

Existing Community hall at Mahakabui Nanching Village in Senapati District inaugurated by 40 Assam Rifles



Manipur first to install CBNAAT technology in all districts

IT News
Imphal, March 17: Manipur will be the first state installing molecular-based equipment for TB diagnosis and confirmation of multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) in the country. Informing the advances in TB treatment technology in the state, Dr Y Gopalkrishna Singh, State TB Officer, Manipur informed media persons during a press meet held today at the hall of R&D Wing, Medical

Directorate here that after the Intermediate Reference Laboratory (IRL) located at Lamphelpat has been equipped with Cartridge Based Nucleic acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) since 2013. The state has 3 more CBNAAT have been installed and functional in JNIMS (IE), Churachandpur and Senapati district hospitals. He also informed that another 5 more CBNAAT machines will be installed covering all

the districts. While further informing about the advances in medical technologies, Dr Gopalkrishna said that with the completion of all these installations Manipur will be the first state to equip with CBNAAT in all districts. During the meet he also informed that the state will observe the World TB Day on 19 March instead of 24 March under the theme "Unite to end TB". Stating the crucial step in

controlling the deadly disease, Dr Gopalkrishna said TB program alone cannot solve the health problem, it need mass awareness and mass effort. He said mass awareness is the single-most important contribution towards a TB free community across the nation. The TB Officer also urged all public, private, NGOs working in health care sector as well every individual to join together in successfully controlling the disease.

Action against miscreant NSCN IM cadres demanded

IT News
Imphal, March 17: Locals of Heirok, who have been beaten black and blue by armed personnel suspected to be NSCN-IM cadres, have appealed the state government to take stringent actions against those miscreant armed cadres. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club here today, Takhellambam Manichandra, a primary teacher from Heirok said that he and his friends were attacked by a group of armed teenagers suspected to be of

NSCN-IM while they were seated at Melei Tampak, a newly established garden at Heirok Part II on March 12. The armed cadres also took away Rs 2,00,000 and mobile phones from them, claimed the school teacher. He also refuted the claim made by CAO of NSCN IM, Khurmi Narsing which maintained that there were no such incidents of attacking people by its cadres on March 12 at the area. Besides, L Rame of Heirok Part II, a construction worker presently engaging at the

construction of Dam at Heirok river, was also beaten by the armed group on the same day. He said that the armed came at the site of dam construction in search of Mohari. The cadres allegedly attacked him after they failed to find the Mohari. They also took a mobile phone from the construction worker. The victims also claimed that after the incident, enmity has been developed among the Maring tribes, who inhabit around Heirok and locals of Heirok village.

Two injured in traffic police action

IT News
Imphal, March 17: Two people have been injured when a personell of Imphal East Motor Vehicle Enforcement Team hit at the front glass of a running Auto-rickshawat Dingku road near Hyundai showroom here today around 9:30 am. According to report from the spot, the traffic enforcement team hit the running auto-rickshawby his stick while trying to stop the vehicle. The driver lost control of his vehicle as the traffic officer suddenly hit at his vehicle. The injured driver of the Auto-rickshaw has been identified as W Victo (48), s/o late Rabai of Laipham Kunou and a passenger Risison (47), s/o Konglui of TM Kasom of Litan, Ukhrul district. The injured duo has been admitted at JNIMS for the treatment.

Free eye camp at Tamenglong

IT News
Imphal, March 17: CMO Tamenglong is organising a free eye camp under the National Programme for Control of Blindness at the District Hospital Tamenglong on 21st and 22nd March, 2016. All those who are suffering from refractive errors, cataracts, Pterygium and other eye ailments may come to the District Hospital OPD for screening, informed a release by Dr Chambo Gonmei, CMO of Tamenglong district. It also informed that the screening and detection of eye ailments and selection for operations will be conducted on 20 March and 21 March respectively, while operation will be conducted on 22 March 2016. Those who are suffering from complete or partial blindness may avail the facility of Disability Certificate during the Eye Camp from the Eye Specialist Doctors (Ophthalmologists) on 21st March 2016, informed the CMO.

AAMUWLCPT appeals to re-implement court's order

IT News
Imphal, March 17: Association of All Manipur Unreserved Waiting List Candidates For Primary Teacher 2006 (AAMUWLCPT) staged a sit-in-protest at Keishampat junction demanding appointment of 81 candidates who were placed in the waiting list in the respect of the unreserved category. A protestor said that the state government issued a notification for the recruitment of 1423 posts of primary teachers including 442

Scheduled tribes and 29 for Scheduled Castes and 42 for Physical Handicapped under the department of Education (S) and conducted examination on 22-12-2016 and viva voce. In total 1423 candidates were appointed as primary teachers and 81 candidates were placed in the waiting list in the respect of the unreserved category. And among the 1423 successful candidates 242 were from OBC which was not included during at the time of recruitment notification, said the protestor.

In this regard a case has been filed at the high court of Manipur. Even a bench of Justice Kh Nobing Singh, High Court of Manipur on 06/10/2015 ordered to appoint the selected unreserved candidate. However, the states government failed to materialize the order till date. He also appeals the state government to appoint the 81 candidates, who were placed in the waiting list in the respect of the unreserved category as substitute of the 242 OBC candidates.

Nalinikanta to attend Intl Liver Congress

IT News
Imphal, March 17: The president of Community Network for Empowerment (CoNE), Rajkumar Nalinikanta to attend the International Liver Congress which will be held at Barcelona, Spain from 13to 17 April. The Congress is being organized by European Association for the study of liver. Speaking to the media person

during a press meet held at Manipur Press Club here today Dr Kh Sasheekumar Mangang, Epidemiologist of state Health Department said that CoNE has been selected as one of the four finalists in the global innovation testing contest conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva and Social Entrepreneurship for Sexual Health Global.

He further added that CoNE's hepatitis C testing model was based on the experience of working with the Department of Health, Community group, Pharma companies providing. He further added the purpose of the contest was to identify innovative and effective examples of delivering hepatitis B and C testing model around the world.

KCP Poirei appeals not to celebrate Yaoshang beyond five days

IT News
Imphal, March 17: Kangleipak Communist Party Poirei Meitei Lup has appealed the people of Manipur not to celebrate Yaoshang more than five days. The armed outfit in a release signed by Publicity Secretary said that to the people of Manipur the festival- Yaoshang is important and for this year it would be celebrated starting from March 23 to March 27, 2016. While observing that the

culture of Manipur has been deteriorating due to unwanted external influences, the armed group also appealed the people not to organize ThabalChongba beyond the stipulated period of the festival and wear traditional dresses while participating at ThabalChongba. It also appealed the local MeiraPaibi and clubs to prevent organizing ThabalChongba after the

completion of festival at their areas. Meanwhile, KCP PoireiLup also informed that the banned imposed on Classic Hostel has been removed after the authority of the hotel conceded to follow the dictates of the armed group. The statement also warns those who failed to comply with the instruction of the armed outfit to face dire consequences.

Assam Rifles organises Medical camp

IT News
Imphal, March 17: In its continuous endeavour to reach out and ameliorate the hardship faced by the local populace in its area of deployment, 41 Assam Rifles of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) in collaboration with Ukhrul District Health Society and Mobile Dental team of 13 DUAR, Ukhrulorganised a medical camp at the remote village of Poi inUkhrul District of Manipur under

'Operation Sadbhavana' programme on 15 March 2016. Medical team of 41 Assam Rifles, Mobile Dental team of 13 DUAR, CMO Ukhrul District and her team from the District Health Mission Society and Nursing staff provided free consultation and medicines to 375 people who attended the Medical camp. The medical camp received tremendous response from the villagers. 15 pregnant women received free ante natal

consultation and 72 people received Dental treatment. 33 people were screened for Diabetes. ICTC, Ukhrul conducted an awareness talk on prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and carried out counseling and voluntary testing. Poi village council and Youth organisation expressed their gratitude to the Assam Rifles for the humanitarian gesture in organising the first medical camp in recent history of Poi village.

Assam Rifles provides assistance

IT News
Imphal, March 17: With an aim of 'My Village My Manipur' 12 BIHAR of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) provided help to students of ChoubungKampany Village Government Primary School by distributing stationeries to students and organizing mid day meal for them. The programme started with an interaction with the villagers and taking pledge to make ChoubungKampany a model village. After this stationeries like school bags and tiffin box was



distributed among the students. A singing competition was organized for the students and winners were awarded with cash prizes. It was also decided during interaction that Army along with villagers will start

various development projects in village like construction and conservation of water, opening vocational center for training of youths, installing dustbins, development of medical facilities, providing agricultural advice through government agencies, cleaning and beautification of village, developing standard of education. At the end a lunch was organized for the students, teaching staff and village authorities. Villagers appreciated the steps taken by Army for making ChoubungKampany a model village.

BJP CM candidate Sonowal, 41 other contestants file nomination papers

PTI
Guwahati, March 17: 42 contestants, including BJP chief ministerial candidate Sarbananda Sonowal, filed their nomination papers today for the first phase of Assam Assembly elections scheduled on April 4. The contestants included a woman nominee of the CPI(ML)(L), besides

candidates from BJP, AIUDF, Asom Gana Parishad, CPI(M), CPI, SUCI, Liberal Democratic Party and Independents, a release by the Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office said late tonight. BJP state unit president Sonowal filed his nomination papers from Majuli. Voting will be held for 65 of the 126 Assembly

constituencies spread across Barak Valley, the two hill districts of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong, besides upper Assam in the Brahmaputra Valley. The last date for filing nominations is March 18, the next day is the date for scrutiny of nominations and March 21 the last date for withdrawal of candidature.

Innovation is a harbinger of socio-economic development, says President

New Delhi, March 17: A roundtable discussion on funding for innovations was organized in Rashtrapati Bhavan on the sixth day of the ongoing Festival of Innovations today (March 17, 2016) in association with NABARD, SIDBI and National Innovation Foundation. The speakers who addressed the roundtable included Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping; Shri Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Railways; Shri Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Shri Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance. Key recommendations emanating from the discussions were presented to President Pranab Mukherjee. The President also launched a national portal for start-up entrepreneurs called 'SIDBI STARTUP MITRA' developed by SIDBI on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the President said innovation is

a harbinger of socio-economic development. It facilitates growth and creates job opportunities. Innovation holds great promise in uplifting the living standards of people. A novel idea if transformed into a useful product can usher in progress for the society. But the path to convert novelties into new products or services is riddled with challenges. Any new business venture requires resources for investing in factors of production like capital, workforce and technology. New-age financing options like angel investors, venture capitalists, crowd funding, seed finance, and 'innovation on technology' funds can meet the special requirements of innovation projects at formative stages. The President said focused attention by the government, and public and private organizations, has seen several initiatives being launched for the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in India. The Atal Innovation

Mission (AIM) is being set up as a platform involving academics, entrepreneurs and researchers to foster a culture of innovation and promote a network of world-class innovation hubs. The Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Bank (also called MUDRA Bank) has been set up to provide fillip to entrepreneurship in India through the funding of non-corporate small business sector. The President said the online platform 'SIDBI-STARTUP-MITRA' will act as a one-stop solution to meet the financing and other needs of early stage and start-up enterprises. He complimented Department of Financial Services and SIDBI for conceptualizing this national innovation finance programme. He stated that the integration of start-ups with investors, angel funds, mentor funds, and other service providers will help create an inclusive innovation ecosystem in the country.