



Climate Change: why can't Manipur leads the country in bringing a change – I. Hemochandra

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Imphal, April 25: Manipur's new Forest and environment minister Irengbam Hemochandra on Monday questioned that why the Manipur can't lead the country in taking up noble cause of environment as Mary Kom lead the country in women boxing. Minister Hemochandra was speaking at the inaugural function of the two day regional workshop for North Eastern region of India on climate adaptation programme and sustainable eco-system here at the conference hall of Hotel Classis Grande. Elaborating on the importance of conserving the environment of the volatile

state like Manipur for the upcoming days, he also called upon the masses to have a sustainable livelihood. The workshop which will be focusing on climate sensitive sectors in North Eastern region and strengthening of institutional capacity building, risk and vulnerability assessment, community participation, training programme on climate science and integration of adaptation planning and its road map for the proper implementation, was also attended by Deputy Director of Cooperation swiss agency for development and cooperation. Expressing unhappiness over the lack of response from the line departments to take up

steps for the adaptation programmes, state Additional chief secretary (Forest and environment) Shambhu Singh while delivering his speech said, "We need to know the reason of declining the crops cultivation in the region for other necessary measures". Dr Nisha Mendiratta, climate change programme, department of science and technology government of India attending the inauguration function said that her department has already started to open climate change cells in as many as seven Himalayan states of the country in 2014 and three more states including Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal are in the

pipeline. The seven states are Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Sikkim. Earlier State environment department Director Dr M Homeshwor Singh gave the welcome address and background note of the workshop. In the day's technical session, Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo Director Institute of Bio-resources development and Prof W Nabakumar of Manipur spoke on intervention of bio-resources of NE region in climate adaptation and strategic knowledge in climate change and indigenous knowledge of NE region.

Tension grips RIMS morgue after authority conducted post mortem before family of the deceased arrived

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Imphal, April 25: Tension runs high among two groups of people at RIMS Morgue after authority allegedly conducted post mortem of a lady who was found hung to death on April 23, before the arrival of the family members. Member of Bhamdier Gram Panchayat, Laishram Mangolnabi while speaking to reporter at RIMS morgue said that both the family member of the deceased lady and her husband's had agreed to conduct the post mortem in the presence of representatives from both side. She said the government authority had also agreed to conduct the post mortem using video coverage. However, when the family member of the deceased lady came at the morgue it was told that the post mortem had

already been conducted. The deceased lady identified as Ningthoujam Ningol Motum Ongbi Angali Devi (aged about 21 years) wife of Motum Gautam (aged about 22 years) was found hung to death at around 5 pm at her room at the residence of her husband at Yurembam Awang Leikai on April 23. Instead of informing about the incident to her parental home located at Bhamdier Ahallup Awang leikai, the deceased husband M Goutam, his father M Joy and mother Premila went to the Police station and surrendered. The family of the deceased lady was informed by a local who co-incidentally visited the locality at Yurembam Awang leikai. After receiving the information the father of the deceased lady Ningthoujam Dilip along with people of his

locality came to his daughters' place. By the time they reached the spot it was around 7.30pm and a police team had reportedly taken the dead body at RIMS morgue. The post mortem was supposed to conduct yesterday, however, due to Sunday both the parties agreed to conduct the post mortem today in the presence of representatives from both side. Member L Mangolnabi said that the IO seemed to have been bribed by the in-laws of the deceased. She demanded immediate clarification from the side of the police department on why the police allowed to conduct without the presence of any representatives from the deceased side. She further said that the dead body will not be accepted until justice is delivered.

UPSC postpones civil services exam notification

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Imphal, April 25: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has postponed the date for issuance of notification for civil services examination 2016 without citing any reason. The notification was due to be issued on Saturday. "The civil services examination, 2016 (and the Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) examination, 2016), scheduled to be notified on April 23, 2016, will be notified later," the UPSC said in a note issued today. The civil services examination is conducted by the UPSC annually in three stages—preliminary, main and interview—to select candidates for prestigious Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others. An expert committee, under the chairmanship of former Human Resource Development Secretary and retired IAS officer B S Baswan, constituted by the government is examining various issues related to age relaxation, eligibility, syllabus and pattern of civil services examination. It has got time till August this year to give its report.

Police pick-up 24 non locals without proper documents

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Imphal, April 25: A team of Imphal West Police commando today picked up 24 non local from Thangal Bazar area after they failed to produce proper valid documents. The reason for the detention is subjective as police are now working days and night to check presence of anti-social element in Imphal city. On hearing the news a team of JCILPS went to the police station verified the non-locals. It was found out that

among the 24 persons 18 are found to have no proper valid documents to prove where they come from and where they stayed. The remaining 6 of them showed identity cards which look like fake id. The photos pasted at the I-cards were all blurred. On further inquiry it is learnt that the 24 non-locals were brought to Imphal by one Manish (aged 40) son of Madan Lal Jain presently staying at Thangal Bazar for utilizing them as labour for a marriage party.

MODified Northeast India wishes Mary Kom

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Imphal, April 25: Modified Northeast India extends warm wishes to Mary Kom on becoming the Rajya Sabha MP. We also thanked the present government at the Centre for considering Northeast Candidate out of 7 vacant seats in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd April 2016. With Mary Kom as the latest MP from Manipur, the state have 4 MPs (2 in the Lok Sabha and 2 in the Rajya Sabha). Modified Northeast India strongly believes that issues of Manipur will be discussed and debate in the

Parliament in the interest of the State and hope that the region will march towards peace and development soon. The Social Initiative request Mary Kom to put forward the pending demands of Manipur for the last 15 years on repeal of AFSPA, the Indo Myanmar border issues, youth unrest, communal tensions and ethnic minority problems which are stumbling blocks. We are also afraid of the political mileage taken by a particular political party on the appointment of Mary Kom. We would like to clarify to the public that she was not appointed as a brand ambassador of one particular party or state, but recommended after considering her contributions and achievements in Sports. We request State leaders not to take undue advantage of her appointment as a political recommendations. Modified Northeast India would also request Mary Kom to promote Sports in the region using her power and networks to lead the Country at International Level.

PREPAK to observe Indian Colonial Resist Day tomorrow

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Imphal, April 25: Commemorating the incident at which the Indian army had killed, tortured and rape many people of the state on April 26, 1980 at Patsoi Langjing, proscribed group PREPAK is observing "Indian Colonialism Resist Day" tomorrow. A statement of the outfit said that observance function will be held at CHQ, GHQ, THQ, Transit Camp and other training centers of the outfit. The PREPAK statement signed by Leibakngakpa Luwang, Assistant Secretary, Publicity and propaganda, People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) also called on the people of the region to stand united against the colonial force on the day. On that day the CRPF had killed 4 innocent people including a pregnant lady at Patsoi Langjing. Further many civilian and innocent public were brutally tortured leaving many handicapped.

The PREPAK statement also recalled on how the CRPF had mercilessly murdered 13 civilians on March 14, 1984, while enjoying a volleyball match at Heirangoithong Volley Ball ground. On November 21, 1980 the Indian security force had killed 4 civilian at Pishum Oinam Leikai. The killing does not end there the statement added. On January 7, 1995, the Indian security force CRPF captured 9 civilians including a medical student of RIMS from Arunachal Pradesh and shot them to death in cold blood inside the RIMS complex. On February 19, 1995 127th Bn of CRPF killed 3 civilians at Basikhong Lamlong and seriously injured 9 other. On July 21, 1999, the CRPF killed 5 civilian at Churachandpur. The statement said that the kind of killings are being conducted under hidden agenda to suppress the people of the region and to eliminate the people.

Has Manipur government made a mockery of President Pranab Mukherjee?



A day after President Pranab Mukherjee had inaugurated the Khongjom War Monument at Kheba Ching, the structure which erect stone plate that the president unveiled and handed over to the public was found fallen on the ground. Imphal Times had earlier reported that 50% of the construction at Khongjom War memorial site has not been completed. - Submitted by Sanju Aheibam.

Rajya Sabha adjourned till 2pm amid uproar over Uttarakhand crisis

ANI
New Delhi, April 25: Amid continuing uproar in the Parliament over the political crisis in Uttarakhand, proceedings in the Rajya Sabha were adjourned for a second time till 2pm on Monday. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi lashed out at the Congress for disrupting proceedings and reiterated the BJP's stand that sub-judice matters cannot be discussed in the House. "Issues that are already in the Supreme Court or high court cannot be discussed... Inka kaam roko prastaav hai, humara kaam karo prastaav hai (Their motive is to disrupt while ours is to work)," Naqvi told the Rajya Sabha. Slogans of "Taanashahi nahin chalogi" (Dictatorship won't work) could be heard from the

opposition camp during a brief interval when the Rajya Sabha had resumed. Meanwhile, in Lok Sabha, around 20 Congress Members of Parliament, including Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader KC Venugopal, observed a sit down protest near the well of the House as the Uttarakhand issue dominated proceedings. The leaders also raised slogans denouncing the NDA government over their actions in the hill state. Slogans such as 'Manmani nahi chalogi' and 'Loktantra ki Hatya' could be heard from the group of MPs sitting on the floor. Ahead of the second part of the budget session, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Venkaiah Naidu had earlier said the government is willing to discuss every issue in Parliament, but hinted that

President's rule in Uttarakhand may not be discussed, as the matter is sub-judice. On Friday, the apex court admitted the Centre's challenge to the Uttarakhand High Court's decision and restored President's rule over the state for the simple and technical reason that the April 21 high court ruling issued by Uttarakhand Chief Justice K.M. Joseph had not been "made available in the public domain". The apex court ruled that the High Court's judgement would "remain in abeyance" till April 27, the next date of hearing. It also issued directions to the high court to release the signed judgement by April 26 to all parties involved in the case, who will subsequently file copies before the apex court on April 27.

Flood Situation in Assam Improving

Guwahati, April 25: The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) has said that the overall pre-monsoon flood situation, caused by intense rainfall activities in the State has shown signs of improvement. Over 40,000 people have been affected and 1,000 hectares of crop land inundated by torrential pre-monsoon rains for the past two weeks in Assam with Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Sivasagar and Charaideo being the most affected. The Army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have been pressed into service in the flood-hit areas of Charaideo district for search and rescue operations. In a meeting with the DCs of the flood hit districts and other heads of line departments, Chief Secretary, Assam, VK Pipersenia reviewed the flood situation and directed the officials to extend all possible support to the district administration in handling the situation. Chief Executive Officer of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority has also been directed to be in close touch with the district administrations of the flood-hit districts to extend the required support in matters of responding to the

situation resulting from flood. He also directed the Water Resources Department (WRD) National Highway wing of the Public Works Department (PWD), and the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to send their officers for joint inspection of the damage caused to the NH-53 at Panchgram, Hailakandi. He also requested the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highway to direct their regional officer to be in touch with the Deputy Commissioner, Hailakandi. Meanwhile, the Borjhar-based Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) of the IMD has informed that the weather condition is likely to improve after April 25 and has issues no warnings after that date. (Courtesy Northeast Today)

