

Govt. simplifies registration to Employment Exchange

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Not for all districts, but for residence of Imphal West, registration to Employment Exchange for job seekers has been simplified as the process is now fully computerised. An official notification by Employment Officer Imphal West, Ng. Ibothoi Singh said that any job seeker within the jurisdiction of Imphal West may register their names or renew their registration or even upgrade their qualification details on line from any Common Service

Center (CSC) or by logging in on the official web site of the www.eservicesmanipur.gov.in. Documents required for uploading while registration are Aadhaar, Passport size photo, educational qualification certificates. The digitally signed registration/renewal/upgradation card can be downloaded by using the application number. Time limit for renewal of the registration is three months failing to do so will automatically removed from the list registered in the department.

5 suspects including 3 female picked up during Search operation by police



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Imphal East police team led by Additional SP (Ops) M.Kumarji conducted cordon and search operation at Brahmapur Aribam Leikai in Imphal West from 3.30 am to

5.30 am today morning. During the operation 575 males, 315 females were verified. 2 males and 3 females who were found without proper valid documents were picked up and handed over to Porompat Police Station for further verification.

Thoubal Police and Excise Disposed Liquors



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Thoubal, May 18:

Personnel of Thoubal district police and Excise department today burnt seized illegal liquors in front of Excise office located inside the premises of Thoubal Mini Secretariat campus.

Deputy Superintendent of excise Thoubal Th. Priyokumar Singh while speaking to media persons said that the seized liquors burnt today worth around Rs. 89,000. The destroyed liquors includes 216 Cane beer bottles, 8 Whisky bottle and 526 litres of local liquors.

AIR Prog. Executive meeting held at Mokokchung

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Kohima, May 18,

A two-day meeting of the heads of programme of All India Radio stations in the North Eastern Region began yesterday in Mokokchung district of Nagaland organized by the Zonal Programme Co-ordination Committee. Issues which are relevant for progress and better linking of all stations were discussed. Addressing the inaugural function, Adviser North Eastern Region, D.N. Basumatari while expressing concern on fiscal prudence of the stations, urged upon members to maintain austerity measures and give their best effort with a balanced attitude to earn revenue. K.V. Ramachandran, Deputy Director General (E), All India

Radio Kohima who also addressed the gathering said, coming together of AIR stations will have a greater advantage to strengthen the face of the stations in the region. During the discussion, issues relating to conduct of programmes, need for Studio refurbishing, problems on Studio and Transmitter Linkings, requirement of FM transmitter for wider coverage of NES programmes, Transfer policy of staff, among others were also discussed. Senior officials from Zonal offices of Northeastern states and programme officials from 26 Radio Stations, including Sikkim are attending the meet. On the second and final day today, the meeting deliberated on administrative matters and visit some promotional Centers under Mokokchung district.

SC asks HCs not to entertain pleas on RBI circular on virtual currencies

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The Supreme Court today barred all High Courts from entertaining any plea relating to an RBI circular prohibiting dealings in virtual currencies like the Bitcoin. The apex court, which was hearing pleas seeking direction to the Centre to take emergent

steps to restrain the sale and purchase of illegal crypto currencies or virtual currency like Bitcoins, also sought the assistance of Attorney General K K Venugopal in the matter. Crypto currencies are a stateless digital currency in which encryption techniques are used for trading. These currencies operate independently of a central

bank like the RBI, rendering it immune from government interference. RBI, in a circular on April 6, had directed the banks and financial institutions to freeze the bank accounts of those individuals and companies dealing in the illegal trade of virtual currencies. A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M

Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud posted the matter for hearing on July 20. Petitioners, in their plea, sought a direction to the Centre to take steps to restrain sale and purchase of illegal crypto currencies like Bitcoins, which were being traded openly for illegal activities like funding terrorism and insurgency.

Culture shows the relationship between human beings and its relationship with nature- Dy. CM

DIPR
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The 60th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) Celebration of The Cultural Forum, Manipur was held yesterday at Chandrakirti Auditorium at Art & Culture Complex, Palace Compound in Imphal. Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh while gracing the Celebration as Chief Guest said, Manipuri Culture is one of the most developed cultures in the world. He said, we have rich cultural values in literature, music, songs and dances and even in dress codes. He further said we have to look into the various aspects of what cultural values can influence our lives and what are its significances. Stating that only glorifying our history cannot understand our past, Joykumar Singh said, it has to be introspected so that we can understand the ways of life that people had in those days.



Culture shows the relationship between human beings and its relationship with nature as well. Each Society has its own philosophy and therefore it is our duty to follow our own philosophy. We should try to understand our own culture and also try to encourage research on it, he added. Art & Culture Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh said, the role played by The Cultural Forum, Manipur to preserve

our culture is great. He said, although we have rich cultural values, only a few people are working on it. We have to develop a good habit of reading novels, poems and prose so that we can understand its beauty. Jayantakumar Singh further said the Government has beentaking up a number of new initiatives to develop art & culture in the state. He said, a Film City will soon be

established in the state. Education Minister Th. Radheshyam Singh also spoke on the occasion. He said, positive values which are rich in our culture and traditions should be followed. Songs, dances and even in literature, there are good values which not only enjoy ourselves but also give us the positive aspects of our life. Therefore, all negative thinking and weakness should be dropped and rejuvenate ourselves for a welfare society, he added.

Deputy Chief Minister handed over Sahitya Akademi Award, 2017 to Prof. Rajen Toijamba and Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize, 2017 to Dr. Naorem Bidyasagar. Other Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Prize Winners were also felicitated on the occasion. Cash Awards for achievements in Literature, Culture and other achievements were also distributed.

Flood preparedness reviewed in Assam

By Our Correspondent
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As the spring time rains start pouring in Assam, the government steps up flood preparedness in the State. The Sarbananda Sonowal government at Dispur has already directed the water resources department and other line agencies to remain fully prepared to tackle the onslaught of seasonal floods. Assam and some parts of

northeast India continue experiencing flood due to torrential rain in the region. Massive loss of paddy, infrastructure, cattle and human lives is always reported during the rainy season. Reviewing the flood preparedness of the concerned department in presence of its minister Keshab Mahanta recently Sonowal took stock of the strength of the embankments that were essentially created to serve as

a deterrent against the waves of flood. It may be noted that under the present dispensation a total of 12.02 km embankments were constructed as against only 0.60 km during the last two years of the previous Congress government at Dispur. The new government has already raised and strengthened 103 km of embankments. During the same period 44 anti-erosion and town protection works were completed as against

only 28 during the last two years of the previous government, claimed a government communiqué. Sonowal asked the department to complete all relevant schemes on a war footing. Besides, the embankments that fall under the purview of Panchayat and rural development, he asked the official concerned to forge synergy among P&RD, water resources department and district magistrates.

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.....the True Face of Education in India

Writing all sorts of mock tests conducted by the coaching centres endlessly, or transforming everything – be it the Olympics or the installation of a nuclear reactor or an international conference on climate change – into a typical 'general studies' stuff of the UPSC type is by no means a life-affirming experience. See the march of the other-directed crowd at Kota in Rajasthan – a notorious site of inflated expectations and broken dreams. Or, for that matter, visit the tiny rooms in the narrow lanes of Mukherjee Nagar and Katwaria Sarai in Delhi, and meet the tired/exhausted youngsters from Bihar, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh trying to grapple with the Rao's IAS notes. You realise that to achieve this sort of 'success', one fails as a creative being. No wonder, corruption is rooted in this 'success manufacturing machine'. The heavy cost of coaching centres, the exorbitant tuition fees in many

of these medical/engineering/management colleges, and above all, the burden of donations and capitation fee: from where do you compensate the money you have spent? Is it the inflated dowry rate in a society that has not yet eradicated its patriarchal ethos? Or is it the normalisation of bribery and other malpractices in workplaces—from hospitals to construction sites, from block development offices to police stations? Likewise, the very nature of this race is that your 'success' is assured at the cost of someone else's failure. The fact is that most of the applicants would fail in this race. Imagine every year the number of 'failures' we create. They acquire a sense of stigmatised identity; this affects severely their life-trajectories filled with psychic wound and a sense of loss. Finally, in this system, there is actually no winner; everyone is a loser. It redefines failure; everyone suffers from a sense

of lagging behind. Hence, these days if you get 90% in the board exam, you are sad and depressed because your friends have got more than 95%. Likewise, if instead of pursuing economics at Shri Ram College of Commerce, you do Physics at Hindu College, you are a failure. Or for that matter, despite being in IIT, if you could not make it to the United States, you have failed in life. In a way, 'success' has failed them. **Redefining the calling of life** It is not easy to come out of this trap. As the spectre of unemployment or the notion of a superficial notion of 'social prestige' haunts the young mind and their over-protective parents, it becomes exceedingly difficult to strive for meaningful education. Yet, I would insist that no social transformation is possible without the creative spark of human agency; and even in difficult times, we need to try our best to give the young a different vision of life.

It is in this context that I wish to make three points. First, as teachers/educationists/adults we all need to tell them that nothing matters more in life than inner fulfilment. There is no external marker of success – to be truly successful in life is to find joy and meaning in whatever one does, be it farming, nursing and teaching. One need not become like somebody else, one need not be 'big' and 'gorgeous'. One has to be oneself – simple, authentic and confident of one's own path. Second, it is important to appreciate the plurality of skills/intelligence/sensitivity needed in diverse modes of occupational and vocational engagement. There is no reason why everyone has to think of joining the IIT; there is no reason why every science student should think of becoming an IT professional. A mature society is one that needs a spectrum of possibilities – engineers as well as filmmakers, doctors, historians, economists and art critics. The task of teachers is to make the child aware of his/her

Petrol prices hiked by 17 paise a litre, Diesel by 21 paise per litre

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Petrol and diesel prices have been increased. Cost of petrol has been raised by 17 paise a litre and diesel by 21 paise per litre in Delhi. Fuel prices were last hiked 19 days ago. With this, diesel prices touched an all-time high of 66 rupees 14 paise in the national capital. Petrol prices too hit a 56-month high of 74 rupees 80 paise a litre.

India's growth to accelerate to 7.3% in next fiscal, says Fitch

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Credit rating agency Fitch has said that India's economic growth will accelerate to seven point three per cent in the current financial year and seven point five per cent in the next fiscal. In its second-quarter Sovereign Credit Overview for Asia Pacific region, Fitch said the growth rate will accelerate as money supply has recovered to its pre-demonetisation level and disruptions related to the rollout of GST have diminished. It said India's ratings balance a strong medium-term growth outlook and favourable external balances against a weak fiscal position and difficult business environment. But the country's business environment is likely to improve gradually with the implementation and continued broadening of the government's structural-reform agenda, the rating agency said.

potential. Third, fear has to be overcome. Youngsters ought to be encouraged to think differently, to take 'risks', and experiment with life. Nothing meaningful in life is possible if one is continually pressurised to remain 'normal', and opt for a 'safe/tasted/secure/non-risky' path. Living meaningfully is to understand the call of the puzzling curves and turning points in life. Karl Marx did not live as a 'respectable' employee in a company; Mahatma Gandhi did not end his life as a lawyer; G.M. Muktiobd, despite economic hardships, did not give up poetry; and Medha Patkar did not become a professor of social work in a university. As adults, we would betray our children if we do not offer anything positive to them, if we metamorphose them into, as Franz Kafka indicated in one of his heart-breaking short stories, 'insects' roaming around the four walls of an office cubicle. *Avijit Pathak is a Professor of Sociology at JNU.*