

Nobody can hold the govt to ransom: CM

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Imphal, Aug 19: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the present Government is fully aware about the issues besieging the State and it has been putting in serious effort to resolve all these issues before people resort to any agitation. However, no organisation/individual should hold the Government to ransom to fulfill any demand, he asserted. He was speaking as the chief guest at the State level Sadbhavana Diwas celebration organised by the State Government at the Banquet Hall of 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles today. Reminding that Nungei violence was reported during the time of the previous Government, the Chief Minister clarified that the file process of providing compensation to the victims

was initiated by the then Government. The compensation amount was fixed as per the reports submitted by the DC and SP concerned, and there was no question of supporting a particular community or discriminating any other group, he added. Asserting that the Government is meant for all the communities, the Chief Minister said that he even requested his Cabinet Ministers not to bring any community-based or region-centric matters to the State Cabinet meeting. The Government does not belong to any community or region, and it ought to work towards bringing uniform development across the State, he observed. N. Biren further opined that Manipur would not be able to march forward towards progress if people keep on remembering the past mistakes and discussing it repeatedly.

He said, "We need to keep away distrust and give up self-centric and community-centric ideas if we aspire to project Manipur in the global race of development." The Chief Minister expressed hope that the civil society organisations of the State would extend co-operation towards this end. Stating that Sadbhavana Diwas is celebrated on the birthday of the youngest ever Prime Minister of the country, Rajiv Gandhi every year, the Chief Minister opined that the celebration assumed lots of significance in a State like Manipur where people of diverse communities have been settling together harmoniously. During his speech, the Chief Minister remembered the works and achievements of the late Prime Minister. Speaking at the occasion as the president, Agriculture and Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Minister V.

Hangkhanlian remembered Rajiv Gandhi as a leader who dreamt of building a new India. He had the acumen of detecting all the inside and outside challenges in advance which could pose threat to the integrity and development of the country. Maintaining that resolving all the discords on the negotiating table was Shri Rajiv Gandhi's policy, Hangkhanlian said that he was instrumental in inking Punjab Accord in 1985 and Mizoram Accord in 1986 that brought peace and tranquillity to these two States. The State also needs to follow his idea of peaceful negotiation in order to restore normalcy, peace and tranquillity, V. Hangkhanlian observed. Later, the Chief Minister administered Sadbhavana pledge to the gathering. Ministers, MLAs, top civil and police officers and Government employees also attended the function

Road accident: Police Gypsy collide Maruti car Are police vehicles utilised by bootleggers?

IT News
Imphal, Aug.19: A tragic road accident, but an exposure on the probability of police vehicles being used by bootleggers for smuggling of local brew for supply at various illegal liquor vendors in Imphal. The incident happened when the police department under the directives of the state government has been

conducting drive on the sales of illicit drugs and liquors in and around Imphal city. At around 10 am today, a speeding police vehicle (Gypsy, IW Team No. 2) coming towards Imphal from Sekmai side met a head on collision with a maruti wagner car coming from the opposite direction at Khonghampat Mayai Leikai in NH- 2. Both the vehicles were severely

damage but those inside the vehicles survived with minor injury. The registration number of the Police Gypsy is MN O1X 1245 and the registration number of the ill fated Maruti Wagner Car (blue colour) is MN01X6293. People of the area gathered at the accident site and everyone were surprised to find the Gypsy loaded with plastic packs of local brew.

Shija Moves Ahead in Advanced Endoscopy (Endoscopic Ultrasound)

IT News
Imphal, Aug 19: Yet again, for the first time in Manipur, Shija performed the first Endoscopic Ultrasound procedure (EUS) to confirm diagnosis of a swelling in the abdomen. A 25 year lady from Manipur but working in Dimapur, was diagnosed as a case of possible cancer of pancreas at Guwahati and surgery advised. At Shija, she underwent Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) guided FNAC (extraction of cells from tumour by fine needle for microscopic examination). Patient was extremely relieved to know that it was not cancer.

The swelling is a very rare condition and very small numbers have been reported worldwide. To be able to diagnose it accurately before surgery is very important as the exact surgery for the condition can now be planned for the patient. EUS is a newly developing modality of investigation and treatment. Apart from the endoscopic view provided by the endoscope there is an ultrasound transducer attached to the tip. Using this instrument it is now possible

to enter the stomach and intestine (duodenum) and perform ultrasound examination from the inside. It is a very versatile instrument and can be used to minutely investigate difficult and perplexing diseases within the abdomen. It can also be used to treat many diseases within the abdomen and thus avoid many advanced and complicated surgeries. Thus the Endoscopy Centre at Shija Hospitals becomes one of the very few centres in the world to provide EUS facilities.

Closing ceremony of 1st Imphal Trade Show tomorrow

IT News
Imphal, Aug 19: The closing ceremony of the 1st Imphal Trade Show being organised by the Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM) at Hatta Kangeibung Palace compound will conclude tomorrow. A closing ceremony will be held at 4 pm tomorrow at the venue. Participants and prize winners of the debating and painting competition will be distributed on the function tomorrow.

Prize distributed for 1st Moirang Purva Festival

IT News
Imphal, Aug 19: Prize distribution function of the 1st Moirang Purva festival ,2017 held at Sumang Leela Shanglein from July 19 to July 25 this year, was held today at Sumang Leela Shanglein. The function was attended by Samjetsabam Mangoljao as the Chief Guest while Warrepa naba prided over it. Assem Wilson also attended the function as guest of honour. Best production was conferred on to the play Shamu Khongyeta of the Chanura Jatra Cum Drama Association. The second best production was conferred on to Puremba of the Women Dance and Drama Union, and the third best production was conferred on to Thonlengi Aroiba Meekup of Yangam Leirak Nupi Leela Association. Best Director was conferred on to Iboyaama Khuman for his play Shamu Khongyeta. Best write was conferred on to B. Jugolchandra Sharma for his play Thonlengi Aroiba Meekup.

ST reservation on rotation basis demands at 18 Hil Ghat ZP Jiribam

IT News
Imphal, Aug 19: Tribal committee of 18 Hil Ghat Zilla Parishad, demanded ST seat reserved for this term at as done on rotation basis earlier. Jangshat Haokip, a spokesperson of the Committee said that the seat was reserved

for General candidates in 1997, the first ZP election. And in 2002 the seat was reserved for the Scheduled tribe and in 2007 again it was reserved for the General woman candidate and in 2012 it was again reserved for general. This year i.e, the seat should be reserved

for the ST candidate, however it did not appeared so. The committee while demanding more ZP seat as Jiribam is now a district and also reservation of the seat for ST in 18 Hil Ghat as per the rotation basis. Jiribam at present have only two ZP.

Wangjing to Salungpham IVR road in grave condition; Students stop attending schools

IT News
Thoubal, Aug 19: Locals of Salungpham area in Wangjing Tentha Assembly constituency in Thoubal district expressed resentment over government failure to look into the condition of the Inter Village Road between Wangjing Keithel to Salungpham village. "Potheles have now fielded the road stretch, and when it rains people have to face hardship due to mud and water accumulated on the road", said a villager. The situation is getting worst

this year that people face extreme inconveniences in going to the road which is also a lifeline for the villagers. The IVR road which has been left unnoticed for so many years is only the only route to reach Salungpham. Keirembikhok, Wangjing Tekcham Leikai, Wangjing SK Leikai and other schools located in the area besides being the only route for reaching Wangjing Keithel. Due to the mud and pot holes students who were on their way to school on bicycle slipped and fell down many times and had to return back

home without attending school. Some parents had told their wards to stop going to school as there is no assurance that they might not fall as the condition of the road stretch is terrible. Local MLA has also turn blind eyes, and complaints from the locality for repairing of the road stretch has been not listened, a local of Salungpham said. He urged the concern state government to look into the problems of the people of the state and urged immediate intervention for immediate repairing of the life line of the

villagers. Drivers of the passenger service vehicles - like Auto and Tata Magic openly said that the road stretch between Salungpham and Wangjing Keithel is the worst road in valley districts. They too are considering for suspension of service along the route due to the deteriorating condition of the road. Talking to Imphal Times locals of Salungpham urged state government authority to immediately take stock of the condition of the road and to do the needful at the earliest possible time.

Food-Fest Gusto De ICM Held

DIPR
Imphal, 19 Aug: A one-day food festival "Gusto de ICM" was held today inside the campus of Institute of Co-operative Management, Lamphel. The food fest that was organised for the first time by ICM was inaugurated today by its Director Dr.N. Ranjana Devi. Hosted by trainee officers and students of ICM, today's food festival comprises of a mixture of wide variety of local as well as foreign delicacies like fermented soya bean to fried pork as well as steamed rice cake (changlhah). Other mouth smelling snacks include momo, pork sausage, chicken samosa, singju, kelichana, tharoi thongba, kakching bora, egg roll, mimi chicken bite, French fries, chicken kabab, yerum bora and paknam.

Students of various courses of ICM opened around 18 stalls of food items ranging from the indigenous local soibum alushak to the very foreign cuisine like pineapple deep chocolate. The main drinks available today were coffee, banana shake, mint lemon tea, coffee and banana shake. Butter sweet corn is teaming up with chicken popcorn in one stall while chicken spring roll pairs up with French fry in the menu of another stall "Herbs and Spice". During the food festival, visitors relished delicacies including momo, chicken kabab, chicken fried rice, chicken chilly, butter sweet corn and faroda. Talking with the press, they said that they found momo, pineapple deep chocolate, French fries and mint lemon tea quite tasty as usual.

Aimol Khullen Girls Hostel Building Inaugurated

IT News
Tengnoupal, Aug.19: The newly constructed Aimol Khullen Girls Hostel building of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) was inaugurated today by 42 Tengnoupal MLA D Korunthang, at Aimol Khullen Village in Tengnoupal district by cutting the inaugural ribbon and unveiling a plaque. MLA of 42 Tengnoupal AC, D.Korunthangna, Member of Autonomous District Council (ADC) Chandhel Chanthoi Aimol, ADC Chandhel Member M.Morungson, SDO Tengnoupal Rabindar Singh and SP Tengnoupal Dr S.Ibomcha Singh attended the



inaugural programme as the chief guest, functional president and guest of honour respectively. The 34 rooms Aimol Khullen Girls Hostel building was constructed under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) an estimated cost of Rs.1.5 Crores.

Organised by the School Management and Development Committee, the inaugural function was also attended by Chief Engineer Education Sarat, SO Mani Pitar, State Coordinator RMSA, Members of SMDC, Village chiefs, Church leaders, civil organisation leaders, Teachers and Students.

Jiribam Police Conducts Drive, Seize Huge Quantities of Liquor

IT News
Jiribam, Aug.19: The Jiribam police team and CDO personnel of Jiribam conducted a liquor drive in an around the Jiribam areas and seized huge quantities of local made liquor, foreign liquor and raw materials for filtration of liquor. The drive was conducted under the supervision of Addl. S. P. Jiribam K. Ajit Kumar Sharma and the drives were led by SDO Jiribam RK. Charles and O. C. Jiribam Police Station N. Yaikul Singh. During the drive 8 persons including sellers and consumers from the various liquor vendors were apprehended along with 55



liters local made and 20 litres of foreign made liquor were also seized. The drive was conducted as precautionary measures for maintaining proper law and order and to prevent

unwanted activities which occurred from consuming illicit liquor. The seized liquor and raw materials likely to handover the Jiribam Excise department for further necessary action.