



Jiribam people demands to name the railway station in Manipur with local language

Mizoram CM wishes people of Manipur on Lui-Ngai-Ni

IT News
Imphal, Feb 15: Lui-Ngai-Ni, the Naga Seed Sowing Festival was celebrated at Ukhrul today. Taking part in the celebration, Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister of Mizoram addressed the gathering and thanked the United Naga Council, Members of the Presidential Council, Public leaders and Government officials for inviting him on the occasion while conveying his wishes to everyone for a prosperous New Year and a bumper harvest. Recounting the gradual increase in importance of the festival since its conception in 1986, the visiting dignitary said that the celebration is now recognized by the state government today as an important cultural festival by declaring this day as a state holiday with the Ministry of Tourism according recognition to this event in 1997. He also applauded the efforts taken by the United Naga Council for making this event an important platform for introducing the beautiful dances of Naga tribes such as the Kabui Naga Dance as well as the varied cultures to the rest of the world. Terming the festival as more than a mere seed sowing celebration, Lal Thanhawla



also described the event as an important instrument for promoting fraternity, brotherhood and mutual understanding among various communities in the state as well as an instrument for protecting our identities. He further wished for the people to continue making contributions for peace and harmony among the communities, taking note of the extraordinary individuals being produced by the tribe such as Yangmasho Shaiza, Rishang Keishing and W

Shishak. Gaidon Kamei, President, UNC, in his presidential address wishes the people on the auspicious occasion of Lui-Ngai-Ni, the Naga Seed Sowing festival celebrated during the onset of spring season to invoke the gods to bless the seeds for the crops for bountiful harvest. He also urged the Naga people to unite and remember the roots and culture as well as the moral values of honesty, hospitality and patriotism of their forefathers.

Nagaland CM is inciting hate feeling among the people of Manipur - JCIPLS

IT News
Imphal, Feb 15: Reacting sharply to the speech of Nagaland Chief Minister T Zeliang, JCIPLS today said that the Chief Minister of Nagaland is inciting hate feelings among the various ethnic people of the state. Zeliang had stated that the 3 Bills passed by the state assembly was anti tribal while delivering speech during Lui Ngai Ni festival at Ukhrul yesterday. Talking to media persons at its office at Takheleikai, Imphal today evening, convener of the JCIPLS Kh Ratan said that Nagaland chief minister Zeliang should prove how the three Bills passed by the Manipur State legislative Assembly is anti tribal. He said the three Bills passed for introduction of Inner Line Permit System in the state was due to the

aspiration of the people of the state and it has nothing to do with any political party in the state. Ratan further slammed the Nagaland Chief Minister for encroaching and interfering to the internal matter of another state. "Everybody knows that ILPS is enforcing in the state of Nagaland and why the respected Chief Minister of Nagaland is does not like the system to be enforced in the

state", Ratan lamented. He said the statement of the Nagaland Chief Minister is very unfortunate and the attempt is nothing but to incite hate feeling to the people of the state rattan said. "Mr. Zeliang simply said that the 3 Bills passed for introduction of ILPS in the state is anti tribal but he never pointed out where are the points that is anti tribal",

Ratan added. He further said that the Bills for introduction of ILPS is for the protection of the indigenous community of the region, it is for the safety of the tribal people and all indigenous people of the region. He also added that the JCIPLS will continue its agitation until the demand of the people is fulfilled by the India government.

Govt. teacher found "signed" in attendance register without attending school

IT News
Imphal, Feb 15: Democratic student's alliance of Manipur (DESAM) today urged Education department to take stern action against government teachers who signed in attendance register without attending the school. The student body takes the matter dead serious as many teachers in government

schools were found abstaining from their classes even though they had signed in the attendance record. Speaking to the media persons at its head office at keishampat, Aheibam Anand, vice president, DESAM said that their volunteers had come across an assistant teacher identified as one Tikendrajit of Cheirang High School in Thoubal district

absent from the school but signed present in the attendance record. "The teacher had signed including Sunday in the attendance sheet upto February 28", the DESAM Vice President said. Aheibam Anand also blamed the principal of the School identified as Joykumar for not able to keep the attendance registrar in his custody.

Husband stabs wife to death

IT News
Imphal, Feb 15: A 36 years old person stabbed his wife to death following an altercation late yesterday evening at Chengkhu village in Chandel district under Chandel Police station. The deceased wife is identified as Bemnu Baite, about 31 years old and the accused husband has been identified as Kanhring Thapa (about 36 years old), son of Purne Thapa. They have been staying at the village temporarily since some years ago along with their 3 children. The incident reportedly happened at around 9.30 pm



yesterday. Soon after the incident villagers of the area overpowered the accused husband and handed him over to Chandel police. Early today morning the villagers demolished the house of the accused as

according to the customary law of Anal community. The accused Kanhring Thapa is in police custody while the deceased wife has been handed over to relatives after conducting post mortem at JNIMS today.

MNRF claims

IT News
Imphal, Feb 15: Manipur Naga Revolutionary front has claimed responsibility to yesterday blast near Litan. In a press statement the outfit said that the blast was triggered to attack the 41 AR convoy

Improving education sector is my top priority – Th. Lokeshwar

IT News
Imphal, Feb 15: Speaker of Manipur legislative Assembly, Th. Lokeshwar warns serious action against govt. teachers who are found abstaining from their duty. Speaking during the inauguration function of newly constructed school building at Cosmopolitan high school, Chingkhu Imphal east under SSA on Sunday, Lokeshwar said that future of the nation depend on the teachers. He said education sector is his top priority area and he will do everything to improve the education system in the state particularly in Khundrakpam assembly constituency. "I will spend 90% of my LADF for improvement of education sector", Lokeshwar said. He further added that he will starting surprise inspection visit at schools in Khundrakpam Assembly constituency along with the Director education and during the visit if any teachers are found abstaining from their duty they will be awarded with befitting punishment. While appealing the people to jointly work for improvement in education sector, Lokeshwar said that both the parents and the teacher have

equal responsibility in improving the education sector. "Government alone cannot improve the education sector without the support of parents and teachers", Lokeshwar. He further said that government is taking up various schemes like SSA, RMSA to improve and impart education to all the children in the country given the fact that development of the country lies with education.

However, people of the state are not ready to take the benefit of the schemes. Parents are sending their children to private schools paying huge fees. When the people, government and teachers work co-operatively, government schools in the state will be developed, he added. O. Nabakishor Singh IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur and N. Praveen Singh Director Education (S) also attended the function.

Newly built suspension bridge across Sekmai River inaugurated

IT News
Kakching, Feb 15: MLA Surchandra today inaugurated a newly constructed suspension bridge built across Sekmai river between Kakching Wairi Senapati leikai and Kakching Chumnam leikai. The bridge known as Sena Suspension bridge is reconstructed with contribution from the people of the area after it was washed away during last year floods in July. MLA Md. Fajur Rahim and Councillor of Kakching



Municipal Council – N Memi and P Sanahambi also accompanied Y. Surchandra while inaugurating the bridge. Speaking on the occasion MLA Y Surchandra appealed the people not to hindered or give any obstacle while taking up

development works of the people. He said all good works should be encouraged. MLA Md. Fajur Rahim while speaking on the occasion assured to urge the Chief Minister to upgrade the bridge into RCC Bridge.

organised by Manipur Equestrian Association and sponsored by Assam Rifles at Mapal Kangjeibong. The General officer was accorded a warm welcome in a traditional manner. Brigadier V T Mathew, Commander, 9 Sector Assam Rifles, Brigadier JS Bainsla along with Dr S Joykumar Singh, President Manipur Equestrian Association and Dr KSH Chourajit Singh, President Manipuri Pony Society were also present on the occasion to grace the event. Speaking on the occasion Major General VS Sreenivas, VSM **, IG, Assam Rifles (South) on last day of the ongoing 13th edition of State Level Equestrian Championship & 7th Junior Equestrian Championship

Equestrian Association and Dr KSH Chourajit Singh, President Manipuri Pony Society were also present on the occasion to grace the event. Speaking on the occasion Major General VS Sreenivas, VSM** said that the "Sentinel Cup State Equestrian Championship and IG AR (South) Junior Equestrian Championship" is an annual tribute and platform for the brilliant sporting talent of Manipur. It is an endeavour of Assam Rifles to engage and provide motivation for the Equestrian enthusiasts of Manipur on this grand stage. This event also underlines Assam Rifles thrust to save the endangered Manipuri Pony. The whole ceremony was full of pomp and splendour but the cynosure of the ceremony were the Senior Tent Pegging, Show Jumping Cultural and exhibition match of Sagol Kangjei (Traditional Manipuri Polo) which received accolades from the gathering on their performances.

Administrative mess demotivating boxers: Mary Kom

PTI
Shillong, Feb. 15: Concerned about the administrative logjam in Indian boxing, Olympic bronze-medallist M C Mary Kom today said future seems dark for the country's pugilists, who are losing motivation to train. India does not have a national federation after the International Boxing Association (AIBA) terminated Boxing India last year. The sport is being administered by an ad-hoc committee. The five-time world champion hoped the administrators would put their house in order before the much-anticipated Rio Olympics in August this year. "Yes, they (the boxers) are all demotivated. There's no competition, so it's very frustrating. Whatever effort they're putting is of no use. They're being patient enough but the future is dark for them without any competition. If there's no National Championship, we won't have any new boxers that means no hope for future. Future will be dark," Mary Kom told PTI. "For seniors at least this South Asian Games have come up and the qualification (Zonal Olympic qualifiers in Qian) an next month) is coming up. That's why we're trying hard. Or else it will just be

reduced to 'time-pass'," she quipped. However, Mary Kom strongly believed the sport won't die. "It won't die but they're suffering. They will not go immediately change their game. Every athlete will be happy if the family is in order." Asked whether she's upset, Mary Kom said: "Why should I? It's not my problem, I'm doing my duty to qualify for Olympics. Not getting exposure is not my problem." Mary Kom has a new team provided by the Olympic Gold Quest in coach Chhotu Lal Yadav, senior physiotherapist Poomima Raman Ngomdir and sports science expert Nikhil Late and she expressed confidence that she would qualify soon. "This team has a lot of experience. We're much better prepared now. We're doing the same, it's tough no doubt. But we're doing our best to better my performance. My husband (K Onler Kom) is giving me full support without whom it's difficult," Mary Kom said. The flyweight boxer said she's training with taller men in higher weight categories to prepare in a better way. "I've experience, it's all about training with different partners.

I'm training with the boys who are heavier and taller than me. I'm preparing at a higher level so that I can handle things easily in an actual competition," she said. The celebrated Manipuri, however, refused to predict on whether she would make the Olympic cut in the upcoming qualifiers. "Boxing is so unpredictable. Personally I don't believe in saying I will win or not. Yes I'm confident but not over confident. For example, it might become easy or difficult for me in the end. "Everyone is doing their best and trying to do better. You will just see in the ring. You will have to wait for the final bout then you would know what I'm doing or not doing. You should never take any opponent easily," she said. Mary Kom, who had announced that Rio Olympics would be her last, said she might think reconsider depending on how things pan out. "Rio should be my last but I will see after the Olympics. I will concentrate on coaching at the Academy. We're only waiting for the inauguration. I will take a break for one or two years. I may reconsider if 2020 will have more categories. You never know," she signed off.