

Social Welfare Minister AK Mirabai inaugurating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observance



PCI team to visit Imphal

IT News Imphal, June 26: A three member team of the Press Council of India is visiting Imphal to take stock of the condition of the journalist fraternity working in the state of Manipur.

All Manipur Working Journalists' Union President, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai while speaking to reporters said that the 3 member team comprising of Amarnath, member PCI, Rajendra Kumar, member PCI and Nayak member PCI will be visiting the state on July 4. The PCI team will be meeting the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary and other high officials of the state government during their stay in Imphal.

Syamjai said that the PCI team is expected to take stock of the various threat to media houses as well as journalists of the state.

"Since the last many years media community in the state has been facing lot of disturbances from different sections, there were incidence

of journalists facing bomb threats, gun fire at media houses and threatening of journalists in the state", Shyamjai said. The AMWJU also recount the incidents at which seven working journalist have been killed by either the UGs or the state force during various incidents occurred between June 30, 1993 to December 23, 2012.

The visit is in response to the complaints made from the state journalists against the various kind of threats received by the state journalists. Shyamjai further appealed to all members of AMWJU to take part at the receiving ceremony of the PCI team on July 4.

Meanwhile, Shyamjai said that AMWJU will stop distributing rice to its members due to the implementation of Food Security Act since April 2016.

Either being ridiculed or acting intentionally, CM skips cracks portion of Shopping Complex at Thoubal during inspection

IT News Imphal, June 26: Officials of state Public Works Department (PWD), Govt. of Manipur today showed the mended portion of the tilted double-storied shopping complex at Thoubal Wangmataba to Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh who personally went for inspecting the complex today morning. It is not clear whether the Chief Minister is being ridiculed or acting intentionally, but he was not taken to take stock of the crack portion appeared in the middle of the double-storied building. The PWD officials led by one SE identified as N. Subash showed him the mended portion of the building only. The official was heard telling the Chief Minister that there

is no danger foresee in the building in the coming days. Explaining on why the crack appeared some two days ago at the front portion, the PWD official took excuse of the heavy vehicle (loaded truck) which frequently pass the way for renovation works currently undergoing at Ima Panthoibi Temple complex which is located at some few metres away at the southern side of the building. Later, the PWD official stated that the tilted portion can be supported by constructing pillar from the other end and making it as frame. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi was accompanied by the DC Thoubal, SP Thoubal and Chairperson of the Thoubal Municipal Council. Interestingly, the building of



the Thoubal Municipal Council (TMC) which is located close to the market complex was also equally notice in endangered condition in the last two days. But, no heavy vehicles pass along the route. "How could the passing of the

heavy vehicles a reason for the development when the same is happening at the other building where heavy vehicles don't pass?" a local said to media persons. This reporter also witnessed no presence of any representatives from the

Simplex Company which had officially constructed the market complex. The crack portion appeared on the ground was reportedly mended only yesterday evening as this reporter have photo evidence of the market shed taken late afternoon.

BJP MLA join ILPS demand protest at Thangmeiband

IT News Imphal, June 26: Thangmeiband Kendra development Organisation today staged a protest demonstration demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in the state as well as lifting of the wanted tag levelled against former JCILPS leader Kh Ratan. BJP MLA Khumukcham Joykishan, also took part in the sin-in demonstration held at Khuyathong Polem leikai which begin from around 9 am today morning. Speaking to media persons, Khumukcham Joykishan while speaking to media persons said that the announcement of the

wanted to former JCILPS convenor Kh Ratan without following the law of the land is a challenge to all the people of the state. He said even after there are reports about the photo that went viral on social media to be a morphed one the government still did not listen to the voice of the people. The motive is clear, government wanted to mislead the people's movement by declaring Kh Ratan as wanted. Joykishan further appealed the government to find an amicable solution to the differences between the civil society based at Churachandpur and the JCILPS. He also appealed the government to let the people

of both the Hill and plain knows about the new propose ILPS Bill at which the President of India has withheld. Meanwhile, large number of JCILPS supporters today staged protest demonstration at various places in Imphal East including Thambalkhong, Kongba, khongman Mangjil and Singjamei. The supporters used placards demanding lifting of wanted tag from Kh Ratan and also introduction of the ILPS in the state. Later, the protestors also form human chain disturbing traffic at their respective places and shouted slogans for implementation of ILPS in the state.

CADA observes International day against drugs abuse and illicit trafficking

IT News Imphal, June 26: Social welfare Minister Ak Mirabai today appealed CSOs, NGOs and concern department to jointly work out for a state policy to eradicate drug problem in the state. Speaking during International day against drugs abuse and illicit trafficking observance held at GM Hall Imphal organised jointly by Coalition Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) and Department of Social Welfare, AK Mirabai said that unless the state government in association with the CSOs or the NGOs to find out a concrete policy

or planning, observing the day will not help fighting the drug menace in the state. She said 19 NGOs are working in all the 9 district to the state to prevent illicit drug and alcohol usage in coordination with the state government machineries. The rapid increase in the access of social networking site and cell phone by immature children has been pointed out as one among the cause for the increase in substance abusers by the social welfare minister. President of the CADA advocate Y Ratan Singh said that problem of Drug is major issue of the world and most

of the drugs are product from south Asia countries. Manipur need a special preventive measure than other country or state the state is located at a porous location. State government should take their responsibility to control drugs abuse and illicit trafficking, he added. Deputy Secretary of social welfare S. Naba Singh, joint director of department of social welfare Surrender A. Shishak and National president of FINGODAP, Padmashree Dr AJayantakumar attended the function as president and Guests of honour respectively.

Free health camp

IT News Thoubal, June 26: MAICHON, a civil organisation based at Charangpat Mamang leikai in Thoubal district today organised a Free Health camp at Charangpat Mamang Leikai Awang lamjao Community Hall today. MAICHON is the short form of Manipur Imagi Changdammapham Oiba Nachashing which literary meaning is experimental sons and daughters of mother Manipur. The organisation organised the health camp with assistance from Aristo Pharmaceuticals Private Limited. The free health camp which began at 9.30 concluded at 4.30. Regional Manager Joykumar Wahengbam, Aristo Pharmaceuticals Private Limited also attended the camp. Medicine and ortho doctors treated around 700 patients during the camp.

Pampore attack: Neighbouring country trying to destabilise India, says Rajnath Singh

Fatehgarh Sahib, June 26: In a clear reference to Pakistan, Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said the neighbouring country was trying to destabilise India even as he announced that a committee will be sent to Pampore to look into any lapses in the handling of the terror attack that left eight CRPF personnel dead. Showering praise on security men for successfully eliminating two terrorists involved in yesterday's attack, he said, "I have asked the

Home Secretary to send a two-member committee to Pampore to look into any lapses so that we can correct it in the future and our jawans do not face martyrdom in such incidents. "I want to praise the bravery of our security men. I salute their courage. Terrorists attacked them (security men) deceitfully. But our security men killed those two terrorists successfully," he said addressing a function to mark the 300th martyrdom anniversary of legendary Sikh Warrior Baba Banda Singh

Bahadur here. The Home Minister said Indian youth should stand up to face forces which want to destabilise the country. "An attempt is being made by these terrorists and our neighbouring country to destabilise India. I call upon Indian youth to stand up to face such forces and we should greet and welcome the bravery of our security people and the way they are working with such valour and courage," said Singh without naming any country.

The Home Minister said, "India cannot forget those security men who got martyred. They are not with us now and we pay our tributes to them." In the deadliest attack on security forces in recent years, eight CRPF personnel were killed and 21 others critically wounded yesterday when terrorists rained bullets on a bus carrying them at Pampore, in Kashmir. The Minister stressed that the country needed brave and courageous people to face the current challenge.

"But this period is going on and we need brave people in this time like Banda Singh Bahadur who were ready to lay down their lives for the country and society. Such people can protect the nation," he said. He noted that people should take inspiration from people like Banda Singh Bahadur. "Today our country is facing many challenges and to win over these challenges, we can take inspiration from life of people like Banda Singh Bahadur," he said. The Union Home Minister

also assured the people that the Centre would deliver justice to the victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots. "Whenever I come to Punjab, I recall the 1984 riots. The burden of 1984 riots is still being felt. (1984 riots ke dangon kajo bojha hamare dil par barabar bana rehta hai)," he said. "But I want to assure you that being the Home Minister of the country, we have initiated effective action (in this regard)," said the Minister while addressing the gathering.

Aged mothers honoured by KAATRTC Langjing; MLA Brajabidhu moots Social Security Insurance for people above 70 years

IT News Imphal, June 26: MLA W. Brajabidhu today mooted Social Security Insurance or Health Insurance scheme to provide assistance to people who are above 70 years. Speaking as the chief guest of 5th felicitation programme for aged mothers organized by the Kangla Acupressure Alternative Therapy Treatment Research & training Centre at its office located at Langjing Achouba in Imphal West, W. Brajabidhu said, "Even as the state government has been providing various welfare programme like old age pension schemes among others we still need to go ahead more caring service for aged people".

MLA Brajabidhu, who is also a known figure in the field of professional social worker further said that days have gone that children took care of their parents 24x7 with the changing scenario of our time. It is not that children of today don't love their parents but it is because of the challenges and need for living in the



society that they cannot spend more time with their parents. It is at this juncture that the state government needs to establish a social security schemes or health insurance scheme for people above 70 years as people at this age need extra health care. MLA K Sarat Singh who presided the function, calls

on youth of today to understand the kind of affection that they had been given by their children. On the matter of welfare programme that are supposed to be taken up by the government MLA Sarat, the Trinamool Congress MLA stress on the need for having good governance. He appealed people to elect their candidate without anybody's influence but by judging the person who can bring good governance in the state. Earlier, speaking on the occasion, President of All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU), W Shyamjai stated that the culture of selling or votes during election time should be stopped immediately. It was only when we the people elect the MLA judiciously that we can bring good governance.

The three dignitaries also lauded the roles women in Manipuri Society. All the three highlighted on how the women of Manipur have been taking part in any social movement. The kind of agitation that the women of the state popularly known as "IMA" had driven out the

Assam Rifles from the secret Kangla Fort and the movement that they had been spearheading for saving the indigenous community of the state were not left aside.

President of Kangla Acupressure Alternative Therapy Treatment Research and Training Centre K. Gita Devi said that the programme is being organized to honour the mothers of the state at their capacity in recognition to the kind of service they had been doing for the society. She said this is the fifth time that the centre is organizing such grand occasion. Dr. N. Kamala Devi, General Secretary of the Centre said that they are just doing what they can do and is hoping to do more in the coming days.

The centre has been providing alternative therapy to the aged people at free of cost to improve their health condition. Some patients are also treated with some fees to run the centre. The Centre presented gifts to 50 women of the area.