

Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla hails Manipuri women on International Women's Day

Imphal, March 8 : On the occasion of the International Women's Day Celebration held today at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla hails Manipuri women and exclaimed that Northeast women especially Manipuri women are very much empowered than the women from the rest of the country. This is because they are traditionally better placed in the social rung than their counterparts in other parts of the country. She further stated that women in this region have grown up in a more liberal society, facing less hostile challenges unlike in a male dominant environment. Addressing the gatherings as Chief Guest, Governor, Dr. Najma Heptulla stated that she is taking initiatives for making the women sufficiently skilled for earning a certain quantum of economic independence. She lauded the various civil society organizations and women's associations or organizations in the state for their relentless efforts to fight against such anti-social evils against women in the state. She draws the attention of all the women on this auspicious day to contemplate and ponder on what we can do



more for the development of the state as a woman. Highlighting the achievements of achievers like Mirabai Chanu and Mary Kom, she said that women of this state are leading in all spheres and have earned recognitions too in the national as well as international levels, be it sports or in any fields or professions. They have had more economic independence, even supporting the family without help from the male

tirelessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential. The agenda behind celebrating this day is to empower the women who have gone through her life be it their social, political, religious, and cultural rights simultaneously. It also calls for "gender equality". So, empowering women is very necessary for bringing gender equality, she added. Minister Nemcha also urged women to identify their strengths and abilities, and move towards a world of empowerment and contribute equally to the betterment of the society. As part of this celebration, 16 women from different parts of the state were also honoured. Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Karam Shyam, Chairperson, Manipur State Women Development Cooperation, Samurailatpam Satyabhama Devi graced the occasion as Special Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. The function was also attended by Commissioner, Social Welfare, H Dileep Singh, Director, Social Welfare, Jacintha Lazarus, women achievers from different parts of the state, amongst others.

Police arrested four suspect involved in the killing of Jagat

Imphal, March 8 : Police have arrested four persons suspected to have been involved in the Killing of T. Jagat at Khuyathong during Yaosang festival. Jagat was shot dead by some person who came in one I-20 car. The incident was caught on CCTV camera as the video went viral on Social media.

Local Clubs of Thangmeiband have been demanding arrest of those responsible and had even threaten to call bandh. The Local Club of Thangmeiband had even announced a sum of Rs. 1 lakh to whoever provide information about the killer. Following the incident police have been investigating over

the matter. Source said that A transgender was in the car at the time of the incident and the police track down the culprit by picking up transgenders from various area of the city. All I-20 car owners and Gun License holder were screened and later police picked up the prime suspect.

Neiphiu Rio takes oath as Nagaland Chief Minister

Agency Kohima, March 8 : Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party leader Neiphiu Rio has taken over as the Chief Minister of Nagaland. He took oath in the presence of Bharatiya Janata Party president Amit Shah and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. MoS Home Kiren Rijiju, Manipur CM N Biren Singh, Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu, Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal and Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma were also present at the oath ceremony in Kohima. Rio had won even before the newly-floated NDPP saying that he was committed to finding an early solution to the vexed Naga insurgency problem. Rio has maintained that he has been a supporter of the peace process between the Naga rebels and the Indian government and has always worked to resolve the standoff in a manner acceptable to the people.



Having led Nagaland for 11 years, Rio has often been described as "the tallest leader in Nagaland". In January 2018, Nagaland's lone Lok Sabha member broke away from the ruling NPF after the party

endeavour to bring an early political solution." After weeks of negotiation ahead of the elections, NDPP had got into a pre-poll alliance with the BJP. The NDPP decided to contest on 40 seats while the saffron party agreed to field candidates in the remaining 20 seats. Rio is also among the top three crorepati candidates in the state with assets worth Rs 36.41 crore. Rio served three terms spanning 11 years as chief minister of Nagaland, from 2003 to 2014. After winning the Lok Sabha seat in 2014, he passed on the CM's office to TR Zeliang, a move that was criticised by many.

NEFIS condemns rising vendetta politics and hooliganism in North-East

IT News Imphal, March 8 : North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) has strongly condemned the rise in hooliganism and vendetta politics in the North-East since the BJP's coming to power in several states. A statement of the forum said that the latest incident of destruction of Lenin's statue in Tripura by BJP workers epitomizes such a rise. "Lenin was a source of inspiration for the greatest

Manipuri leader, Hijam Irabot who is revered as 'Father of Manipur' and the destruction of such a revolutionary's statue is unprecedented in North-East. Destroying Lenin's statue signifies falsification of Hijam Irabot's revolutionary legacy and such sinister efforts might be even extended to Irabot in the coming future", the statement said. It further added that the North-East is comprised of different communities who have evolved a system wherein different thoughts co-exist with each other. The rise of BJP in the North-East threatens to destroy the delicate social fabric by pitting different communities against each other. Moreover, it should be known that different anti-colonial struggles in various parts of the world especially in India and its North-East were inspired by 1917 Russian Revolution, especially by Lenin. The struggle against monarchy

in Manipur was inspired by Lenin and such a legacy continues to inspire people's struggle in the North-East. It should also be noted that the former Soviet Union under the leadership of Lenin, had decolonized the colonies of Russia after the Russian Revolution. The statement further said that such open destruction of Lenin's statue reveals an attempt to silence different political views which co-exist in the North-East. The destruction of Lenin's statue signifies an attack on people's legacy of anti-colonial struggle. Hijam Irabot's statues installed in different areas of Manipur may now become a site of attack from such powers that be who want to demolish his legacy. NEFIS while condemning the rise of vendetta politics had resolved to intensify its struggle for saving the revolutionary legacy of Hijam Irabot and his inspiration, Lenin.

Bishnupur Dist. administration honours 5 students on Intl. Women Day

IT News Bishnupur, March 8 : International Women's Day was observed at the Conference Hall, Mini-Secretariat, Bishnupur today. The five students from the district who bagged medals in the first edition of "Khelo India" were also facilitated in the program. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Pawan Yadav IAS highlighted the need to promote gender equality by presenting bouquet of flowers to the girl students brought pride to the district - Kongsam Ormlia Devi, Lamabam Nilam Devi, Potshangbam Umeshwori Devi, Warepam Sapana Devi and Arambam Anju Devi who won medals in the first edition of "Khelo India" He also encouraged them excel in their own category of sports even at the Olympics. He further said that the administration will leave no stone unturned to assist them in any way possible. The function is attended by district level officers, public leaders and leaders from different women organizations.

Respect to women should begin from family – Edina Yaikhom

IT News Imphal, March 8 : General Secretary of Extra Judicial Execution Victim Families Association (EEVFAM) Edina Yaikhom today said that women of the state should begin upholding the dignity of women from family. Speaking during the International Women's Day observance at Manipur Press Club organised jointly by the Manipur Proletariat Peoples Democratic Union (MPPDU) and Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM), Edina Yengkhom said that it is the women themselves who should fight for their right. "We women should not wait for male to fight for our rights but we the women should come forward to fight for our rights", Edina said. The general secretary of EEVFAM, a body of victim families of fake encounter killing in Manipur also shared her pains and anxiety due to subjugation and suppression by male counterpart in family



and society. She said that the way the society look at her is a hurdles in performing her duty. Dr. Dilip Sapam, Lecturer, LMS Law College elaborated on various issues of the women. He stressed on the issues of polygamy, Hindu Marriage Act and highlighted on how the International Women Days started celebration across the Globe. H. Achouba Sharma, Editor, Sanaleibak Daily Newspaper and Rinku Khumukcham Editor, Imphal Times and

and Nongthombam Sarjubala, Convenor, International Women's Day Observation Committee also attended as Presidium member. On the occasion 5 members of EEVFAM were honoured by assuring Looms within March this year. Surjubala also announced a new body called Feminist Movement of Manipur. She said that a new chapter has been opened today and the women of the state will begin a proletariat Feminist Movement in the state to assure the rights of the women.

Free Education for fatherless NE Childrens in Delhi & NCR

By: Nanda Samurailatpam Imphal, March 8 : For providing free education, Helping Hands NGO in association with one reputed school in NCR run by Philanthropic Organisation have made an agreement on 27th February 2018 to admit abandoned or fatherless NE

Childrens of cheated, battered NE females. However, the admission process will be done only on recommendation of HH-NGO. For this initiative, IGP Robin Hibu, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police and also the President of HH-NGO was invited by

the school authority to visit the school boarding. As per his visit, it was truly impressed by the facilities provided for holistic educations for these childrens. In this connection, HH-NGO will be the mentor and guardian for these children by visiting them

regularly. It is now looking out for such helpless NE childrens in Delhi and NCR to get admission under CSR initiatives in this school. This small gesture will be helpful in molding and nurturing them basic education and the NGO will be helping them in future education as well.