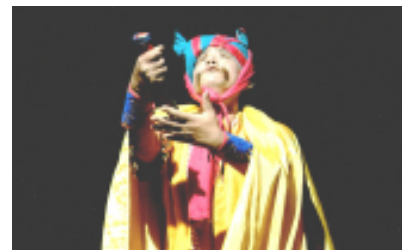
Aribam Devabrata's Mime Production "Kangla Gate" mesmerise audiences

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For Mime artists, audiences don't required translation of what have expressed by their aesthetic body movement. Everything expressed is easily understood. That is what the people witness April 8 at the proscenium of Manipur Dramatic Union (MDU) here in Imphal.

Adapted from the Japanese classics 'Rashomon' was staged as "Kangla Gate". The 30 minutes play presented by the Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory; Imphal under the sponsorship of Ministry of Culture, Government of India is a workshop production by Aribam Devabrata Sharma as his individual project.

The inauguration function ahead of the 30 minutes play was attended by Yumnam Rajendra , Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee in Theatre, Ranjit Chingtham MSKA Awardee and Yumnam Sadananda Singh MSKA Awardee as dignitaries on the



dice. Speakers lauded the effort of Aribam Devabrata Sharma for his dedication and hard work for the production of the 30 minutes long Mime Play "Kangla Gate". Rashomon (1950) is a Japanese crime drama that is produced with both philosophical and psychological overtones. An episode (rape and murder) in a forest is reported by four witnesses, each from their own point of view. Adapted as Kangla Gate, Aribam Devabrata Sharma aesthetically directed his team

in asking - Who is telling the truth? What is truth? The performance of the artists Atai Konsam, Bitesh Rajkumar, Yumnam Poirontin, Kakchingtabam Robinson, Ningthoujam Peter, Sarungbam Malemnganba , Changleingnabi Khaidem Yumnam Jiteshwari and the director Devabrata Sharma who also performed under the musical note played from the background by Rajkumar Vicyson, Milan, Yumnam Kelvin and Biken Waikhom put the whole audience open their eyes without a blink.