

## World Bamboo Workshop

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Professor Nirmala Chongtham, Botany Chandigarh University Ambassador, World Bamboo Organisation today in a press conference held at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul said that the World Bamboo Workshop for the year 2019 will be held at Imphal from February 4 to 8. Speaking to media persons, Nirmala said that a power point presentation was presented in the presence of N Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur, Th Shyamkumar Singh, Minister Forest and Environment along with other officials at the Chief Minister Conference Hall where he promised full co-operation from the state of the workshop.

Chief Minister was very enthusiastic at the prospects of the coming workshop made in the field of Bamboo Technology and Architecture will which will generate income and employment for a large number of youths of our state, provide a large numbers of low-cost but respectable houses and opportunity to show case our traditional skills in cane and bamboo works and the opportunity to learn from other parts of the world, she added.

## State bids adieu to former Chief Minister R.K. Dorendro Govt. announces 3 days mourning; order state holiday today

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State government today announced holiday day as a mark of respect to the former Chief Minister R.K. Dorendro who passes away yesterday. The government also announced 3 days mourning by observing half mast. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led hundreds of people in paying tributes to former Chief Minister R.K. Dorendro, who was laid to rest with full State honours today. The former Chief Minister, who represent as member of the State Legislative Assembly left for heavenly abode yesterday at JNIMS where he had been undergoing treatment for the last couple of weeks. He was 83.

Late RK Dorendra Singh had

been chief minister of the state four times between 1974 to 1993. Before becoming the chief minister, he was the Speaker of Manipur Assembly.

Last rites of the late leader were performed at his residential complex at Moirangkhom in Imphal West District. Deputy Chief Minister Y Joykumar, Speaker Y. Khemchand, Ministers, MLAs, top civil and police officers and a large number of people and well-wishers also took part in paying last respect to the former Chief Minister.

An MR contingent performed guard of honour and offered gun salute in honour of the former Chief Minister. The gathering also observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul. Speaking to media persons, Chief Minister N. Biren said



that it is unfortunate for all of us and great loss not only the State but also for the entire country. The late leader would be ever remembered as a respected person as well as great politician of the country, he added. Chief Minister also

remembered the advices and suggestions of the late leader on various issues of the State such as ILP movement etc. On behalf of the State Government and people of Manipur, the Chief Minister also shared grief with the bereaved family.

## Nemcha inaugurates state level cooperative seminar 'Cooperative Will Boost Socio-Economic Status in Manipur'

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Minister of Cooperation and Social Welfare, Nemcha Kipgen today inaugurated the 'One-day State Level Seminar on Cooperative for Social and Economic Changes in Manipur' held at Iboyaimea Sumang Lila Shanglein, Imphal. Addressing the gatherings as

Chief Guest, Minister Nemcha Kipgen stated that cooperative plays a significant role in boosting the socio-economic condition of Manipur. It is a known fact that cooperative organization brings economic development and also social changes through self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, solidarity and belief in ethical values of honesty and social

responsibilities. She stated that the social and economic benefits of co-operatives have far reaching impact and as such, need support from the development community to reach all the stake holders. Nemcha believed that the standard of living of BPL families can be improved by imparting cooperative knowledge and through effective implementation of various cooperative techniques and skills from seminars, workshops and training programs held in different parts of the state.

Minister Nemcha further informed that under Manipur State Women Development Corporation, various special development trainings especially for women like weaving, tailoring, embroidery, computer, one-day awareness program for empowerment of women etc are conducted in different parts of the state. Through such trainings and programs,

employment and human resources will be generated massively for socio-economic development for all, she added.

The inaugural function was also attended by Principal Secretary, Cooperation, Manipur J.C. Ramthanga, President, MSCU L. Tompishak Singh, Deputy Secretary, Cooperation, Manipur K. Bono Singh, Vice President (Valley) MSCU, Jeena Potsangbam, Vice President (Hill) MSCU, Jangkhongam Haokip, Member, Board of Management MSCU, S. Hemanta, Member, Board of Management MSCU, L. Basanta Sharma as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

The seminar is sponsored by National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), New Delhi and organized by Manipur State Cooperative Union (MSCU), Manipur. The inaugural function will be followed by technical session.

## CM inaugurates first ADR Centre in the State

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the first Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) Centre of the State at Lamphelpat, Imphal West in the presence of Judge of Supreme Court of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi today. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that such 'Alternative Disputes Resolution' (ADR) Centre would facilitate in resolving civil disputes through arbitration, mediation and conciliation and benefit the common people of the State. Such concept of ADR mechanism is capable of providing a substitute to the conventional methods of resolving various disputes, he added. He mentioned the advantages of ADR Centre such as cost effectiveness, being less time consuming, removed from the technicalities of Courts and opportunities it provided for preventing hostility while maintaining good relationship between the parties etc. Stating that the ADR Centre is being constructed at the cost of Rs. 5.50 crores, Chief Minister said that the present government is working



tirelessly on the people oriented programmes and for inclusive growth and development in the State. He stressed that a Fast Track Special Court (ND&PS) would be inaugurated on 2nd April, 2018. He further said that the government would continue to extend all possible support and efforts to strengthen the legal institutions of the State for the good of the people. Judge of Supreme Court, Justice Ranjan Gogoi said that it is a significant day and beginning of new era in the judicial practice in Manipur. He stated that Manipur had a strong judicial system in the past. He elaborated various advantages of ADR in settling various disputes in the State. He further maintained that to have a good judiciary is a National asset.

Minister for Law and Legislative Affairs L. Jayantakumar Singh, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Manipur N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, High Court of Manipur Kh. Nobin Singh, Chief Secretary R.R. Rashmi,

Advocate General N. Kumarjit and various officials attended the function.

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The 42 hour General Strike called by Manipur Muslim Welfare Organisation (MMWO) which commenced from the mid-night of March 30, 2018 has affected most of the Muslim inhabited areas in the State. Supporters of the strike clashed with police personnel in different parts of the State and in response police fired tear gas shells and mock bombs to disperse the protesters. Demanding establishment of a separate directorate for the minorities, issue of white paper of the enquiry report of

schemes under MOBC Department from 2010 to 2017 and the charge that the MOBC has violated rights to PDS items of the minorities, MMWO have called the general strike from midnight of March 30, 2018 till 6pm of April 1. Since early morning, general strike supporters at Hatta Minuthong, Khurai Heigrumakhong, Khabeisoi, Khsetrigao, Thoubal Moijing Mina Bazar, Yairipok, Lilong Bazar, Sora, Keirao Maktang and Mayang Imphal Bengeon stopped any vehicles and commuters plying on the roads. Clashes broke out between the general strike supporters

and the police personnel at Khabeisoi, Khurai Heigrumakhong, Keirao Maktang where the general strike supporters pelted stones at the police personnel.

To control the situation, more police personnel were deployed and even firing tear gas shells and mock bombs were fired to disperse the protesters. There has been no report of any serious casualty apart from some minor injuries on the protestor's side from the fired tear gas shells and mock bombs by the police personnel and atleast 10 general strike supporters have been pick up so far.

## CM announces NIA probe to arms missing case

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the State Government has written to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to probe missing of 56 auto 9 mm 1A pistols along with 58 magazines.

Addressing a press conference held in this regard at CM's Secretariat, Shri N. Biren termed the incident of missing of arms from the well-guarded Arms Kote (PHQ Pool) of 2nd Battalion Manipur Rifles as a serious threat to the National and State security. The incident came to light after 2nd MR Commandant Shri P. Manjit examined the current holdings of arms and ammunitions of both the Unit and PHQ Pool, he added.

During the examination, it could be ascertained that out of the total 570 auto 9 mm 1A pistols received from PHQ on September 11, 2014, 56 weapons along with 58 magazines were found missing, the Chief Minister said.

Responding to a query, the Chief Minister said that there were incidents of taking up of cases in connection with missing of ammunition as well in the past.

Taking part at the press conference, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Y. Joykumar said that after a thorough discussion, the State Government has chosen NIA as the most appropriate agency to investigate the case as it has expertise in militancy related cases. He expressed hope that the agency would minutely probe the incident.

Giving a detailed account of the investigation so far, Imphal West SP Shri Themthing Ngashangva said that two personnel of the 2nd MR have been arrested in connection with the incident. They have been identified as Damodaran NP (Hav. No. 60985) and Narayan Chetry (Rfn. No. 0296004).

Recalling a past incident, the SP said that there was an incident of seizing a 9 mm

pistol highly suspected to be one of the missing pistols from four persons along with three magazines and three rounds on November 4, 2016. The four persons have been identified as Paomam Shanti Kumar (48) s/o (L.P. Shamu of Kwakeithel Mayai Koibi Ningthoujam Leikai, Lourembam Johnson Singh alias John (31) s/o L. Basanta of Kwakeithel Mayai Koibi, M. Hiranjoy Sharma alias Ngoubi (32) s/o M. Haridas of Tera Sapam Leirak and Rfn. No. 6070197 Laishram Anilkumar Singh (33) s/o L. Ibomcha of Sangaiprou Mamang Leikai.

For further investigation, Hiranjoy and Shanti Kumar have been rearrested today (31/3/2018) while Anilkumar have been picked up and kept under watch at RIMS Hospital due to his poor medical condition, the SP informed. The SP further said that Anilkumar is currently under suspension.

Themthing further said that there was also another incident of seizing one of the missing pistols (Body No. 18506740) from a hardcore KRA cadre namely 2nd Lt. Ngamboi Haokip alias Raju (37) s/o (L) Doumang Haokip of Loibol Khunou Waroiching and his subordinate Seimeo Khongsai (32) s/o Khaikhham Khongsai of Pangmoul Village in Senapati District. They were arrested in connection with an extortion case on August 13, 2017.

As such, Ngamboi Haokip was rearrested in connection with the case at around 5 am today (31/3/2018) for further investigation.

Themthing said that investigation of the case is in good progress. Five persons have so far been arrested for involvement and one 9 mm pistol has been identified. Another weapon seized on September 4, 2016 is under active examination as its body number has been found tampered beyond visibility, the SP said.

Ministers, MLAs, DGP and Additional Chief Secretary (Home) were also present at the press conference.

## 42 hour General strike by MMWO affects normalcy ; Strike Supporters clash police

Situation at most of the general strike areas have been taken under control though some protesters are still firing slings to the police personnel. On the other hand, a school van bearing registration number MN01X2383 carrying students of pre Nursery to class 5 studying at Brighter Academy in New Checkon was destroyed by supporters of the general strike called by MMWO. Soubam Superman, driver the destroyed van told ImphalTimes that around 6:30 early this morning, more than 30 general strike supporters attacked his van pelting stones near Hatta

Minuthong despite informing that young students were still inside the van. The protesters of the general strike paid no attention despite telling them that the vehicle was ferrying school children's, he added. All Manipur School Student's Transporter Association has strongly condemned the incident and urged the supporters of the general strike to make it very clear if there is any restrictions on vehicles carrying school students. The association also urge the supporters not to misconduct such terrifying incident to the young children in the name of a general strike.