



Demand for Highway Protection Force echoed on 27th Drivers' Day Observation

IT News
Imphal, Jan 14: Offering floral tributes to the photos of drivers who had lost their lives in many heart-felt incidents and honouring and felicitating the retired drivers and drivers who have become handicapped, marked the 27th Drivers' Day Observation today at various places of Manipur. Main function of today's Drivers' Day was held at Langjing Achouba Truck Parking ground under the aegis of All Manipur Road Transport Drivers' and Motor Workers' Union (AMRTD&MWU). Social Welfare and Co-Operation Minister, Ak Mirabai Devi, All India Trade Union Congress, Manipur State President

and AITUC National Vice-President and Ex Minister, Dr Moirangthem Nara, AMRTD and MWU President, S Manglem Singh, Director TPT, Transport, Haobam Rosita Devi (IAS), Deputy Labour Commissioner, Government of Manipur, E Tomba Singh, IGP, CRPF of Manipur and Nagaland Sector, Imphal-Manipur, Social Worker, O Henry Singh were chaired as the guests of today's function and many High Officials of the State and extended State also attended the observance function of the drivers' day. Speaking at the observance function at Langjing Achouba Truck Parking, Social Welfare and Co-Operation Minister, Ak Mirabai Devi said that people including the ministers, MLA high ranking officials cannot survive for long, if the drivers stop bringing in the items. The roles of the drivers are very big as they have performed their duty without depending on the season, rain or cold, whether it is day or night, she added. Mirabai further asserts that drivers are the brain of the people and they are higher than any high level officials. They have performed their duties amidst dreadful consequences. Mirabai seeks co-operation

of all concerned in the days to come from the public and assured full support from her side in the coming days. The Social Welfare Minister also donated monetary help to the Union. Addressing the function, Moirangthem Nara, All India Trade Union Congress, Manipur State President and AITUC National Vice-President and Ex Minister expressed the role of drivers and helpers who have played a major role in serving the public. He said they deserve honour and respect from all. Looking at the coming budget session, possibly

by March, members AITUC, AMRTD and MWU will meet the leaders of the state to discuss about the Highway Protection Force, Nara asserted in his today's speech. A free health check up was also jointly organized by CMO IM and AMRTD and MWU during the observation of Drivers' day. Drivers' Day was also observed at Kwakeithel Thounaojam Leikai Community Hall organized by the Tiddim Road Drivers Union where CMT SP Maibam Rajbhar, OC BPR B Rishikesh Sharma, L Radhamohan Sharma and many known persons attended the function.

State government less concern about road safety – MCC

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Imphal, Jan 14: Manipur Cycle club (MCC) has expressed strong dissatisfaction over state government attitude towards commuters in Imphal city area. In a statement the MCC said that the 27th Road Safety Week 2016 with the Theme: Time for Action is being celebrated from January 10 to January 16. Like in all states, the government of Manipur also organized several events to mark this occasion. Safety of all commuters, particularly those who walk and cycle is a far cry particularly in the twin city of Imphal East and West.

"The cycling community in Imphal feels that the Department and the government seem care less for those who take cycling by choice or by circumstances. There seems to be no safety on the road for no one. Those who walk and those who cycle are left to their own fate while all focus is on facilitating cars and motorbikes. Democratize the road space is the need of the hour. School Children, elders and differently abled and those who walk and cycle are left out from the current road

design and management", the MCC statement lamented. It also added that the road side parking have eaten up the little road margin used by cyclist and this has exposed cyclists to fast moving vehicles. MCC urged the department to do away with road side parkings, for the reasons that not only cars and motor bike owners are educated of the mess and risk they are creating to the city but also that owning vehicle does not necessarily entitle them of parkings.

A Sarda Devi extended monetary help to Journalist Jiten

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Imphal, Jan 14: National vice president of Mahila Morcha BJP, A Sarda Devi today extended monetary assistance to Sr. Reporter of Sangai Express daily, Athokpam Jiten Singh who is presently undergoing treatment at JNIMS after January 11 evening incident at Keishamthong, Jiten, who is also the publicity secretary of All Manipur Working Journalists' Union sustained serious injury at lower and upper jaw after a he along with 3 other journalists were attacked by a person identified as M Dujon and his gang on January 11 at around 9.30 pm. A Sarda Devi handed over a sum of rupees 2000 to Jiten

and his family at JNIMS hospital. She was accompanied by N. Itomba Meetei, Pramukh Imphal East also councillor and Heinohollen, President, BJP Sadar Hills. Bothe Itomba and Heinohollen also extended monetary assistance of rupees 2000 and 500 respectively to the injured journalist. Speaking to reporters Sarda Devi said that such incident of assaulting journalist is not a sign of development. She recalled on the need to respect the journalists' fraternity as they have been serving days and night risking their life for the welfare of the people of this region.

Karate representative

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Imphal, Jan 14: Sports Karate Association of Manipur (SKAM) congratulates General Secretary and Chief Director of SKAM Ch. Premchandra Singh for his appointment as Indian representative for International Kyokushinkai Karate Federation (NKFI) by Kancho Teyub Azizov. Ch. Premchandra Singh will lead Indian team in the IKKF-Asian Karate Championships-2016 which is scheduled on March 4th at Astara, Gilan Province, Iran and IKKF-World Karate Championship which is scheduled on 15th to 17th April at Semih Spor Kompleksi, Bayrampasa Istanbul, Turkey.

Abandoned minor girl

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Imphal, Jan 14: A 13 years old minor girl, identified as Baby Bindia, aged about 13 years, daughter of Chourjith Singh who was found abandoned at Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal, Imphal East is presently given care and protection at Punya Shelter Home for girls, Thangmeiband Yumnam Leikai Imphal West. A statement of District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Imphal East said that a case has been taken up as per order Child Welfare Committee, Imphal East (Misc. Matter no. CWC IE/Adoption/2015-16/001) and the child is taken as abandoned child. The statement further stated that whoever wants to know the whereabouts of the child and claim her may, by furnishing the relevant document, may contact to District Child Protection Unit, Imphal East, Bal Bhavan, Khuman Lampak or Child Welfare Committee, Imphal East, Wangkhei Ayangpalli Road or the Superintendent, Punya Shelter for girls-8413868980.

JCILPS extends helping hand to quake victims

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Noney, Jan.14: Fearing unwanted consequences villagers of the most affected Kabui Khullen part I in the recent drastic tremor was compelled to shift to a safer place. BT Luliangmang, Customary Court Judge of the village expressed his sorrow and pains face by them due to the unfortunate situation that forced them to leave their beloved place which was once named by King Khagemba himself during 14 Century B.C.

Luliangmang shared this to a team of Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System, Manipur who visited the place with relief materials yesterday. During the visit, BT Athon, Village Chairman informed the team that the tremor had cracked the Earth crust 30 Km long deep and there is crack of over a kilometer long on earth surface. He said villagers are frightened as the portion might falls any time. Informing media about the horrible road condition, he

said since the 30 km long road connecting Noney sub division has no provision for motor vehicle transport, villagers including small children had to walk down all the way. The drastic tremor which jolted on January 4 left the village a deserted look as the villagers sheltered at the relief camps. Currently over 300 victims are taking shelter in 2 relief camps open there. The tremor has damaged over 1000 houses in the Tamenglong district.

Friendship festival at Ijeirong Village strengthens bondage between various communities of Manipur

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Imphal, Jan 14: With a view to fostering Peace and Friendship between various communities in Manipur through the medium of culture and sport, a Friendship Festival was held at Ijeirong Village, in Tamenglong district from January 6 to 10. The festival was attended by hundreds of persons from the District and Imphal besides other places in Manipur. A few visitors arrived from as far away as Bangalore and Mumbai. During the festival, which was

much akin to a village fair, traditional games such as Taren Kaloi and Tampaang Kapnu took the pride of place in addition there was much fun and frolic through other competitions between numerous participating villages such as football, choir singing, tug of water and sack fights. To showcase the traditional culture, most villagers were invited to wear traditional dresses only. There were also stalls of handicrafts, food and games. Where communication between conflicting parties

fails, music is an ideal vehicle in fostering brotherhood. Noted state artists such as Kaiku, Sadananda and Reuben Mashangya regaled the audience on the last two days of the Festival. For many villagers it was a dream come true to see their heroes in real life. Impressed by beautiful Ijeirong nestled among the rolling hills and the warm hospitality, Kaiku even expressed his desire to spend a few days at the villages. A youth group from Kangchup Songlung Village presented a Kuki dance and

several songs while talented children from Happiness Home Churachandpur enthralled the crowd with a Cheraw dance. A troupe from Thoubal presented excellent performances of Pung Cholom and Thang Ta. For many, it was the first experience of these cultural performances of other communities. The Festival was supported by Tourism and Arts and Culture Departments of Govt of Manipur. As a part of the festival, Dr. Th. Chandramani Singh, Co-

ordinator cum Project Director, Kurkam Memorial Research Centre for Tribal & Endangered Language, South-East Manipur College, Komlathabi Chandel District disclosed that a Centre for Endangered Languages be open at Ijeirong Village. Amos Inka of the Ijeirong Village will be the in-charge of the said Centre. The theme of the Centre will be to preserve, promote, enrich and revitalization of the endangered languages spoken in and around the Tamenglong District

Shumang Lila (Courtyard Play) in Tribal dialects: A case study

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Shumang Lila (Courtyard Play) is both an art and a mass media for the Manipuris. A group of artists perform the play at a venue surrounded by spectators from all sides. The area of performance ranges from 13 square feet to 20 square feet. Except for a small passage (from the dressing room/green room to the stage/platform) for the approach of the artists/characters, all the spaces are filled with audience. Usually, there is a demarcation between the male side and

the female side among the space for spectators. Dressing Room /Green Room which is known as "Lila Sempnam" is just a few meters away from the stage/platform preferably on the south-western side of the platform. As the name depicts, a courtyard (Shumang) is usually the venue of this play. However, due to non-availability of sufficient space as courtyards nowadays, the Shumang Lila is also performed in other lawns or public grounds which can accommodate huge audience. Shumang Lila

performance is done by both the **Male Group** and the **Female group**. The male Shumang lila groups are more popular and liked by the audience. In male Shumang lila group, males perform both the male and the female roles. However in female Shumang Lila group, females take the role of both males and the females. The males taking the roles of females (Nupi Sabi) are a unique characteristic of the Shumang Lila. Shumang Lila is constructed on a variety of themes – family relationships, socio-political issues, historical

and legendary events, so on and so forth. There are plays where song sequences and dances are added to the play for entertaining the audience. Playback singers and musicians are accommodated at a small space beside the stage amidst the audience. Interestingly, male singer sings in female vocal. Shumang Lila is the most popular traditional media in Manipur. The artistic skills and intelligence needed for a Shumang Lila artist have no parallel with the other performing art forms. In terms of effectiveness and artistic values, it is considered highly

superior to the Bengal's Jatra, Gujarat's Bhavai, Maharashtra's Tamasha, Karnataka's Yakshagana and Nautankie of northern Indian states. For years, Shumang Lila has been serving as society's mirror and educating native peoples with useful messages pertaining to a variety of themes. Shumang Lila can educate the contemporary people. It remains the only indigenous medium that can counter the negative impacts of new media like the satellite cable networks and Bollywood films. (Contd. on page 2)

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NOTIFICATION
Imphal, the 8th January, 2016

No. 1/44/Appt. Gr. III/JNIMS/10(Pt. II):- In continuation of this Institute Advertisement of even no. dated 3rd November, 2015 the interview for the post of 2(two) ECG Technician 1-UR, 1-ST shall be held on 18th January 2016 in the office chamber of Director, JNIMS from 1pm onwards. List of eligible candidates may be seen from the notice board of A-Block, JNIMS. Further, all candidates are hereby informed to be present at the above mentioned date and time along with original certificates, compulsorily without fail.

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(Prof. L. Deben Singh)
Director, JNIMS