

## Trucks carrying illegal sand seized at Sekmai

**Imphal, March 27:** Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar today seized 9 trucks at Sekmai for illegally transporting sand from Dimapur. The truck drivers had not procured Transit Pass (TP) from the Forest Department, although one of the truck drivers was carrying TP issued from the Tadubi Forest Check Post.

Speaking to media persons, Minister Th. Shyamkumar said that the trucks were detained in the morning at Sekmai with the help of OC, Sekmai Police Station and his staff. He said the truck drivers informed him that they were not issued TP by the department officials at the Mao Forest Check Post citing confusion over the new rate of TP. Issuing TP to only one truck, the officials at Tadubi asked them to get the remaining TP from other check post, the drivers told the Minister.

Stating that the officials at Mao should have contacted the other Forest check post in case of confusion, Th. Shyamkumar said if the allegation is true than appropriate action will be taken against department



officials for neglecting their duty. He appealed to the department officials to conduct their duty sincerely and added that they should issue TP on forest products to collect royalty following the guidelines of the department. Later, the truck drivers were issued TP from the Sekmai Forest Check Post and released.

Forest Minister said that the Forest department is sincerely working to save environment, apart from collecting royalty on forest products. He said he will once again start checking whether the trees planted during the different plantation drives and Vanamahotsava

last year are being nurtured by the concerned officers. Cautioning the concerned officers that they will be held responsible if trees are not nurtured properly, he added that during his inspection so far, he came across that most of the concerned officers were satisfactorily nurturing the trees planted last year.

Visiting the Kanglatongbi Forest Beat Office, he informed the media persons that the department will start plantation drive in the monsoon season in May-June as a part to save the environment and to check global warming. For the purpose, around 20-30 lakh

saplings of different plant species are being developed at nurseries at different Forest offices of the State, he added. He said non-indigenous trees will be gradually replaced by the indigenous trees/plants having nutritional values, including fruit bearing trees, which are suitable to the climatic condition and soil of the State. Stating that the process has already begun, he said the result can be seen in the next 10 years. Forest Minister Th. Shyamkumar further appealed to every section of the society to support in preserving the environment of the State.

## Health Minister launches Ayush Sports medicine

**Imphal, March 27:** Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh along with Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Letpao Haokip launched AYUSH Sports Medicine, today, at Indoor Stadium, Khuman Lampak, Imphal.

Gracing the launching function as the Chief Guest Minister Jayantakumar said that the time has come for integrated effort of selective departments for an augmented and more sophisticated venture. To kick-start the concept, Health Department and Sports Department have jointly launched the Sports Medicine to benefit the players. Medicine and sports always go hand in hand, he added.

Jyantakumar also advised the players to know and understand AYUSH and its

importance. He said that there are many sport disciplines in which mind concentration is very much required. In this regard, Yoga may be mentioned as a method to train and enhance mind power. He also assured that all possible steps will be taken up for the welfare of the players.

Speaking as the Functional President Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Letpao Haokip said that Ayush Medicine has no side effect. Players need to have proper education to have a more formal and advanced career. Sports also provide an opportunity to get jobs, he added.

Minister also expressed his concern over the disputes between the Sports Associations and the Officials. Letpao Haokip appealed the players to play



the game with sincerity and dedication. Ayush Sports Medicine kits numbering to 1,200 were also distributed to the players as part of the launching function.

The function was attended by Director, YAS, Government of Manipur, N. Pravin Singh, Director AYUSH, Dr. A. Guneshwar Sharma, Director,

Health & Family Welfare, Dr. K. Rajo Singh and Additional Director, AYUSH, Y. Lukhoi Singh as Guests of Honour. Teaching and non-teaching Staffs and Students of the National Sports Academy (NSA), Imphal, Officials of the Sport Department, Staff and officials of the AYUSH also attended the inaugural function.

## NIA raids JNIMS Director's office; check computer use by former director

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 27:** A team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) had raided the office of the JNIMS Director on March 23 afternoon and search the computer set used by former director Mutum Shyam who was under screening by the team in connection with the case of KCP (Poirei Meitei) leaders who were presently in their custody.

Details of what has been collected by the NIA team could not be ascertained but source said the NIA team had collected some data from the computer which might have some connection with the case.

On January 12, last year, Delhi Police Anti Terror Wing Special Cell arrested Khoiram Ranjit, commander in chief of KCP (Poirei) along with his lady associate Irungbam Sanatombi from a house located in East Delhi, Mayur Vihar area. Later, the NIA arrested another accused namely Sanabam Inaobi Singh, S/o Late Sanabam Tomal Singh, R/o Yambem Mathak Leikai, PO Yairipok, PS Andro, Distt Imphal East, Manipur on November 29, 2017 from New Delhi in connection with NIA Case No. RC-5/2017/NIA/DLI (KCP Case) dated 16.03.2017. A press statement by the NIA

had stated that he is a hard core member of KCP, a banned terrorist organization and is found involved in raising terror funds, supply of arms, ammunitions and explosives for KCP cadres.

Earlier on July 10, 2017, the NIA had filed a charge sheet against the commander in chief of KCP (Poirei) Khoiram Ranjit and two other individuals before the Special NIA Court, Patiala House, New Delhi, on July 10, 2017.

Since then the NIA team has been investigating over the case on the involvement of various people including the former Director of JNIMS. Mutum Shamo.

## MP Bhabananda assures to provide assistants to Manipuri patients undergoing treatment at New Delhi

**IT News**

**New Delhi, March 27:** Rajiya Shabha MP K. Bhabananda Singh visited the recently inaugurated Manipur House, Delhi and interacted with the in-house patients' one-o-one yesterday.

During the interaction session, K. Bhabananda listened to the grievances and difficulties encountered by the patients and their families during the course of their treatment specially when finding an affordable accommodation,



guidance, communication problems in certain aspects etc. After hearing the patients' grievances and the appraising

the facility provided by the Manipur House, Delhi, K. Bhabananda assured to provide maximum possible assistance from his side.

## New body formed to assist Manipuri Diaspora in getting education in the state

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 27:** A new body called the Educational Helpline for Manipuri Diaspora (EHMD) was formed today to help Manipuri student inhabiting at various part of the region out Manipur in continuing higher studies in the state starting from class XI to post graduate level. A press released signed by

Ashok Salam, General Secretary of the organization said that a Face Book page called Educational Helpline for Manipuri Diaspora have been open and anybody residing outside the state and interested to study in Manipur can contact through the social networking site FB page for first hand information. The motive of helping

Manipuri Diaspora is to build up better relationships with Manipuris which had inhabited at various part of India particularly the North Eastern states of India.

The statement also said that besides providing educational helpline the newly formed organization will also provide financial assistance if require.

## Social service camp

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 27:** Bharat Swabhimani (Trust), Patanjali Yog Samiti, Mahila Patanjali Yog Samiti, Yuva Bharat Patanjali Kisan Seva Samiti, Imphal West district have conducted a one day social service camp in connection

with completion of 15 days free regular Yoga class on March 25 at the complex of Ema Panthoibi Laibung, Top Khabi, Imphal West District, under the leadership of Th. Surjabala Devi, Yoga Pacharak, Imphal West district. About 65 Yoga lovers and people of the areas participated in the social service camp.

## PREPAK observes 38<sup>th</sup> Red Army Uprising Day; pay revolutionary salutes to martyred cadres

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 27:** Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) have observed 38<sup>th</sup> Red Army Uprising Day at its General Head Quarter, Tactical Head quarter, other base area, transit camp and Training center yesterday. The uprising day of the red army – the army wing of PREPAK started observing the day since March 26, 1980. The outfit has been waging war against the government of India to liberate Manipur (Kangleipak) from the forceful occupation.

A statement by the Secretary-in-charge, Publicity and Propaganda of the outfit , LeibaakNgaaka Luwang said that people inhabiting at both hills and valley region attended the 38<sup>th</sup> Uprising observance at various area. At its main observance held at its General Head Quarter, Chief of the Army staff, Red Army Lt. Colonel N. Romi Meitei presided over it while Finance Secretary Aheiba Angom attended as Chief Guest. G-1 and G-2 of the outfit also share the dais as guests of honour.

The statement of the Secretary-in-charge, Publicity and Propaganda said that the observance began by lighting lamp by the Chief guest and later by hoisting the seven - colour flag.



The cadres sang 13 discipline song and also observed 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed cadres of the outfit who were martyred while struggling for the movement.

Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee presented his speech where villagers from various part of region attended, the statement said.

In his speech the Chairman highlighted on how the region has been occupied and suppressed by the colonial force for over 60 years. He said that India is showing its ego in the field of development and science and technology and also for being among the 6 countries which have nuclear science technology.

“The revolutionary movement have to bear hardship of the occupational force in such a situation to liberate from the occupational force. It is the collective wisdom of the people of the region we can defeat colonial force. In this hour we need to stand collectively and united to fight the common enemy”, the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee said.

Chief guest of the observance stressed on how to change the strategy of fighting the enemy with the changing of the time. He also encouraged the red army and appeal the need to follow discipline.

At 707 battalion, the 38<sup>th</sup> Red Army Uprising Day observance was held by hoisting the seven colour flag of the party by Commanding Officer of the Battalion Kanbiba.