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India and Myanmar to hold meet on border issue

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Imphal, Sept 1: Indian authority is meeting the Myanmar government authority to settle the disputed border area along the Indo-Myanmar border from September 5 to 7 at Dehradun.

A source said, Ministry of External Affairs. Government of India has invited Manipur government representatives to attend the meeting which will also be attended by top authorities of the Survey of India.

The source said that Myanmar delegates will arrive at New Delhi on August 4. They will be received by the officials of the Survey of India, MEA and Myanmar Embassy.

The team will leave for Dehradun on August 5.

Journalism course

Imphal, Sept 1: State Institute of Journalism of the Directorate of Information and Public relations, Government of Manipur is conducting 7-Day Basic Course in News Reporting in the second week of September at Senapati and Ukhrul districts consecutively. A release of the Director, IPR that eligible qualification for the course is Graduate for fresh candidates and preference will be given to the working journalists. Selection will be done on "first come first serve" Number of seat is limited to 20 only and those selected should pay a sum of Rs. 300 to the District Information Officer of the respective district. Course materials will be provided to the candidates

Passport lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Indian Passport Number F9513313 on the way between way between Moirangkhom to Singjamei

on August 26, 2016. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

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Manipuri cinema has its role in exposing Manipuri culture to the world –Chief Minister

Imphal, Sept. 1: Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh stated that Manipuri Cinema has its role in exposing Manipuri culture to the world and it is the duty of all of us to preserve and promote our culture and custom. The Chief Minister said this

while speaking on the Re opening ceremony of Usha inema at Paona Bazar Imphal today. Stressing the need to strengthen and expose the rich cultural heritage of Manipur to the world the Chief Minister said that the newly inaugurated Manipur University of Culture is aimed at preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the state. He pointed out that cinema is taking a big role in social reformation and to this end the newly inaugurated Manipur State Film &



Television Institute will go a long way in the development of Manipuri cinema he added. Saying the importance of cinema halls to screen the films he also expressed his concern about dwindling of cinema halls in the state. He also expressed the need to

rethink by those concerned about the banning of Hindi films in the State while expressing the need to produce Manipuri films with English subtitles for exposing it to the viewers of the world.

Speaking as the Guest of Honour, Film Critic (National

cinema halls are running currently in the entire state.

Awardee) and Director DIPR Meghachandra Kongbam lamented on the sorry state of cinema halls in Manipur. He said that earlier there was around 58 cinema halls in the State out of which 10 halls were in Imphal but around 10

He also mentioned that according to UNESCO for every population of 10 thousand there must be a cinema hall and as such about 150 cinema halls must be in Manipur. As an audiovisual medium cinema can be a good medium for exchange of cultures among countries in the world which will help in bringing closure to each other and bring peace in the world.

L. Surjakanta Sharma, Chairman Film Forum Manipur presided over the

function. Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly Shri Th. Lokeshore Singh, Ministers Shri Govindas Konthouhjam and Ksh Biren singh also attended the function.
It may be mentioned that

Usha Cinema was inaugurated in 1961 and started screening films from 1970s and completely stopped screening films since November 2015. With the reopening of the hall screening of films shall be starting from 6th of this month tentatively.

Mid Day meal workers demand increment of wages Rs 7700 per month and Rs 350

Imphal, Sept 1: The Mid-Day Meal Workers' Union, Manipur (MDMWUM) has demanded increment of wages for the Mid-Day Meal workers and immediate implementation of minimum wages. In a press statement, N Indulaba

Devi. Secretary of MDMWUM said that the current wages of mid-day workers of Manipur is Rs 1,200 only which is given as honorarium wages. Unfortunately the wages is also not given regularly by the concern department, sometimes the workers use to receive less than Rs 1000 only. This is exploitation of rights for the workers, she added. N Indulaba Devi also said that in the other states like Kerela, mid-day meal workers have already received per day including different maternity benefit from the concern department but in a state like Manipur such facilities for the workers is far from imagination. Regarding this, the union are trying their level best to make avail of the right wages for each mid-day workers of the state. All the benefits which is already given by Social Security Act must be given immediately, it cannot be remove anytime the concern department want, she added. Meanwhile, in her press statement, N Indulaba Devi said that the union will support the one day general strike called by Co-coordinating body of trade union and federations demanding the rights for the workers on September 2, 2016.

National Nutrition Week observance begins

Imphal, Sept 1: One day state level workshop on the theme of "Life Cycle Approach for Better Nutrition" was held today at State Bal Bhavan Khuman lampak, Imphal as part of the inaugural function of National Nutrition Week (Sept 1-7), 2016. The function was organised by Community Food and Nutrition Extension Unit Ministry of

India, Chingamathak, Imphal in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, Government

of Manipur. Speaking at today's function as Chief Guest, Ak Mirabai Devi. Minister of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur said that nutritious food is highly required for mental development of health for each children's.

Ak Mirabai also said that as long as people have good

health, there will be sick free society. With the aim to maintain a healthy society, the National Nutrition Week is being organized. Countless numbers of awareness regarding nutrition and health also being organized by the concern department for the state, she

Ak Mirahai further said that with the supply of nutritional food, the concern departments are aiming to provide efficient

nutrition to each child of the anganwadi centers.

Though both men and women do work at the same level women took the biggest role that without the role of the women it cannot be denied that a healthy child could be brought up, she added. Elaborating on the role and

contribution played by the CDPO, ICDS Projects, Ak Mirabai expressed that the department could play a bigger roles in making the children of each district healthier, brainy and intelligent keeping aside the idea of thinking the child is mine and the rest do not belongs to him/her. Children under the age between 0-6 years must be considered as their own by the concern department for a better healthy and nutritious society. Dr K Sobita Devi, Chairperson of Manipur State Women Commission, Imphal West, L Nabakishwar (IAS), Director of Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur, S Naba Singh, Deputy Secretary of Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur attended the function as

Manipur Maoist justifies movement to protect indigenous people

IT News Imphal, Sept 1: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party has stated that the ongoing movements and campaigns against the voice of the people of Manipur to protect the indigenous people and land is

not a right protest.

In a press communiqué the rebel group said that the events and activities against the peoples' movement would merely make the people of Manipur extinct. It is facts that the external forces are backing the barriers in the people's movements and struggles to identify and safeguard the indigenous communities of Manipur. While saying that various migrants and influx have entered and settled in Manipur, the outfit appealed the people not to conceal the

The statement further added that many migrants had been entering in many places including Manipur from Burma (now Myanmar) because of the various situations and conditions of the political instability of Burma and Bangladesh since more than the past fifty years. It said, 18th November has been celebrated as "Khadawmi Operation-1967" by the Kuki's organisations like Kuki Students Democratic Front (KSDF), Kuki Human Rights Organisations and Kuki

National Army (KNA) including Kuki International Forum (KIF) etc. In 1967, the Burmese Military Junta caused more than forty villages forcibly to abandon their own homes. The Military Junta oppressed atleast twenty thousand villagers of Napalong, Konkan, Bolten, Tongmana, Tuidion, Wetsophal, Nunkan, Tuijangphaina villages etc. and let them flee away in compulsion. These innumerable kukis took shelter in various places of Manipur. Khadawmi Operation 1967 is still being celebrated in its memory in various different parts of Kuki inhabited areas consistently. These Kukis had been proclaiming to settle themselves back to their original

native places but still Burmese Government hasn't had any arrangement or plan for their re establishment and settlement yet. These Kukis (Burmese) who are still settling in Manipur clearly and vividly mentioned in the memorandum of proclamation submitted to various international organizations like UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugee) by the different Kuki organisations. The Maoist said that such an epoch can't ever be diverted and denied so easily by

concealing it.

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Local club demand arrest of woman who help her husband in raping two minor girls

IT News Imphal, Sept 1: Local Club and Meirapaibi of Haorang Sabal Leikai in Imphal West district today demanded immediate arrest of Konthoujam (O) Nanao wife of K Gandhi for her involvement in the rapping of two minor girls be her husband.

Speaking to the media person at Manipur Press Club today, President of Unity Development Club of Haorang Sabal Leikai Irengbam, Ibungo said that two persons of Late K Ibomcha raped the daughters of their own brother who are just 11 years and 17 years old. Not only the two brothers but their two minor sons were also allowed to rape the two minor girls for nearly 2 years until the incident was come to light on the adjoining night of August 7 and 8 this year. The four were handed

identified as Nando Later, it was also come to Konthoujam (44) and know Konthoujam (0) Nanao Konthoujam Gandhi (33) sons wife of K Gandhi, the rapist had taken the two for abortion at some clinic here in Imphal, which revealed that she had knowledge of every torture committed to the two girl by her husband, brother and

The local club and meira paibi demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the woman as well as appealed authority to award capital punishment of the rapists.

over to police by the locals of the area on the same night. From the book of an IB officer Manipur of today would have been different

Imphal, Sept 1: The fate of present day Manipur would have been different had the then Union government of late 1960s took necessary action on the report of one good Intelligence Bureau officer. According to a finding by the Imphal Times from the real life account of Maloy Krishna Dhar, who had been deputed in Manipur during 1968 in charge of the Intelligence Bureau office in Imphal, it is being learnt that the Intelligence bureau of that time had enough information about the potential growth of

insurgency in the state. According to the write up of the former Intelligent Officer, it has been revealed that they

had deployed paid intelligence agents amongst the top functionaries of the RGM and the UNLF to collect information about the strategy and movement of the two underground groups which was on the rise.

It was mentioned in his book that the IB that time had enough information about the Pakistani based Intelligent Agency ISI extending all possible assistance to any rebel group of the region. He wrote that he had concrete evidence of ISI setting up camps for Meitei rebel groups somewhere in Sylhet in present Bangladesh, formerly known as East Pakistan.

The deal between the Meiteis and the Pakistani intelligence agencies was cemented by Z. Ramyo, a Tangkhul Naga rebel leader, and Thinousille Angami, a self styled Brigadier of the outlawed Naga army. "Oinam Sudhir, Arambam Somorendra and N Bisheshwar were in contact

with the Pakistani operators and over 150 youths had left for East Pakistan (Now Bangladesh) for undergoing training", reports Mr. Dhar. Having understood the potential of the unwanted consequences, the intelligence officer did report the matter as according to his personal account.
"My reports to Delhi were

treated as over reaction of a greenhorn. They, as well as the Chief Commissioner and

his entourage were not ready to accept my views on the formation of the revolutionary Government of Manipur and its cadres being trained at East Pakistan

ΙB disappointingly narrated that the then IGP Madan Gopal Singh treated the report as a ioke. None of the Government machinery accepted the report.

It is well understood that at that time Manipur was a Union territory and the center is directly handling the administrative affairs. Had the report been treated and acted immediately the present day Manipur Would have been a different story.