

The 37th "Mikap Thokpa Numit" (Realisation Day) was observed today by All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) at Pishum Chinga, Imphal West. Students including union leaders and representatives of various social organisations paid floral tributes to the departed souls who were killed by police during the "Go Back Foreigner" movement of 1980.



State govt. still not comply HC order against the promotion a Jt. Director in Commerce & Industries department

IT News
Imphal, April 17: Manipur state government has not complied the Manipur High Court order to cancel the promotion order of a person to Joint Director in Commerce and Industries Department. As per documents with the Imphal Times, a single bench of Justice Kh. Nobin Singh of Manipur High Court quashed the promotion order of Sh. Ibotombi Sharma to the post of Joint Director Industries (G&M) on the ground of favoritism and nepotism in ACRs on February 14, 2017. The judgment was passed after hearing a writ Petition

case No. 328 of 2014 filed by Khumanthem Dillip Singh against the Manipur Public Service Commission, State of Manipur and Sh. Ibotombi Sharma challenging the DPC meeting of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) for promotion of Sh Ibotombi as Joint director Industries on the ground that he suspects some foul play in the course of conducting the DPC. Khumanthem Dillip in his writ petition pleaded the Manipur High Court seeking justice for keeping him ineligible while his junior was selected and promoted to the post of Joint Director Industries (G&M).

The ACR of Kh Dilip Singh was graded 'very good' while Ibotombi Sharma who was junior to him was graded 'outstanding'. Kh. Dilip argued that the entry in the ACR was not communicated to him thus denying the opportunity to improve his work in future or make a representation against the entry in violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. After hearing the writ petition the Manipur High Court quashed and set aside the proceedings of the said DPC meeting held on December 28, 2013 for promotion of Joint Director Industries (G&M) in

the Department of Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur including the promotion order of Sh. Ibotombi Sharma to the post of Joint Director (G&M) dated February 1, 2014. The judgment of the Manipur High Court was based on the ruling of the Supreme Court in Dev Dutt Vs. Union of India & others, wherein the Supreme Court held that "every entry in the ACR of a public servant must be communicated to him within a reasonable period, whether it is poor, fair, good or very good entry. This is because non-communication of such an

entry may adversely affect the employee in two way - 1) had the entry been communicated to him he would know about the assessment of his work and conduct by his superiors; 2) he would have an opportunity of making a representation against the entry if he feels it unjustified, and pray for its upgradation. Hence, non communication of an entry is arbitrary, and it has been held by the constitution Bench decision of this court in menaka Gandhi Vs. Union of India that arbitratorin violets Article 14 of the constitution.

6 accused in class XII physics question paper leak case released on bail

IT News
Imphal, April 17: The six accused arrested in connection with the leak of Physics question paper for class XII examination on April 5, conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur were released on bail by the Chief Judicial Magistrate Imphal West, Manipur today. All the accused Md. Abdur Rahaman, Nongmaithem Mohen, Gurumayum Premchand Sharma, Nameirakpam Romesh Singh, Yumkhaibam Wakup and Sultan Ahmed were produced to the court of CJM Imphal West. Lamkhanpau Tonsing today by the police with a prayer of 15 days remand in custody. They are charged under section 420/380/34 of the IPC and under section 72 of IT Act. As per the order of the CJM, it is stated that the question paper was open at 9.10 am by cause No. 1 to 4 for distribution to the invigilators. When the 4 of them were busy accused No. 6 (Sultan Ahmed) entered the room and took a photograph and later asked the accused No. 5 (Yumkhaibam Wakup to send it to students to help them.

The picture was uploaded to a WhatsApp group called 'Galaxy exam Center' which later became viral. The court found lack of proper care and attention to Accused Number 1 to 4 and rules out insufficient with the charges levelled against them. As the for accused no. 6 the court observed that he is the one who surreptitiously took the photo of the question paper and sent it out. On Accuse no. 5, the court agreed that what he had done is wrong but said it cannot be attracted to the charges levelled against him. In view of the circumstances, the court granted bail to the accused no. 1 to 4 on the execution of PR bond of Rs.70,000/- with one surety each who shall be a government employee. As for the Accused number 5 and 6, both were granted bail on PR bond of Rs. 2 lakhs each with one surety each who shall be government employee. The court rules further investigation and asked all the accused not to leave Manipur or abscond without the permission of the court. It also order the accused to cooperate the police investigating officer.

SC summons Home Secretaries of 6 states over vacancy in police force

New Delhi, April 17: The Supreme Court took strong note today of huge vacancy in police force in six states and asked their Home Secretaries to either personally appear or depute an officer to assist it.

A bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar referred to the vacancy in the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, and summoned the home secretaries or officers authorised by them for assisting it on Friday.

The six states have been asked to provide the roadmap as to how they wish to fill up the vacancies with the apex court for monitoring by it on Friday.

Center to set up 32 more seismological observatory

New Delhi, April 19: Centre will set up 32 new seismological observatories by the year end to boost information gathering capability on earthquakes. At present 84 such observatories are functional in the country. The observatories generate ground motion data recorded by the digital seismography used for estimation of data and other earthquake parameters. Talking to reporters, Secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences, M Rajeevan said, by adding these new observatories, the information can be gathered with in shorter time. Rajeevan said, by next year, the number of observatories will be increased to 150.

IFCD and Social Welfare Ministers inspect river banks of KPI dist

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Imphal, April 17: IFCD, Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Shri Letpao Haokip and Social Welfare & Cooperation Minister Smt Nemcha Kipgen inspected different river banks within Kangpokpi District today. The ministerial team accompanied by various officials of IFCD including Chief Engineer Shri Ksh. Pritam Singh and SE (FMC) Shri Md. Liaquat Ali inspected the Twineh river bank near Keithelmanbi Cemetery; Kangui river bank, Kangpokpi, and Imphal river bank near KBC Centre Church,



Kangpokpi. IFCD Minister Shri Letpao Haokip assured that his department would take every possible step to improve the condition of the river banks and its areas. He also said that retaining wall along the river banks that pose serious threats to the residents of the surrounding areas will soon be constructed in consultation with the Chief Minister. Local MLA and Social Welfare & Cooperation Minister Smt Nemcha Kipgen expressed optimism that the BJP-led state government will definitely fulfil the grievances of the people

IGAR (SOUTH) organised media interaction program

IT News
Imphal, April 17: A media interaction program with KG Suresh, Director General of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) and Mayank Agarwal, Additional Director General of Indian Information Service (IIS) was organised today at Head Quarter (HQ) IGAR (South) at Mantripukhri, Imphal West District. Interacting with the media persons, KG Suresh said that the whole idea of the interaction program is to give awareness about the information of mass communication. IIMC have been playing a major role in the field of mass communication since its establishment in the year 1965 and various mass

communication and information technology firms and institute have been compared with IIMC till date, he added. Suresh also said that being a prestigious institute of mass communication, since the year 1969, over 1500 foreign journalists from 126 countries have been trained including media persons. The trained foreign journalist also occupied the key communication position in their country as well as India's unofficial ambassadors. With through study, it has been found out that India has a huge growing demand on regional language in the field of journalism and mass communication. Taking note of it IIMC is launching a regional language

program at each campus for those who want to study the regional language courses from the coming session except for Delhi main campus and some other who focus on English journalism. Suresh further explain the important role played by communicative radio station (CRS) in the country. Since the establishment of CRS in the year 2003 and 2004, only 206 radio stations have been set up in the country so far where few educational institutes and NGO's are allowed to set the CRS. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have taken up various initiatives by providing training on CRS in different aspect for those who are interest in this field and different courses of CRS are

providing free of course which they even plan to implement it almost at all the campus across the country including Aizawl (North-East), he added. Altogether there are 19 centers of IMC across the country which provide post graduate diploma courses to the post graduate students including 4 different courses in journalism and those who are eligible are given interview and group discussion at Delhi from which they are selected. IIMC has 6 campuses across the country, main campus at New Delhi including the North Eastern Campus at Aizawl, Mizoram and once the construction of Aizawl campus is finish, they plan to establish it as the main hub for journalist for the entire North-East.

Tree plantation is the only weapon to fight climate change - Chief Conservator of Forest



IT News
Imphal, April 17: In connection with the Vanmahotsabha, the Saheed Madhumangal Foundation (SMF), Tera Bazar has organised a tree-plantation and cleanliness drive yesterday at Gwarok Mahadeva Temple, Yairipok with Chief Conservator of State Forest Department, Th Mohendra Patap Singh. Under the leadership of S Premananda, Executive Member of the foundation around 30 volunteers of SMF planted above 100 young saplings in and around the jungle of the temple till morning to afternoon. While addressing the volunteers of SMF during the drive, Chief Conservator Mohendra said, "planting a

tree is like ensuring lives under insurance plans. Tree plantation is the only weapon available in the globe to fight climate change and save the human-race from extinction". "Planting of trees is also a valuable service to mankind, as the human might have not been existed if there were no trees around us. Tree and plants does not know nationality and race, they only work for saving the world," said the Chief Conservator. On top of the rights, duties and responsibilities enshrined in the Constitution, planting trees and maintain the ecological balance is also our duty and responsibility, he added. Around 100 saplings were planted during the tree-plantation and cleanliness drive

Two Day Food Mela begins at Thoubal

IT News
Thoubal, April 17: Under the Sponsorship of RUSA Manipur, two day Food Mela is being organized by RUSA-Thoubal College on the theme "Learn & Earn" at its College Campus, Thoubal where in students presented different kinds of regional traditional dishes and presented demonstration regarding preparation and ingredients of the food items. Dr. Rk. Yaiskul Singh, Additional Director University & Higher Education Govt. of Manipur, Okram Chaoba Devi, Principal Thoubal College and Ng. Maimui Singh, President Association of Food Scientists



and Technologists, Manipur Chapter attended as Chief Guest, President and Guest of honour respectively. Okram Chaoba Devi, Principal Thoubal College, appreciated

the effort been taken by students to promote traditional food and asked Principal to promote the talent at large scale that would encourage the students in

home Science and develop interest in others to choose the subject in academic course. Many activities like Cultural Programme, Interactive Session, Meet the Artists of Manipur and Interaction with the Entrepreneurs will also be conducted. About 34 stalls have erected for the mela and above 2 traditional stalls of Singju thongba, Singju and Kanghou are also opened at the Food Mela. Large number of student and public visited the mela site to taste the different varieties of Food being sold at different stalls.