

Staffs of SBI Regional Business Office, Imphal opening Mobile cash@POS at DIPR complex.



State Tourism department violates Govt. Advertisement policy; skips DIPR in Sangai Festival Advertisement

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: Either intentional or unaware, this time too the authority of the Manipur State Tourism Department has once more violated the Manipur State Advertisement Policy, 2013. Official Source from the Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) said that display advertisement in connection with the Sangai Festival this year are directly done by the state Tourism Department and the authority of the DIPR has no information regarding which newspapers are being provided the advertisement at which rate. As per Clause 9 of the Manipur State Advertisement

Policy, All Government advertisements, both classified and display, shall be released through DIPR only. In clause 24 of the Manipur State Advertisement Policy if any Government advertisement is issued in violation of the provisions of clause 9, the head of Department/Office concerned will be personally responsible for payment of advertisement bills from his/her personal account. Again the clause 25 of the advertisement policy also said that Treasury Officers/Sub-Treasury Officers shall withhold bills for payment of govt. advertisement which have not been routed through DIPR. In most of the press related

function, Chief Minister of Manipur, Okram Ibobi Singh, who is also in charge of the DIPR was heard mentioning the importance of DIPR. He was also often quoted as saying that his government will do everything to strengthen the DIPR. But the way the department under him is being skipped by another department which is also look after by him then there is nothing wrong that the Chief Minister himself does not care about the rules and regulations frame by his government. According to official source from the Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR), almost all the display advertisement relating

to the Sangai festival are done directly by the State Tourism Department and not by passing through the DIPR. As per source with the Imphal Times, even the state Health Directorate has also been skipping DIPR and is advertising at some selected newspapers. This is the third time that Imphal Times has been exposing on how some of the government department are openly violating the rules and regulation frame by the government but no tangible action has been taken up to any of the concern government department for violating the guidelines of the Manipur State Advertisement Policy.

CEO briefs on status of special summary revision

DIPR
Imphal, Nov. 22: In view of the concerns raised by the Election Commission of India (ECI), a Video Conference was held on 21.11.2016 with the District Election Officers (DEOs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) regarding Special Summary Revision-2017. This was stated by Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan in a Press Conference held today at Conference Hall of Manipur Secretariat, South Block. Regarding the Special Summary Revision-2017, Security Plan and Poll Preparedness, all the DEOs and SPs in Manipur are instructed to ensure action in their respective Districts in time line given against each of the issue. The Sub-Divisional Officer/Electoral Registration Officers (EROs)/Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) not having jurisdiction in the respective Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in the District shall exercise and verify the following by 25.11.2016 positively. 100% verification of new Electors in top five Polling stations in each Assembly constituency having shown maximum addition in Electors. 100% verification of female electors in top five Polling stations in each Assembly constituency having maximum Gender Ratio and 100% verification of Electors in top five Polling stations in each AC having maximum Elector to Population Ratio.



The findings of the verification exercise in writings by the concerned Officers need to be validated by the District Election Officers after taking corrective action (if any) before uploading data of SSR-2017 by 25th Nov, 2016. The Officer-in-charge of the Police Station has to give an undertaking in writing by 25.11.2016 about the list of History Sheeters, Identified Trouble Mangers, suspected Trouble Mangers duly validated by the SDPO/ Addl. SP. The DEO and SP shall jointly prepare action plan by 25.11.2016 to ensure submission of licensed weapons in a time bound manner before actual conduct of Assembly Elections 2017. The CEO further stated the status of special summary revision after November 18, 2016 being the last date of disposal of claims and objections by the Election Registration Officers. The total number of forms received during Summary Revision with respect to 01.01.2017 and Status of its disposal for the State are as follows, under form (6) application for addition of

names, 125479 were accepted as new voters out of the total received 167321 and 41842 voters were rejected. Form (7) application for deletion of names, 29019 applicants have been accepted out of 39586 received and 10567 were rejected. Form (8) returns to correction in the names etc. 52470 applicants have been accepted for correction out of 63106 and 10636 have been rejected. Under Form (8A) repositioning, shifting of names from one part to another 5354 application have been accepted out of 7303 received and 1949 were rejected. In all the 2794 polling stations across the state, live webcast will be done where 3G connectivity is available whereas, CCTV will be installed to the rest polling stations where 3G is not available, the CEO added. Large scale transfer of officials were also exercise with prior intimation to ECI. The Press Conference was attended by Addl. CEOs Shri R.K.Dinesh Singh, Shri Modak Hrisheekesh Arvind and Officials of Election department.

AIR revokes boycott call of Sangai festival

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: All India Radio (AIR) Imphal today revoke its decision to boycott the Sangai festival by not covering the events. The AIR Imphal Staffs had earlier taken the decision to stop covering events of Sangai festival as the State Government authority has not responded to the bomb blast that occurred inside the AIR Imphal Complex day before yesterday. Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam personally came to share the pains of the staffs and said that Govt. is seriously taking the attack to the AIR Imphal and said that the government is not remaining silent to the attack.

Councilors provide assistance
IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: Councilor of Ward No. 4 Wangjing Laming Municipal Council, Th. Amitab Singh today provided drinking waters and other eatery items to bank customers standing in queue in from ATM booths and banks in Wangjing area today.

Manipur Gov' apprises Japan Ambassador to provide cooperation

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: The Ambassador Japan Mr. Kenji Hiratsu, who is in Imphal to witness the Sangai festival today called on the governor Dr. Najma Heptulla at Ra Bhavan today. During the meeting the Governor of Manipur discussed various issues pertaining to Manipur. A released from the Raj Bhavan said that the Governor of Manipur sought the cooperation to clean Loktak Lake using Japanese technology, developing eco-friendly tourism, commercial cultivation of orchids, developing cherry blossom gardens in the state and to increase sports and cultural exchanges between Japan and Manipur. The Governor underlined that the Prime Minister's Look East Policy and his recent visit to Tokyo has strengthened the ties between the two countries and people to people contact with further cement the historical relations of India and Japan. The released added that the Ambassador of Japan assured the Governor to explore the



possibilities to extend support to clean up Loktak Lake using Japanese technology. He further mentioned that Japan is also looking forward to enhance cooperation with India specially with Manipur in various fields like education, sports, arts and culture. He

added that Japan can arrange to send trainers to Manipur for the training of sportspersons and sportspersons from Manipur can also go to Japan to have training in various sports. He also invited the Governor to visit Tokyo during Cherry Blossom Festival.

SBI Regional Business Office Imphal facilitates journalists to withdraw Rs.1000 in Rs. 100 notes

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: Regional Business Office, Imphal of the SBI today facilitates the state journalists and staffs of DIPR to withdraw a sum of Rs 1000 in 100 rupee denominations at

DIPR complex today. As many as 250 reporters of various media houses and the DIPR staffs were benefitted. Director of DIPR and members of the EGM as well as media fraternity thank the Bank team.

Intending BJP candidate from 44 Ukhrul assures clean system if voted to power

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: Intending BJP candidate Asai Ngakumizima who is all set to contest the upcoming 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election from 44-Ukhrul district, today assured a clean system if BJP is voted to power. "If voted to power BJP will be a different government when it comes to cleaning dirty practices in the system, friendly to public, civic in planning and governance, grassroots based development will be initiated in all round manner", Asai Ngakumizima said in a blessing ceremony held today at Khamasom Village in Ukhrul district.



Over 500 people of the village today blessed the intending candidate for 44-Ukhrul district and pray to the almighty for his success. Yanglung Khashim, BJP former Chief Polling Agent and founding member performed the act of solemnized. Similar blessing ceremony

was held at New Delhi on November 11 at the office of BJP Delhi Pradesh located at 14 Pandit Pant Marg, in the presence of BJP Delhi Pradesh president and other functionaries. Asai Ngakumizima is the Grandson of late Ruichumhao Asai, founding member and

also the first ST BJP worker in 1980. He is also the youngest BJP aspirant from 44-AC Ukhrul for the 11th Manipur Assembly Elections 2017. Those dignitaries attended in the blessing ceremony are Benjamin Kasom, Founding President, BJP Ukhrul District, S. Atip, Convenor, Slum Foundation Cell, BJP Manipur Pradesh, Ashim Shaiza Raleng, Co-Convenor, Cooperative Cell, BJP Manipur Pradesh, David Khapai: Former President, BJP Ukhrul Mandal, A. S. Patrick, Former ADC, Ukhrul, H. Ruichumhao, Senior BJP Worker, Pastor TBCA Khamasom and the Catechist of Roman Catholic Church, Khamasom.

Infuriated customers of SBI Porompat Bank decry non disbursement of cash

"I have to buy medicine but can't buy as I have no cash in hand"- Customer

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22: Infuriated customers of SBI Bank Porompat Branch today expressed dissatisfaction to the Branch authority over failure to disburse cash for two days. A customer said that he had to buy medicines for treatment of one of his family member but lack of proper cash which is accepted in the market is giving him nightmares. He has been coming to the bank for the last two days and every time he had to return empty-handed.

When enquired by Imphal Times it was learnt that the bank has not authorized any cash withdrawal for the last 2/3 days owing to cash shortage. The branch manager was not present to comment on the problems faced of the customers. One official of the SBI bank, Porompat branch said the manager had left to collect cash from the head office in Imphal. The bank also faced many problems while dispatching cash to the customers as the

main head office of SBI did not provide enough cash of 10 lakh at the maximum to the bank. They even put up a notice in front of the SBI bank, Porompat branch that they will not be able to disburse cash as the bank did not have enough cash which could be met for each customer but some customers use to tear down the notice paper and it has created a misunderstanding with the bank staff and the customers which is very unfortunate, the official said.

Immortalizing the tribal women of Northeast India through the Nungshiba dolls!

Kohima, Nov. 22: Handcrafted by local tribal women from Nagaland, the Nungshiba dolls have been carefully designed and made to resemble the unique and beautiful tribal women from Northeast India. Each doll takes a day to make, with a lot of labor, detailing, experimenting and perseverance by the local tribal women. Nungshiba is an initiative to encourage more self empowerment by innovating- using creativity, artistic talent and skills. Zuboni Humtsoe, the founder

of Preciousmelove and Lothungbeni R Humtsoe travelling to attend the Youth Summit at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. When the dolls were presented the dynamic Kiren Rijiju laughed as he held the doll made in his honor. "This is so cute" said Kiren Rijiju. CM Pema Khandu and MP Sushmita Dev were also elated when they saw the beautiful handmade tribal dolls of Northeast India. As rewarding as it can be, entrepreneurship is also one of the most difficult and challenging jobs in the region

and when you happen to be from the Northeast India, it is even more challenging. Nagaland is yet to contain the proper basic infrastructure. The erratic power supply, horrible internet services, terrible roads and connectivity, expensive airfares and limited train reservations, market linkage etc creates unforeseen challenges and clouds various business in uncertainty. Accessing loans or funds is also next to impossible in Nagaland if you don't have the right contacts. (Courtesy TNT)