

Dr Jitendra Singh and Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurate the festival 'Destination North-East-2016'

PIB New Delhi, Feb. 12: The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh and Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the festival 'Destination North-East-2016' here today. The festival is being organised by the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER) and Ministry of Culture. The festival will showcase the inherent economic, social and cultural strength of the North East Region (NER) at the national level. While inaugurating the festival, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the North-East will be developed into a key destination for young entrepreneurs and Startups. He also said that North East festivals will be organised in Mumbai and Bangalore in the coming months. He said that direct flight from Delhi to Dimapur is a major step in making North East more accessible. The rest of India needs to be connected with North East in a meaningful way, he added. He said that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is taking keen interest in the development of North East. He also emphasised upon the need to upgrade academic institutions in the North East to provide quality education and develop the human

resource. At the inaugural function, Shri Kiren Rijiju said that the Development has nothing to do with distance and location. The growth engine is built on the aspirations of people, not location. The Chief Minister of Meghalaya Dr. Mukul Sangma said that despite the geographical constraints, there is a growth momentum taking shape in the North-East. There is a need to tap the unique and exclusive strengths of the North East, he added. He said that it is time to carry forward the momentum more aggressively. Emphasising on the role of Bamboo in the growth of the economy of the North East, he said that Bamboo, the wonder grass, can be a real game changer for the North East. The Secretary, Ministry of Tourism Shri Vinod Zutshi said that Government of India has been giving special focus on North East tourism promotion and facilitation. He said that the North East is an unexplored paradise within Incredible India.

Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER said that a collaborative platform made possible by cooperation of various Ministries and State Governments. The inauguration is being followed by sessions on Initiatives taken for Development of North-Eastern Region, Holistic Development of Tourism in the North-East - Exploring the unexplored and Opportunities for IT and ITES in the NER tomorrow. On Day-2, panel discussions will be held on enhancing scope of livelihood in North-East, Micro Finance for inclusive growth, Startup opportunities and challenges in NER, Growing up value chain from Handloom to Fabrics to Garments, need-based Skill Development and entrepreneurship promotion in NER and positioning the North-East Handicraft in the domestic and international market as a premium brand. Cultural events include North-East folk music and dance choreography, Bihu dance featuring the acclaimed Smt. Madhurima, folk medley

choreographed by Guru Madhurima Choudhury, popular rock music of North-East - performance by the Reverse Tragedy Band, Folk fusion and crossover music and Fashion Show of NIFT. Competitions for school children will also be held such as Quiz, Dance (solo & group) and Singing (Hindustani, Indian Pop, Western Pop and Classical). The three-day mega event will include theme specific

Business Summit consisting of sectors like Tourism, Agriculture, Food Processing, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, IT, Handloom & Handicrafts, Livelihood, Micro-Finance and Start ups. Destination North East will enable various Central Ministries to showcase their initiatives in North East India. The event will also have cultural programmes to showcase the rich culture and folk dances of North East India.

SEACO appeals to worship traditional deity on Feb. 12

IT News Imphal, Feb 12: South East Asia Cultural Organization (SEACO) has appealed the people of the state to worship Meitei traditional deity 'Humpu Leima Nareng Subi' - the Goddess of wisdom on February 12, the day Hindu worship Hindu God and celebrate as Swarasathi Puja. In a press statement, SEACO stated that Swarasathi Puja began during the time of King Chandrakriti on February 12, 1868. Since then the worship

of Meitei traditional deity 'Humpu Leima Nareng Subi' has been slowly neglected and the present generation has almost forgotten the Meitei traditional deity. The SEACO further added that every nation worship traditional deity for wisdom and education in their own traditional way. "Omoikane" is worship in Japan, "Minva" in Rome and similarly Manipur also have deity for education and wisdom called "Humpu Leima Nareng Subi".

Meitei Christian to maintain traditions

IT News Imphal, Feb 12: The 2nd foundation day of All Meitei Christians Art and Culture Observation Council (AMCACOC) was celebrated today. The function was held at Tribal Research Institute (TRI) with the objective of maintaining Meitei traditional art and culture even though converted in the Meitei Christian. Deputy speaker of Manipur

Legislative Assembly MK Preshaw Shimray, Asian Director JY Ministry, Founder and Advisor AMCACOC Rev. Dr.S. Paul Ibohi, MLA of Tamenglong Janghenlung Panmei, Lifetime Secretary, All Manipur Sumang Lila Council Sougrakpam Hemanta, Vice-Chairman of Film Forum Manipur Oken Amakcham graced the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.

'Name Khouabung instead of Kangvai Sub div'

IT News Imphal, Feb 12: Taking strong exception to the government decision to rename the controversial Thanglung Sub Division into Kangvai Sub

Division, Khouabung Sub Division demand Committee has urged the government of Maniur to reconsider it and urges to rename it as Khouabung Sub division.

State girl cracks IFS examination

IT News Imphal, Feb. 12: Khumanthem Diana Devi of Singjamei Top Thongam Leikai has cleared the Indian Forest Service (IFS) examination 2015.



The IFS (Main) examination 2015 was conducted by the UPSC in November and December last year, followed by Personality Test in January and February this year, after which the final results were declared. Khumanthem Diana, daughter of Ibeyaima Devi and Khumanthem Chandramoni, IG of Police and Director of Fire Service and MPTC, Manipur, secured the 9th rank.

Daina was a topper in the 2007 Board examination of the State. She also secured the highest marks in the BSc Examination 2012 (Physics honours) in Delhi University.

GNLA all set to hold peace talks with State govt

TNT Shillong, Feb. 12: The Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) expressed its willingness on Thursday to come forward for peace talks with the Meghalaya government and asked the latter to appoint an interlocutor for holding negotiations. In a press release issued in this effect, Gantong Ch Marak, publicity officer of GNLA, stated, "Let the government appoint an interlocutor and hold talks with the chairman, Champion R Sangma, if it really stands on its words."

is presently lodged in the Shillong jail. The release also mentioned that as per its constitution, the chairman represents the outfit during any negotiations with the government and, therefore, it shall abide by the decision which shall arrive out of the meeting between Champion R Sangma and the government appointed interlocutor. The release also made it clear that the outfit is willing to declare unilateral ceasefire for the greater cause of peace in the Garo Hills region. It may be noted that the Church, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and citizens' bodies have been mounting pressure on the rebel

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My previous name Leishangthem Indrakumar Singh has been changed to Indrakumar Leishangthem. The changed name will forthwith be effective and shall be used/reflected in all my academic documents, etc.

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'Govt. will not tolerate any anti-national activities in the country'

Agency New Delhi, Feb 12: Home Minister Rajnath Singh today said, Government will not tolerate any anti-national activities in the country. Speaking to a news agency, Mr Singh said, no one will be spared who raises anti-India slogans and tries to raise questions on national unity and integrity. He said, strict actions would be taken against them, who raised anti-India slogans at JNU.

The Minister said, he has given necessary instructions to Delhi Police Commissioner to enquire about the incident. Meanwhile, Delhi Police has detained Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union President Kanhaiya Kumar for questioning. Thursday, BJP MP from East Delhi Mahesh Giri had filed an FIR against the students involved in eulogizing Parliament Attack convict Afzal Guru.

PM Modi lauds achievements in the field of rural electrification

Agency New Delhi, Feb 12: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the achievements in the field of rural electrification as over five thousand villages have been covered in just six months. In a series of tweets, Mr. Modi said team India has done exceedingly well by achieving this target in around

200 days. These electrifications have been done in the villages of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Assam and Jharkhand. During his Independence Day speech last year, Prime Minister called for electrification of all the remaining over 18 thousand villages in 1000 days.

JNU students union president arrested over controversial event

PTI New Delhi, Feb 12: JNU students union president Kanhaiya Kumar was arrested today in connection with a case of sedition and criminal conspiracy over holding of an event at the prestigious institute against hanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru. The case was registered yesterday under Section of 124 A (sedition) and 120B

(criminal conspiracy) of IPC against unknown persons at Vasant Kunj (North) Police station following complaints by BJP MP Maheish Giri and ABVP. "Kanhaiya Kumar has been arrested in connection with the case," a senior police official said. Two policemen in plain clothes came to the JNU campus today and picked up Kumar for questioning. He was later arrested, sources said.

BJP felicitate newcomers

IT News Imphal, Feb. 12: National General Secy. of BJP Ram Madhav today felicitated the newly elected councillors and members of Kumbi Municipal council and Nagar Panchayat who had joined the BJP at Kumbi Market in Bishnupur District today afternoon. State BJP president Th. Chaoba and other leaders including ex-MLA Mangi who had recently joined the BJP also attended the felicitation function.

Death toll due to Swine flu rises to 27 this year in Rajasthan

Jaipur, Feb 12: In Rajasthan, with the death of two more Swine flu patients, the toll has risen to 27 this year. According to Health Department, twelve deaths have been reported from Jaipur, while four persons died to the H1N1 virus in Ajmer and two in Churu and rest are from other cities. According to health officials, 1088 samples were taken and 131 were found positive. Out of positive cases, eighty-four have been reported from Jaipur, eight from Alwar and seven from Kota while rest are from other cities.

India today continues its stunning show at 12th South Asian Games

Agency Guwahati, Feb 12: India today continued its stunning show in Shooting at the 12th South Asian Games. They swept both the 10 metre Standard Pistol individual as well as team event. In the Individual section, Neeraj Kumar bagged the Gold, with Gurpreet Singh claiming the Silver, and Mahendra Singh taking the Bronze. The trio also won Gold in the team event. Indian shooters have, now, claimed 10 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze medals in the Games. In Marathon, India took 2 Gold



and a Bronze today as the Athletics events ended. In the Men's section, Nitender Singh Rawat claimed the

coveted yellow metal, with Khetia Ram taking the Bronze. In the Women's category, Kavitha Raut clinched the top

honours. India now has 144 Gold, 79 Silver and 21 Bronze. In Kabaddi, Indian Men's team defeated Nepal, 47-23 in a group match. Tonight, in Hockey, India will take on Pakistan for the Gold medal at 8 PM. Thursday night, Indian eves had defeated Sri Lanka, 10-0 to clinch the South Asian Games' first Women's Hockey Gold medal. India will also figure in Men's and Women's medal matches in Taekwondo, besides Handball and Football.

"Endo Vascular LASER Surgery for Varicose Veins"

IT News Imphal, Feb. 12: Shija Hospitals has set another medical feat for successfully performing 5 (five) Ultrasound Guided Endo Vascular LASER Surgery for Varicose Veins (enlarged and twisted blood vessels mainly found on the legs) for the 1st time in North Eastern India. The surgeries were performed by a team of doctors led by Dr. Sidhartha Lukram, Super specialist - Consultant Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon, Shija Hospitals. The

cost of the surgery is significantly lower as compared to the cost in other major cities of India. Advantages of LASER treatment for Varicose Veins include no cutting, no stitches, thus it is painless and scarless, patients can walk immediately after the treatment, no hospitalization is required and patients can resume normal duty after 48 hrs. Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Sciences at Shija Hospitals also plans to perform Spider Naevi operation in the near future.