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MoS Anil Madhav arrives in the state

IT News
Imphal, Sept 28: The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Anil Madhav Dave arrived here in the state today afternoon. The Union Minister of state is on a two day tour to Mizoram and Manipur from September 27. He is scheduled to leave Imphal tomorrow. During his stay, the Minister is expected to take stock of the various project being taken up by the state forest department besides meeting the Chief Minister of Manipur. Early tomorrow morning Madhav Dave will lead a plantation programme at Kangla and later will visit Keibul Lamjao, Sendra and other important places of the state including the INA Museum. Anil Madhav Dave is also likely to take stock of the Sangai habitats. He will also meet various self help groups and local N GOs of the Keibul Lamjao area to discuss about the problem in protecting the Fauna and Flora of the Keibul Lamjao National Park. The Minister of the State will also interact with the villages of Sendra area before going to INA Museum.

Senapati Forest Division celebrates 61st Wildlife Week

Senapati, Sept 28: The Wildlife Wing of the Forest Department Senapati had celebrated 61st Wildlife Week at DRDA Conference Hall with H. Bismarck, Chief Manager, SBI Senapati as Chief Guest on Tuesday. The function was presided by Shri. Rajesh A.M (IFS), DFO Senapati Forest Division. Staff of the department, students and teachers representing various schools, well wishers, media persons and representatives from NGOs attended the program. As part of the weeklong celebration, On Spot District-Level Painting and Article Writing Competition was held for students from various schools in the District. Speaking on the occasion, H. Bismarck, Chief Manager, SBI Senapati branch, encouraged students to pledge themselves to preserve wildlife. He also urged students to choose job-oriented courses as they pursue further studies. He said to be successful person in life one needs to work hard and be punctual in life. He appreciated participating students and persuade them to avail such opportunity to showcase their talents. (Contd. on page 2)

“Inaugural conference on NE India – Myanmar ethnic and cultural linkages” NE India on the verge of historical leap forward- Governor

DIPR
Imphal, Sept. 28: The inaugural function of “International Conference on North East India and Cultural Linkages” was held today at Manipur University which is jointly organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts and Manipur University. Speaking at the function as Chief Guest, the Governor, Dr. Najma Heptulla, appreciate the objective of the Conference which is to broadly strengthen the magnificent cultural relation based on deep rooted cultural, religious and neighbourly association between India and Myanmar and the common heritage of Buddhism and the philosophy of compassion, tolerance, non-violence and peace have laid

strong foundations for this relationship and it is the right and appropriate time to hold the Conference as North East India is on the verge of historical leap forward under the new development policy of Look East or Act East of the Government of India. North East India has the locational advantage with Myanmar the point of convergence as well as the linkage route between India and the other South East Asian countries since they are connected by land routes since ancient times. Myanmar played a significant role in spreading Indian culture, trade, commerce, philosophy, customs, religious practices and belief systems through land to South East Asian Countries and records have



shown that some of the ethnic groups had migrated from Myanmar, Mongolia, Tibet, China, Laos Cambodia and Thailand, they are still maintaining languages, traditions, arts, crafts life styles as well as traditional religious practices. The cultural bond of between

NE India and Myanmar extends to the field of music and literature such as the similarities of music instruments and the influence of Indian epics like the Ramayana which has various versions in the South East Asian countries. Another common feature is the use of

Red colour to symbolize bravery and also the frequent use of black as back ground or in combination with other colours, the textiles found on both sides have intricate designs of human and animal figures. The Chief Guest further said that, the Conference will look into the different aspects of the NE cultural traditions and their evolution through time and come up with ideas to keep pace with the changing environment, believe that cultural relations run deeper than relations among the peoples as there were no strict concepts of geographical frontiers in the ancient times and further, the Conference will bring out the best ethnic and cultural relations between

NE India and Myanmar and also encourage that Mahabharat be discuss in the Conference, so that the missing link between the two countries can be found. The Inaugural function was attended by Prof. Sachchidan Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi as the Guest of Honour, Prof. M. Dhanswar Singh, Acting VC, Manipur University as President and Prof. J.N Phukan, Former Member, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi as Keynote Speaker and Prof. N. Lokendra Singh and Prof. Dr. Bachchan Kumar, IGNC, New Delhi as Conference Coordinators, apart from state and foreign dignitaries.

Former ADC chairman slams cancellation of contract teachers

IT News
Imphal, Sept 28: Former Chairman of ADC Senapati, R.S Henry today said that the cancellation of the contract Primary Teacher by Tribal Affairs and Hills Commissioner T Pamei Pamei is unacceptable and must revoke immediately. Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, R.S Henry Hillii said that according to section 29(4) of the Manipur Hill Area District Council Act 1971, clearly stated the appointment of primary teachers at hill districts, but the department of Tribal Affairs and Hills had

cancelled all the appointment orders of the contractual primary teachers by declaring as null and void without considering the provision of the Manipur Hill Area District Council Act. Declaring as null and void to the appointment orders which was issued by the then Chief Executive Officer of the ADC, Senapati, Kh Biramani and Chairman R.S Henry Hillii is strongly condemnable and unacceptable and must be revoked without any condition, he added. R.S Henry Hillii also said that his aim is to promote schools and education to the hill

districts of Manipur and not to go against the state government for the cancellation of the orders of the teachers. Senapati District Council will shortly organise a meeting to establish around 50 new schools at the hill districts, he added. R.S Henry Hillii further said that many teachers have been appointed at the valley areas but not a single at the hill districts. Supporting the ongoing economic blockade by contractual teachers under ADC, Senapati, contract teachers in 6 hill districts will support the agitation, R.S Henry Hillii asserted.

R.S Henry Hillii is the former Chairman for ADC Senapati during 2010 to 2015 and currently he is a member of the ADC, Senapati.

Agony day observed

IT News
Imphal, Sept 28: NSCN-IM Kilo Kilonsor Rh. Raising once more blamed the Shilong Accord on 36th Anniversary of Agony Day. In his message the Kilo Kilonsor said that the Nagas without exception participated the national movement with full revolutionary zeal however enemies divided the Nagas into two camps through the 16 point agreement and later through the Shillong Accord. The NSCN-IM leader term the 16-point agreement and the Shillong Accord as not solution but road block. He said the accord and agreement are the dividing points of the Nagas where killing among the Nagas began. Agony Day was observed on every September 27 in memory of those NSCN cadres who had lost their life while trying to stitch the differences among the various groups of Nagas. Raising also recalled on how the leaders of the NSCN-IM were executed during the course of time.

Differences among various communities on ILPS is planted by state government – AKHEL Aimol

IT News
Imphal, Sept 28: President of Aimol Tribe Union Manipur, RT. Akhel Aimol today blamed the state government for inciting sectarianism among various communities over the introduction of Inner Line Permit System in the state. Talking at the 16th Manipur Integrity and Solidarity Day observance held at Lamyamba Sangleng today, RT Akhel, the Aimol tribe leader said that there are no differences of opinion among the various communities of the state in the passing of a legislation to safeguard of the indigenous people of the state. However, lack of transparency to the side of the state government made many felt uncomfortable and unsafe as unity or protection of each community is priority for each community. “Each ethnic community first look forward for the integrity of their community and this feeling a insecurity among various community is the root of the present differences over the introduction of a legislation for protection of the Indigenous people of the state. Professor Ch Priyaranjan who attended the observance function as resource persons elaborated on the need for

introduction of the ILPS legislation and the need to have dialogue among the various communities of the state to sort out the differences of opinion regarding the proposed legislation. He also take a dig to the state government on the fresh bill being uploaded by the state home department saying that the content uploaded showed insincerity to the side of the government. Today’s observance function was also attended by Pu. Hemjathang Khongsai, Vice President, Kuki Inpi Manipur, Anox Zimik Tangkhul, Convenor Haomi Research Guild, Angam Zating Chiru, General Secretary, The Hill People Literary Union Manipur, David Songthu Parum, Chief of Parum Khullen Village, L. Khupler Kom, President, Indigenous Minorities Organisation, Manipur, Abdul Hakim, Secretary, Manipur State Minority Commission, Dr. Gaikhemei, Chairman, ZU Imphal Zone, Ph Shakhli Leima, President AMKIL and M Medun Maring President NIPCO as presidium members. Speakers in the function elaborated on the need to unite the different communities of the state to fight for a common cause.

KCP Poirei pays tribute to Hijam Irabot

IT News
Imphal Sept 28: Armed group KCP Poirei Meitei Lup today paid its highest respect to Lamyamba Hijam Irabot on occasion of his 120th Birth Anniversary which falls on September 30. In a press statement, the out recalled the life history of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot and narrated on how the pioneer leader had cease all sort of luxury life beside being married to a daughter of the royal family. Hijam Irabot was born on September 30, 1895 at Oniam Leikai near Nambul River. KCP Poirei said that in 1913 when he was in class 5, Hijam Irabot

spearheaded an agitation against a teacher who had brutally beaten a student of his class. This is perhaps the first students’ agitation in the history of Manipur, KCP Poirei Meitei Lup said. In India too Subhash Chandra Boss spearheaded a students’ agitation in 1916 against the brutal assault of a fellow student by British teacher. The KCP Poirei categorically stated on how Hijam Irabot spearheaded at various movement in the state. It also stated on how Hijam Irabot wage war against the British government and later against feudalism and then against the

Indian annexation. The statement also narrated on how Hijam Irabot work with the communist rebels of Burma to fight against India and Burma government. It said a tri party meeting of BCP Burma, PCP and Red Army of Hijam held a meeting to fight from a common platform in 1950. The statement also mention on how the Kabaw valley has been transferred to Myanmar and recalled on how Irabot tried to restore it. The statement further said that KCP Poirei Meitei will follow the path chosen by Lamyamba Hijam Irabot by waging war for restoration of the lost freedom.

India to boycott SAARC summit in Islamabad; Pakistan calls it ‘unfortunate’

Agency
New Delhi, Sept. 28: In a significant development, India has decided not to participate in SAARC summit in Islamabad in wake of deadly terror attack in Uri that killed eighteen soldiers. The Ministry of External Affairs said on Tuesday that in the prevailing circumstances, the government of India was unable to participate in the proposed summit in Islamabad. “India conveyed to current SAARC Chair Nepal that increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in the region and growing interference in internal affairs of Member States by one country created environment that is not conducive to successful holding of summit in Islamabad,” MEA said. MEA added, “India remains steadfast in commitment to regional cooperation, connectivity but believes that it can only go forward in atmosphere free of terror.” “We also understand that some other SAARC member states have also conveyed their reservation about attending Islamabad summit in November 2016,” the ministry said. Other countries skipping the summit in Pakistan are Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Bhutan, ANI quoted sources as saying. The 19th SAARC summit is scheduled to be held in Pakistan’s capital Islamabad from November 9 to 10, 2016.

Meanwhile, reacting to the news, Pakistan MoFA stated, “Pakistan has noted from Indian spokesperson’s tweet on Indian announcement about their refusal to participate in SAARC summit being hosted by us.” “We have not received any official communication in this regard, the Indian announcement is unfortunate,” it added. Pakistan MoFA also said, “Pakistan remains committed to peace and regional cooperation. Will continue to work to that end in the larger interest of people of this region.” On the other hand, earlier today, for the second time in less than ten days, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar issued a demarche to Pakistan High Commissioner Abdul Basit over Uri attack. The FS called in Basit and told him that the preliminary interrogation reveals identity of one of the slain Uri attackers as Hafiz Ahmed, son of Feroz and resident of Dharbang, Muzaffarabad and also gives details of Pakistan-based handlers, MEA Spokesperson Vikas Swarup tweeted. This is the second time since the attack on September 18 that the Pakistani envoy has been summoned over the terror strike which India maintains was carried out by Pakistan-based terror

groups. New Delhi has already offered to provide Pakistan with fingerprints and DNA samples of terrorists killed in Uri and Poonch, if that country wished to investigate these cross-border attacks. During the earlier summoning on September 21, Jaishankar had also shown Basit the content of GPS recovered from the bodies of terrorists with coordinates that indicate the point and time of infiltration across the LoC and the subsequent route to the terror attack site and grenades with Pakistani markings as evidence of Pakistan’s role, as per PTI. Today’s summoning comes amidst India weighing the options to hit back at Pakistan in the aftermath of the Uri attack. After a review of Indus Water Treaty (IWT), the government is also planning to review the MFN status granted by it, unilaterally, to Pakistan. During the review of IWT, the government decided to take a number of steps including to “exploit to the maximum” the water of Pakistan-controlled rivers, including Jhelum, as per the water sharing pact and suspension of IWT Commission meeting till the atmosphere was “free of terror”.

Uri attack fallout