

CM inaugurates Food Processing Park at Nilakuthi

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Imphal, Dec 5: Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh inaugurated the Food Processing Park at Nilakuthi, Imphal East today. Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister stressed the role of private participation in giving employment to the unemployed youths. He said that economy of the State would improve if there is the habit of working without wasting time. The government is seriously putting its efforts to provide employment to the unemployed youths of the State. To this end, the State Government has already taken policy decision to introduce Manipur Start Up Policy which will benefit both skilled and unskilled unemployed youths in the State, he continued. Only some states of India like Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat and West Bengal have introduced such policy and the government is examining which model would be most appropriate for Manipur. He also said that the Nilakuthi Food Processing Park will facilitate the entrepreneurs to establish their business. The objective of the park is to give employment opportunity to the unemployed youths and improve the economy. When there is employment opportunity and employment is given to our unemployed youths then peace will prevail and if peace prevails then development will follow, he added.



Minister said that there has been a growth of 40 percent in the handloom sector, 25.8 percent in the food processing sector and 20 percent in the MSME sector. The Government also inaugurated recently two Industrial Estates one each in Thoubal and Bishnupur Districts and a Central Poultry Farm in Imphal West. All these shows the commitment of the government in providing job opportunity to the unemployed youths of the state. However, the frequent bandh and blockade has slowed down the

industrial growth rate and what is needed is work culture, the Minister said. Giving the welcome and keynote address Principal Secretary (Commerce & Industries) Shri L. Lakher said that the total cost of the Park is around 45 crores and has a total of 49 plots of 600 sq.mtr. each which are to be allotted to entrepreneurs. The Park has facilities like cold storage, warehouse, drainage sewerage and one effluent treatment plant. Works/CAF & PD) Minister Shri Ksh. Biren Singh also attended the function as a guest of hours respectively.

Speaking as the President of the function, Commerce & Industries Minister Shri Govindas konthoujam said that the Food Processing Park has been set up in view of the suitability of setting up of Agro-based industry in the State. Saying that there has been a notable industrial growth in the last 15 years the

One succumbed to injuries in road mishaps

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Imphal, Dec 5: One 30 years old succumbed to his injuries after a tragic accident occurred on 4 December, 2016 at around 4:30 pm at Singjamei Thokhkom Leikai. The deceased have been identified as Chongtham Premjit @ Goroba s/o (L) Chongtham Ibotombi of Chingamathak Namairkpm Leikai. The deceased Chongtham Premjit was driving one Diesel Auto Vehicle along with other 3 of his friends Papak, Priyo and Nongmaithem Boyai all from Singjamei returning from Khwairamband Keithel to Singjamei. While reaching near Imo Filling Petrol Station, diesel auto vehicle was hit by one car driving at a high speed where the diesel auto lose control and hit one i20 car parked at the road side and

roll over the road leaving driver Premjit in serious condition while the rest of his friends suffer minor injuries. Premjit was immediately rush to the Iboiyama Hospital for treatment and sited at Regional Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) for further treatment where he succumbed to his injuries today morning around 8:30 am. Papak was the actual owner of the diesel auto which was driven by deceased Premjit during the time of the incident. Premjit runs a tire workshop. The car which hit the diesel auto is still absconding without even attending the injured persons. Family members appeal the concern to catch the culprit responsible of the incident and to give punishment according to the law of the land.

Govt plans e-Payment to attain the goal of complete digitization of Government payments

PIB
New Delhi, Dec 5: In order to attain the goal of complete digitization of Government payments, the Ministry of Finance, Government of India has again reviewed the existing limit of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand only) prescribed regarding e-payment to Suppliers etc. It has now been decided to lower this threshold limit from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only). The last

review in this regard was made only in August, 2016. Accordingly, all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have been now directed by the Ministry of Finance to ensure with immediate effect that all payments above Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to suppliers, contractors, grantee/loanee institutions etc. are made by issue of payment advises only.

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Journalist assaulted by police for taking picture of queue at UBI bank

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Imphal, Dec 5: AT what could be termed as a revelation of the irregularities being going on Banks in Imphal in the aftermath of the Demonetization of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 denominations, a state journalist who captured the scene of some security personnel breaking the queue through his camera lens was beaten blues and black by the security persons. Surprisingly some of the bank staffs also reportedly assisted the police team in assaulting the journalist who was on duty. The incident happened at the United Bank of India (UBI)

located at MG Avenue. The journalist identified as B Rakesh Sharma, a reporter in Imphal Free Press was taking the picture of how the security personnel were crossing the queue in favour of a person without respecting the consumers who were waiting in line. Rakesh was allegedly called by the security personnel inside the bank and manhandled by punching at his face. Surprisingly some of the UBI staffs encourage the police personnel using abusive words to the reporter instead of intervening the police excess. Following the assault and

humiliation to state journalist who were on duty, Standing committee members of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) today convened an emergency meeting and resolved to consider the matter as a serious one. The AMWJU after discussing the matter demanded immediate punishment to the police personnel who had assaulted the reporters. The AMWJU also denounced the staffs of the United Bank of India (UBI) staffs for allowing such irregularities in their bank when people in the state are facing extreme hardship in the backdrop of the

demonetization. Report said that those security personnel who assaulted the reporter were taken into custody by a team of city police led by OC Sudhir. The three security personnel identified as Md. Nashir Khan, Th Riyaj Khan and Md Hakim were put at lock -up to precede further legal action. The three tenders apology to the AMWJU in the afternoon under the initiative of City Police OC Sudhir. AMWJU President W Shyamjai appreciated the immediate response of the city police OC but demanded legal action to the three police personnel.

NITI Aayog to provide Rs 5 lakh per district to encourage digital payment system

AIR
New Delhi, Dec 5: NITI Aayog will be immediately transferring 5 lakh rupees for every district in the country as seed money to kick start this drive. A letter has been written to district collector, commissioners and magistrates in this regard by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, who is also member of the committee to promote cashless payments.

For availing the incentive, the district collector, commissioner or magistrates would have to ensure that individuals transiting to digital payment mode should do at least two successful transactions by any of the five methods. These five modes are - Unified Payment Interface (UPI), Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD), Aadhaar Enabled Payments, e-wallets and Rupaya debit/credit/prepaid cards. According to the letter, the top ten best performing districts of India will be awarded the Digital Payment Champions of India Award by NITI Aayog/Government of India. Similarly, the 50 Panchayats which go cashless will be awarded Digital Payment Award of Honour.

Installation of X-Ray Scanner machine at Khudengthabi Check post is in the pipe line – IGAR (S)



Major general Virendra Singh, VSM, IGAR (South) posing with journalists at Mantripukhri

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Imphal, Dec 5: The Assam Rifles, which has been providing all sort of security assistance to the region, is all set to install X-Ray Scanner Machine at the Khudengthabi Check Post along Imphal-Moreh route to reduce the hardship face by civilian while checking the vehicles. This was stated by Inspector General of Assam Rifles (South) IGAR South, Major General Virendra Singh during a brief interaction with the media persons at Headquarter IGAR (South) at Mantripukhri here in Imphal. "Well, the AR is in the service of the people and in order to reduce hardship face by civilian while checking vehicles by Assam Rifles

personnel at Khudengthabi Check post, installation of X-Ray scanner machine is in the pipeline", said Major General Virendra Singh. He however said that the AR is yet to make a final decision on when to complete the installation. On the other hand, on the rumours about the AR officials posted at Khudengthabi and nearby post taking bribe for crossing illegal forest products which were smuggled from Myanmar side through Moreh, The IGAR (S) said that the matter will be look upon through proper investigation. The IGAR (S) also assured all form of assistance to the common people and said that Mobile numbers are being

provided at every post for the convenience of the common people to make any complaints. The IGAR (S) also assures full proof security and said that any harassment made to the common people will be taken seriously and those committing excess will be awarded befitting punishment as per the law of the land. This was responded in reply to a query made against the recent allegations of villagers being assaulted and manhandled at Indo Myanmar border in Chandel district after UGs attack to a convoy of 21 Para Troopers. "We have received complaints and the matter is under investigation those found harassing the common people will not be spared", he said.

Jayalalithaa Remains In Grave Situation

Chennai, Dec 5: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa remains very critical after last evening's cardiac arrest, Chennai's Apollo Hospital said in a statement not long after her party the AIADMK said that the leader had a heart surgery this morning and that she "is improving". The hospital has denied that Ms Jayalalithaa had an angio procedure and said she continues to be on an extracorporeal membrane heart assist device or ECMO, a life support system that aids heart and lung functioning. Sangita Reddy of Apollo hospital tweeted, "Despite our best efforts, our beloved CM remains in a grave situation." A team of four doctors from

Delhi's prestigious AIIMS will arrive in Chennai this evening and will join Apollo's experts treating and monitoring the chief minister. The state's Governor C Vidyasagar Rao has arrived at the hospital for his second visit since last night. He had reportedly briefed Home Minister Rajnath Singh after last night's visit and told him that law and order in the state is under control. Hundreds of Ms Jayalalithaa's supporters have been outside the hospital overnight, and the crowds are now swelling after the latest statement from doctors, with people wailing and weeping. They had been assured by the AIADMK this morning that

the chief minister was better. "There was an angio procedure this morning. Doctors say don't worry, Amma will be fine," AIADMK spokesperson CR Saraswathi had said, adding, "we are telling cadres don't worry. God is with Amma, she will come back. Definitely she will be ok." There is heavy security outside the hospital, with barricades put up. The police, on high alert, have blocked roads leading up to the hospital to avoid congestion. AIADMK lawmakers and ministers are holding an informal meeting inside the hospital, source said. Top bureaucrats are also at the hospital as are Ms

Jayalalithaa's close aides Sasikala and Sheela Balakrishnan, a former chief secretary and adviser to the chief minister. Ms Jayalalithaa was admitted at the Apollo hospital on September 22 and has been there since. Initially her party said she had dehydration and fever, but doctors later said she had an acute lung infection and was on respiratory support. For several weeks, the hospital had reported much improvement in Ms Jayalalithaa's health and said she could decide when to be discharged. Her party said she was directing important decisions and had begun speaking.