

Manipur's Sushila to lead National hockey team to Rio Olympic



IT News
Imphal, July 12: Pukhrambam Sushila Chanu of Manipur is leading the Indian Women's hockey squad to Rio Olympics. The 24-year-old defender would lead the national squad as team captain. The selection board has also named another woman from the state, Thokchom Anuradha Devi (Forward) to the Indian women's hockey team for Rio Olympic. India's 16-member both men and women squads for Rio Olympics was announced on today afternoon in New Delhi by President of Hockey India, Narinder Batra. This is the first time a Manipuri woman leads the Indian hockey team to Olympic. In the Men's Hockey team, two more Manipuri lads Khadangbam Kothajit Singh (defender) and Kangujam Chinglensana Singh (midfielder) have been included. The women team is placed in Group B with Argentina, Australia, Great Britain, Japan and United States, while the men's team is also placed in Group B with Argentina, Canada, Germany, Ireland and Netherlands.

Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts initiating radical changes for efficient administration

IT News
Imphal, July 12: Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts has initiated "Compilation of FORMS of government of Manipur" commonly used by various departments under the state government. The compilation will facilitate better financial understandings, checks and balances in all the departments under the state government including Pension, National Pension Scheme, Terminal Benefit Rules, Electronic payment, DDO Code, GIS, HRA, SCA, CPIS/MGEL, Encashment Permission, Manipur FRBM, Manipur Public Servant's Persona Liability Act., GPF,

Travelling Allowance, Medical reimbursement, Compassionate Appointment etc-stated the official of Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts while addressing media persons as part of the series of press conferences organised by DIPR today at its office complex. The official further stated that delay in pension after the retirement of an employee is due to the inability of the official of the department to decide which form/s should be filled so such problem will be removed with the completion and implementation of the project which will allow pensioners to avail their pension.

The official further said that the Department of Treasuries has now been fully computerised since the year 2005-2006 with the funding of 11th Finance Commission. Manipur is the only state in the North East where pension preparation is done by the treasuries while in other states it has been handed over to the bank. At present around 48,000 pensioners/family pensioners exist in the state. The official further said that all pension payment orders (PPOs) have been kept using locker system and also other records are kept using optimiser from January 2010 onward.

2-day Nagaland Legislative Assembly session begins; adjourned in 15 min

IT News
Imphal, July 12: Opening session of the 12th session of the 12th Nagaland Legislative Assembly Nagaland Legislative Assembly that begins today at 9.30 am had been adjourned at 9.45 am. During the 15-minutes session, the Assembly moved for amendment of increment to salaries, allowances, other facilities of Chief Minister, other Ministers, Speaker, Leader of Opposition, Deputy Speaker and other Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Parliamentary Secretaries and pension for ex-Members, Parliamentary Secretaries and pension for ex-Members, Parliamentary Affairs Minister. According to the new amendment, Rs 18,87,60,000

will be spent annually on salaries and other allowances of Chief Minister, Ministers, P.Ss, MLAs, ex-MLAs, Ex-IMB, etc. in Nagaland. The total financial implication for the revision of The Nagaland Salaries, Allowances, Other Facilities of Chief Minister, other Ministers, Speaker, Leader of Opposition, Deputy Speaker and other Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly/Parliamentary Secretaries and pension for Ex-Members 2005 (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2006 will be Rs 60,85,000/- (Sixty lakh eighty thousand). The financial implication for Ex-Members which has been raised in tune with the Ex-IBM have a higher financial

implication of Rs 70,50,000 (Seventy lakh fifty thousand) and family pension of Rs 26,10,000 (Twenty-six lakh ten thousand) per month, according to report by NEPS. It also added that the total financial implication of both the existing and Ex-Members including Family Pension will be Rs 1,57,30,000/- (One crore fifty-seven lakh thirty thousand) per month and Rs 18,87,60,000/- (Eighteen crore eighty-seven lakh sixty thousand) per annum. It is reported that after seeing Members leaving the house, some pressmen, who reached Assembly Complex by 9:40 am to attend the Session were found wondering if there was no Session today.

Mass Rally condemn blasts at Senapati DC office complex

IT News
Imphal, July 12: Locals of Senapati District today staged a mass rally condemning the bomb blast inside the Deputy Commissioner's office complex of Senapati, Manipur on Monday night. The mass rally began from around 9 am today morning

from Senapati Mini Stadium and continued till Senapati District Council office complex. Later, more than 2000 locals took part at a public meeting organised at the Senapati Mini Stadium from where the mass rally was kicked off. It is known that the IED blast

occurred at the ground floor inside the office room of the planning section of DC office main building where no one was injured except for some damage to the wall and windowpanes of the building. Meanwhile, NSCN (K) Shepoumarath Region has already claimed responsibility for the blast as the last warning to the Deputy Commissioner and her co-coordinating officers for not meeting their demand that had been neglected for so long against the Government who sacrificed their lives for the sacred cause of the Naga sovereignty.

Nagaland's "Lokayukta" Bill will not come into reality soon

NEPS
Kohima, July 12: The hope of getting "The Nagaland Lokayukta Bill, 2005" has been dashed after Levi Rengma, Parliamentary Secretary and Chairman of the Select Committee on the Bill has moved in the Assembly today for the extension of tenure of their "Select Committee" for another six months. The Select Committee has to present their Report within six months and table it in the Assembly. In fact, Governor PB Acharya was fumed at the delay of the passing of the Bill which, if passed, will check alleged rampant corruption, backdoor

appointments in government departments and irregularities in implementation of schemes. Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang introduced the Nagaland Lokayukta Bill 2015 in last year Assembly Session. The "Lokayukta" is an "Anti-Corruption authority" empowered to investigate into allegations of corruptions against public functionaries and

related matters. It is a quasi-judicial body, which would act as a watchdog to pinpoint corrupt activities of the administration, look into complaints of the victims of corrupt elements and recommend measures to improve the efficiency of the Government. The people of Nagaland will not see their "Lokayukta" coming into reality so soon.

5 days farmers' training programme begins

IT News
Thoubal, July 12: A five-day training programme for farmers begins today at the Educational Enhancement Organisation (EEO) hall today. The five days training programme is being organised jointly by the Rural Auxiliary for People's Action (RAPA), Wanging-Lamding, Central Institute of Horticulture (CIH), Department of Agriculture & Corporation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, Medziphema, Dimapur, Nagaland. The inaugural programme was

attended by Sagolsem Santi Devi, Councillor, Wanging-Lamding Municipal Council Ward No 2, Thokchom Binoy Singh, President Foundation for Healthy People's Manipur/ Vice-President, Rural Auxiliary for People's Action, Ksh. Bichandra Singh, District Officer, Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Thoubal and Ms. Shisarenla Aier, Training In-Charge CIH Medziphema, Dimapur as Chief guest, President, Guest of honour and Special guest. Around 100 farmers are participating in the programme.

Meghalaya Police attempts to strike cord with civil societies for better policing

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Tura, July 12: Meghalaya police had yesterday made an attempt to strike a cord with civil societies and church organisations for better policing and reinstate confidence in the minds of the people. The interactive meeting led by DIG (Western Range) S.S. Kynjing laid its thrust on suggestions and corrective ways for enabling police - public relation. It was attended by prominent civil organisations like Garo Students Union (GSU), Association for Democracy and Empowerment (ADE), among others. At the meeting different issues were discussed including the new "no parking zone" in Tura town, which has posed several challenges to the public. In absence of adequate parking space in prominent market

places like - Ringrey, Hawakhana and Araimile, the NGOs suggested that a regulated timetable in managed to ease the problem. They also suggested creation of new parking space. Apart from day to day problems confronting the citizens, the NGOs sought attention on speedy release of rehabilitation package for surrendered cadres of different outfits including those of the disband militant outfits. In the meeting, Kynjing sought for people, religious leaders and social organizations to play a proactive role in taking Garo hills forward on the path to peace and development. Superintendent of police West Garo Hills Mukesh Singh said that interaction with various stakeholders was important to create a bonding between police and civil societies.

Protest against construction of power station at school campus enters 2nd day

IT News
Imphal, July 12: Sit-in protest demonstration against the construction of sub-power station at the school campus of Yairipok (Aided) High School and Yairipok Government High School by students of the schools enters 2nd day today. The students have been opposing the construction of the power sub-station at their school campus. Student agitators said that if the concerned authority fails to head to their demand, they

would intensify their agitation by launching different forms of agitations in association with different students' bodies and civil society organisations of the state. Student representatives of the two schools also submitted memorandum to MLA of Wangkhem A/C, K Megachandra and submitted a memorandum demanding immediate intervention to the construction of the power sub-station inside the school campus.

PM Modi, are you pakka Indian?

By : Bupenda Ningombam
EAM Sushma Swaraj has apologised for an act whose control is not under her ministry while PM Modi and the minister concerned, Home Minister Rajnath, are maintaining a stoic silence. Under which IPC, a criminal offence case can be filed for racism committed against a non - ST indigenous people, having Mongoloid features, of the North East India? If he or she belongs to ST/SC, then there is an act to safeguard ST/SC but for OBCs or Unreserved category of indigenous people of the North East India, there is no law, as yet, in India to protect and safeguard OBCs/UR people of the North East India from racism? So, how can a racial act be said to have been committed in a court of law when there is nothing in IPC to book a criminal under anti

- racial act of India? When will Parliament enact an anti - racial act of India? I can also make a mockery of PM Modi asking him, "PM Modi, you look like a Pakistani. Are you a pakka Indian? Do you know all the capitals of the North East India if you are an Indian?" in front of a public gathering. The point is, PM Modi may charge me that I have racially discriminated him. But, under which IPC, can PM Modi file a criminal case against me and lodge an FIR in a nearest police station against me? The legal point is: PM Modi is neither ST nor SC, he is in OBC. Can an OBC PM Modi file a racial attack case against anyone who is perceived and considered to have committed an act of racial attack on him in India? Will PM Modi be contended if I tender my apology for my Pakistani remark against him?

Nagaland Legislative Assembly: No Opposition, no sound

By: Oken Jeet Sandham
Kohima : TR Zeliang's historic winning of the "Vote of Confidence" of his Government has completed almost one-and-half years. He moved the "Confidence Motion" of his Government when 22 NPF dissident legislators led by G Kaito Aye threw an unprecedented challenge to his leadership in the NPF legislature party. The NPF had 38 legislators then and after 22 legislators challenging his leadership, he was sent into a complete defenselessness. But he survived the first political storm because NPF President Dr. Shurhozelie had swiftly

placed seven of them including Aye under suspension. Soon, the beleaguered DAN Chief Minister turned the game of the NPF legislature leadership crisis into DAN Government crisis. The dissident NPF legislators criticized the move saying that they only challenged his leadership in the NPF legislature party. Interestingly, the dissident NPF legislators along with State's two MPs had even paraded in front of Governor, PB Acharya, in Kohima Raj Bhavan. Unfortunately, the State Government was kept in suspense for about a month

as almost all the institutions in the State were completely paralyzed following two groups - one led by Zeliang and the other by Aye - camping at de Oriental Hotel, Kohima and at Sovima, 7th Mile, Dimapur respectively. The worse sufferers were the common men. Acharya was finding difficulty as he could not interfere in a political party crisis while on the other, Zeliang managed to exhibit that all the legislators including eight Opposition Congress legislators in the State except that 22 dissident NPF legislators were on his side. And with all these unprecedented strange

bedfellows, he was trying to shift his political battle from the NPF turf to the Assembly by smartly working on to move a "Confidence Motion" of his seven-month-old Government. On 9 January 2015, Zeliang met Acharya with a proposal for the summoning of a Special Session of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for a "Confidence Motion" of his seven-month-old Government. Since no reply was forthcoming from the Governor, he had a "Cabinet Meeting" on 15 January 2015 and forwarded a recommendation for summoning a Special Session

of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for a "Trial of Strength" of his government on 20 January 2015. This recommendation had literally sealed the Governor from seeking another route to delay his action. He (Governor) finally summoned a "Special Session" of Nagaland Legislative Assembly on February 5, 2015, for a "Trial of Strength" of Zeliang Ministry in Nagaland. But this writer told Zeliang prior to the "Trial of Strength" of his Ministry that the dissident NPF legislators would never vote against it (Confidence Motion). (Contd. on page 2)