

Old high Court burnt by miscreants



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Imphal, Aug 27: Unknown miscreants today set ablaze the Advocate Chamber of the old High Court complex near PCTC Oil depot. According to report the incident happened at around 7.15. Fire Service authorities rushed the spot and timely extinguished the fire before it spread towards the old depot and the nearby houses. Chief Secretary of Manipur O Nabakishore and PHED Minister I Hemochandra inspected the site

22nd edition of Delhi Book Fair begins

New Delhi, Aug 27: The 22nd edition of the Delhi Book Fair began at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Saturday. The 9-day event lays focus on the initiatives taken by the government for its Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan to inculcate better reading habits among the younger generation.

National campaigns launched in the past two years - including Make in India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Digital India, Skill India and Startup India - have found a place in the Theme Pavilion which has been transformed into a selfie station.

Inaugurating the event, Union Minister Harsh Vardhan said, books should be made available to readers at a reduced cost. He said the good practice of reading books should not be hampered due to advent of technology. The Minister urged everyone to keep alive the tradition of gifting books. General Manager of Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) Jayanta Das said, there will be story telling sessions, nukkad natak, magic shows and authors' corners.

Fitting tribute paid to student martyrs on Hunger Marcher's day



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Imphal, Aug 27: As done every year, the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) today observed the 51st Hunger Marchers Day today. The observance began by hoisting the flag of the students' body. Large number of people including family members of the departed souls, relatives, well wishers and students paid floral tributes to the portraits of the students' martyrs at its memorial site. Fifty-one years from today, i.e. on August 27, 1965 large number of students upraised against then authority of the state government who had

created artificial famine. In the uprising the student protestors were brutally charged and inhumanly assaulted. In the state security forces action 4 protestors namely Promodini, Chaobal, Nabakumar and Nilamani were killed inside the compound of the then Chief Commissioner of Manipur and several other student protestors' were left with serious injury. To commemorate the day where students from all over the state upraised against the then government authority demanding their rights, the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU)

which was borne following the uproar of the masses has been observing the day till today. Several student leaders of the time including (Late) Prof. N Sanajaoba, (Late) Achou Toijamba etc. were put behind bar by the then government. To mark the day, the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) also organized a mass rally. The rally which was participated by over 1000s of students begins from Pishum Chinga Macha and then proceeded towards Indo-Myanmar road. Later the rally snakes through Keishamthong bridge, Keishampat,

Wahang leikai, Nagamapal, Khuyathong and later concluded at DM College campus. A public meeting was also held as a part of the observance function. Slogans demanding implementation of ILPS, abolition of inhuman draconian laws, control of price for essential commodities were carried during the mass rally. Strong police forces were deployed to prevent any untoward incidents.

Traffic police halted vehicular movement along the routes of the rally to ensure smooth marching while pedestrians and locals supported the march by offering drinking water to the marchers. The public meeting at DM College ground was presided by AMSU president Sanasam Subhachandra, former president AMSU Leihaothabam Saratchadra; Secretary General, NESO Sinam Prakash, and AMSU former president Rk Itocha and Manipur shahitya Parishad Hojai Ph. Manibabu as president chief guest, special guest and guests of honour respectively. As part of the observance, a blood donation camp was also organized at DM College Multipurpose Hall. Around 50 donors took part in the blood donation camp.

Mary Kom inaugurates Pine Apple festival at Khousesung



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Imphal, Aug 27: Five time world boxing pugilist, now MP of Rajya Sabha Mary Kom today inaugurated the 9th State level Pineapple Festival at Khousesung DCC Headquarter in Churachandpur District. ADC of Churachandpur, Langkhanpau Guite, T Pamei, IAS, Commissioner Horticulture and SC/TD, Government of Manipur, Gennehkup Vaiphei, EMADC Churachandpur and Lunminthang Haokip, IAS, DC Churachandpur share the dais with the celebrity MP on the dais.

"I have neither thought that I will enter politics nor ever dream that I will some day become an MP", Mary Kom said while speaking on the inaugural function. She further said that she had always dreamt of becoming the best sports persons in whole her life but as she is now an MP she will work hard and fight for the sports persons of the country.

"On politics and regarding how to promote the pine apple growers in the district it will be more appropriate the organizing committee find out a solution and I am ready to help in whatever way I could", Mary Kom said. Later, Mary Kom inspected the pineapple stalls and share moment of joy with her native villagers. Speaking on the occasion Mary Kom said that such an event is the happiest moment for the farmers of the district. However she expressed dissatisfaction on seeing only few stalls with few pineapple products as the festival is a state level

festival. But Mary Kom didn't discouraged the farmers saying that like the way she had work hard to achieve her field in the field of sports the farmers should work harder to produce more products in the coming days. The lady MP who had showed her performance at RS by bringing up issues for promotion of the sports persons of the country also appealed the farmers to take help from the Govt concern department. She said if needed she will directly help the farmers.

Nagaland body threatens bandh

Kohima, Aug 27: Expressing dismay over the lackadaisical attitude towards revival of Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Limited (NPPCL), the Tuli Area Joint Council Forum (TAJCF) has threatened to launch an indefinite road blockade along the National Highway-61 (Mokokchung to Amguri) from 1st September, if the concerned authority failed to take up any positive measures by 31st of this month.

In a joint statement, TAJCF president, O. Benjung Jamir and secretary, M. Mar Lemtur said that the council had written a letter to the secretary Industries & Commerce on 1st of this month highlighting the issue of NPPCL. However, TAJCF stated that no positive action was initiated. In this regard, TAJCF cautioned that if no action or reply is made by 31st of this month, the Council would impose the road blockade along NH-61, as a first phase agitation.

Universities are the best forum of debate, discussion and arguments: President

Rajgir, Aug 27: President Pranab Mukherjee has said, Universities are the best forum of debate, discussion and arguments besides free exchange of views. He was addressing the first convocation of Nalanda University at Rajgir in Bihar on Saturday. Mr Mukherjee said, Nalanda is not mere ruins and land but a reflection of idea and culture which was nourished twelve hundred years ago. He said, the University was melting pot of civilizations and confluence of civilizations. The President told the passing

out students that knowledge and skill which acquired in the university will help them to meet the challenges of the real world. Earlier, Mr Mukherjee laid the foundation stone of a permanent campus of the University at Pilkhi village. Governor Ramnath Kovind and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar were among those present on the occasion. The Nalanda University came into being on November 25, 2010 by a special Act of the Parliament and has been designated as an institution of

national importance. The University is being supported by all the Members of the East Asia Summit and Intergovernmental Memorandums of University to that effect have been signed by 17 countries. The President will reach Bengaluru later in the day. He will participate in the 15th year celebrations of the Akshaya Patra Foundation and commemoration of serving two billion meals programme at the Hare Krishna Hills. Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala, Chief Minister

Siddaramaiah, HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar will also participate in the programme. Akshaya Patra Foundation serves meals to nearly 15 lakh children every day in over 13,000 schools in 10 states of the country. Akshaya Patra Foundation is also one of the implementing partner of the flagship mid-day meal programme of the Government of India. On Sunday, Mr Mukherjee will address the 24th annual convocation of National Law School of India University in Bengaluru.

Autonomous District Council in North East India

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INTRODUCTION

The North-East India, home to numerous diverse ethnic groups and located strategically with borders with Bhutan, China, Myanmar and Bangladesh, has seen much violence and bloodshed over the past few decades. These include insurgencies in Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram and growth of militant groups in Meghalaya. In addition there are conflicts and confrontations over land use and control as well as issues of language, identity formation, demographic change and minority and majoritarian relations. Alienation, mis-governance and corruption as well as underdevelopment are common frustrations in the region which is one of the richest regions in terms of natural and mineral resources in India. But to day maximum of insurgency groups are in the peace process except some of the major insurgency groups of Manipur.

To tackle the problems of this unique area and safeguard the democratic traditions and cultural diversity of its people, the framers of the Constitution conceived of

the instrument of tribal self-rule. This stands embodied in the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. This Schedule was drafted by a Sub-Committee on North-East Frontier of the Constituent Assembly headed by Gopinath Bardoloi, the then Premier of Assam. The effort was to accommodate the collective aspirations of tribal communities within the broader framework of a democratic political system characterized by centralized powers, in a situation characterized by a mix of apprehension, confusion and hope in the days immediately preceding the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

The North-East India consists of eight states - Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim covering more than eight percent of the total geographical area and 4 percent of the total population of the country. A large part of the North-East India is governed by the Fifth and Sixth Schedules of the Indian Constitution. The Panchayats (Extension to the schedule areas) Act, 1996 extends the 73rd Amendment; to the Fifth Schedule areas. Three states viz. Mizoram, Nagaland and Meghalaya are

exempted from the purview of the 73rd Amendment. The Sixth Schedule envisages establishment of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs). These councils have been given Legislative, Administrative and Judicial powers under the Sixth Schedule. No law of the Centre or the State in respect of the legislative powers conferred on the Autonomous District Councils could be extended to those areas without their prior approval. The district councils are also empowered to constitute Village councils and also Village courts. While the ADCs have the advantage of legislative powers which the Panchayats do not have, the Councils unlike Panchayats do not have provision for reservation for women, and powers such as social forestry management. **Articles 244(2) and 275(1) - Sixth Schedule - Provisions for administration of Tribal Areas in the States of:** Assam: The North Cachar Hills District Council and The Karbi Anglong District Council. Elections to the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) also formed under

Sixth Schedule have been held. **Meghalaya:** Khasi Hills District Council, Jaintia Hills District Council and Garo Hills District Council. **Tripura:** Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council. **Mizoram:** The Chakma District Council, The Mara District Council and The Lai District Council. The District Councils comprise of 30 members for a term of five years. The Governor of the state is empowered to nominate not more than four members to the Council while the others are elected on the basis of adult suffrage. The Chief Executive Member (CEM), the Chairman and the deputy Chairman of the Council are elected from the members and the CEM selects the other executive members. There are different internal rules for different Autonomous District Councils. In some council like Mara in Mizoram, the electorates are eligible adults (anyone above 18 years) but in others like Karbi Anglong right of access to traditional lands and length of stay in the region are regarded as a qualifying criterion for being included in the voters list for the ADCs. **(Contd. on page 2)**