

## State to promote and encourage start-ups : CM Rs. 35 crores to be sanctioned under the "Startup India" initiative

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**Imphal, Aug. 31:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that encouraging and promoting the local entrepreneurs would not only improve the State's economy by exporting our products but also to become self-reliant, self-sustained market economy and generation of employment. This was stated by him at the 'Romi Industries Mega Event, 2017' held at Kwakeithel Thounaojam Leikai, Imphal.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the State Government has already earmarked a budget of Rs. 35 crores in the State budget under the "Startup India" initiative to encourage the local entrepreneurs of the State. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to encourage entrepreneurship in the country, the central government has already started "Startup India" campaign aimed at promoting start-up ventures to boost entrepreneurship and encourage start-ups with jobs creation for the unemployed youths in the country. Chief Minister urged the unemployed youths of the State to become job creators instead of becoming job seekers and should not be craze for white collar jobs. We don't have to think only of commercial or profit oriented view but also to work towards the welfare and prosperity of the State, he said. The government would introduce policies and programmes to encourage the entrepreneurs of the State. He also urged the banks to encourage the local entrepreneurs and start-ups by



providing financial assistance for their venture. Public service is the foremost responsibility of the present government, he added.

Skill development programmes have been embarked by the state government to meet the aspirations of youth through training to enhance employment avenues among the unemployed youths. Moreover, such programmes enable livelihoods, increase productivity and income levels of people in the state. Proper planning and maintenance is very much needed to uplift and growth of small scale industries in the State, he added.

Appealing the youths of the State not to lose hope, Chief Minister said that the new government is ready to help, encourage and promote the local entrepreneurs in every aspect.

Mentioning that one of the objectives of the new government is to bring positive change in the society, N. Biren Singh said that proper time and money management would definitely bring development in the State. The government need the support and co-operation of the people, he added. To bring peace and inclusive

development in the State, Chief Minister stated that the present government would not compromise on any issues or situation which affects the integrity of the State and creates conflict among various communities living in the State.

Hailing the efforts of the Romi Industries for becoming a successful entrepreneur in the State, Minister for PWD, Commerce and Industries Th. Biswajit said that such entrepreneurs should be encouraged by the people of the State which not only promote our local goods but also provide employment to many unemployed youths of the State. Mentioning PM Narendra Modi's initiative of 'Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion' for promoting the handloom sector of the country, Minister said that the State government would take initiative like 'Khadi for Manipur' which would promote the unique handloom products but also to help the weavers of the State.

Th. Biswajit said that the State Cabinet would decide regarding the introduction of handloom products as uniforms of government educational institutions in the State from next academic

session soon. He said that the medicines such as antibiotics would be manufactured under the initiative of Commerce and Industries department on the PPP model or joint venture in the State soon. He further said that if we want to bring positive change in the society then that change should start within ourselves.

Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam said that the government would promote and empower the local entrepreneurs in all respect especially to bring growth and self-sustain economy such as self-employment and setting up of small scale industries in the State. He said that the objective of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' is to bring an inclusive development with a collective effort towards the improvement of the most deprived and downtrodden sections of the society. Stating that market is all about demand and supply, Minister said that at present, a collective brainstorming is needed on how to create demand and at the same time we have to introduce online marketing and create our own market to increase the economy.

On the occasion, a factory and a showroom of Romi Industries was inaugurated. The dignitaries also launched the Romi shoes for the school goers.

A prize distribution ceremony to the schools that have produced at least 10 position holders upto the rank of 25 in the BSEM HSLC examinations 2015-16 and 2016-17 was also held during the function. Tiny Tot's Unique School, Imphal and Nimalabas High School, Imphal received a cash award of Rs. 40,000 each with mementoes.

## 20 bodies of Rohingyas recovered at Bangladesh Border

**By: Siam Sarower Jamil Dhaka, Aug 31:** 20 bodies were recovered thursday morning from Naf river in Shah Pori Dweep area near Bangladesh-Myanmar border where a boat capsized in the river last night.

With the recovery of the 20 bodies, the death toll from Rohingyas boat capsize rises to 24 as four bodies of Rohingyas were recovered from the river yesterday after a boat, carrying around 25 people, capsized.

Local sources said hundreds of Rohingyas from Myanmar entered Shah Pori Dweep, an island of Bangladesh, riding boats Wednesday night.



When the fleet reached Majhir ghat point, one of the boats capsized around 11:30pm Wednesday and all the passengers went missing. Later, locals and newly intruded Rohingyas spotted 20 bodies floating at several points of the Naf river in the morning and informed police,

said M Mainuddin Khan, officer-in-charge (OC) of Teknaf Police Station. A team of police rushed in and recovered the bodies that include 10 children and seven females, said the OC. The identity of the victims could not be known immediately.

## SSUM to observe month-long observation of Hijam Irabot

**IT News Imphal, Aug 31:** Socialist Students' Union of Manipur, (SSUM) in association with Proletariat People democratic Union (PPDU) and Peoples' Struggle Committee Manipur is observing month-long observance in commemorating the anniversary of Pioneer leader Hijam Irabot.

A statement issued by N. Tanoranjana, Publicity Secretary SSUM said that

various events in connection with the life of pioneer leader Hijam Irabot will be organised in the month long observance.

On September 21, the student body in collaboration with other organisation will organise patriotic song competition, recitation and panting competition at various part of the state. September 21 is the day when Hijam Irabot went

underground for the cause of the erstwhile nation. On September 26, the day Hijam Irabot left for Heavenly abode, the student body along with others will pay highest honour and a march past will be organised.

On September 30, the student body will organise 121 death anniversary. SSUM appealed the people of the state to make the month long observance a success.

## Legal Awareness camp held at Konthoujam

**IT News Imphal, Aug 31:** The Kangla Accupressure Alternative Therapy, Treatment research & Training Center organised a one day legal awareness camp at Konthoujam Maning leikai on August 30. The legal awareness camp was sponsored by the Manipur State Legal Service Authority.

Principal of the Free Progress Academy, L. Indrakumar Singh graced the occasion as Chief

Guest while Khonthoujam Ibochaouba Meitei, President Young Illiterate Guidance Progressive Club presided over it. Chingtham Shyama leima also attended as guest of honour. Speaking on the occasion Secretary of the Center Dr. Mayangbam Kamala Devi elaborated on the need for

understanding various aspect of laws for safeguarding the rights of the women of the state. She said crime against women is on the rise and due to lack of provisions provided in the law women often fail to get justice done. She said women need to understand the laws that protect them.

## Felicitation programme

**IT News Thoubal, Aug.31:** The Evergreen Flowers' School, (EGF) Thoubal Ningombam organised its 32nd Annual Felicitation Function today at the school premises. Wangkhei Assembly Constituency MLA Henry Okram, Khangabok AC MLA Surjakumar Okram and Zonal Education Officer Zone-III

Thoubal Sanasam Mangi Singh attended the function as the Chief guest. President and guest of honour respectively. The meritorious students of the school were presented with gifts and citations while teachers of respective subjects where the students scored letter marks were also felicitated during the function.

## 8 lakhs University and College teachers to proceed mass court arrest on Teachers' Day

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**Imphal, Aug 31:** College and University teachers across the country have threatened to launch mass court arrest 'Jail Bharo' at the national Capital New Delhi on September 5, the day that the nation observed Teachers' Day.

This is the second protest organize by the All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation over the central government delay in implementation of the 7th UCG Pay Review committee. A statement of the AIFUCTO said that over 8 lakhs teachers from Universities and Colleges across the nation are taking part in the mass court arrest agitation.

In a press statement issued here, AIFUCTO President and General Secretary Prof. Kesab Bhattacharya and Prof. Arun Kumar said "We have particularly chosen September 5, for our programme as the day carries special significance to all the teachers of the country. Former President

Radhakrishnan, himself a teacher and academic had great regards and admiration for the teachers and understood the role of teachers in the making of the nation. It is to honor that great ethos that his birthday September 5 has come to be observed as Teachers' Day in India". FEDCUTA (Central Universities) and AIFRUCTO (All India Retired teachers) have already extended full solidarity and support to the ongoing agitations of AIFUCTO.

They said that teachers and their demands had always been treated with priority and all former governments respectfully looked into the teachers' demands. Unfortunately we have reached a moment in our history when teachers are not taken into confidence either for drafting the education policy or something as important as the recommendation of the Pay Review Committee- an issue that directly affects their material well being. Educational

institutes, university campuses, freedom of speech are severely throttled under the present regime. Vindication and terror tactics are openly used to silence the teachers. The central government, as inside reports suggest, refuses to invest liberally on education, citing it as additional expense. That is why the Finance Ministry wants to bear only 50% of the additional share of the burden that will emanate from the recommendations of the PRC. This again is in complete violation of earlier precedence of the central government meeting out 80% of the increased share. This time we felt the government would agree in providing 100% assistance for the uniform and simultaneous implementation of the TPRC. Against such a backdrop our slogan for the Court Arrest Programme will be "Save Education, Save Teachers apart from highlighting other professional demands. In the mean time AIFUCTO

submitted a letter to PMO on 25th August, requesting the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to look into the matter and to resolve the on going stalemate in favour of the teachers fraternity of the nation. We demand among other things uniform and simultaneous implementation of 7th UGC pay scale across the country for all categories of university and college teachers.

AIFUCTO expressed strong resentment over the attitude that MHRD shamelessly ignored the 7th UGC PRC recommendations submitted by Prof Chouban committee and deliberately kept the report and its contents under cover from its stakeholders. The govt. has neither the regards to the democratic teachers' movements nor the apex Teachers' Organisations of the country like AIFUCTO and FEDCUTA.

It is unfortunate and painful that the undemocratic and authoritarian attitude of the

government compelled the teachers working in HE sector to take recourse to drastic moves, something that could have been amicably settled through open dialogue between government and the stakeholders. We regret that government through its unsympathetic attitude thrust upon itself the Jail Bharo programme.

We appeal to all the teachers of the country, especially teachers of Central Universities in Delhi and universities and colleges in UP, Punjab, Haryana, HP, Rajasthan and MP to join the programme en masse and once again demonstrate our solidarity. Our unity and struggle remain the only way to resolve our issues. AIFUCTO President and General Secretary threatened that if their demands would not be considered upto 5th September, eight lacs university & college teachers of the country have no option except to go on strike across the nation.

## ISRO all set to launch IRNSS-1H

**AIR New Delhi, Aug. 31:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to launch its navigation satellite IRNSS-1H this evening.

The satellite will lift off at 7 PM from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, on board the rocket PSLV C39. The 29-hour countdown for the mission that began at 2 PM yesterday is progressing smoothly.

The satellite IRNSS-1H is a part of the indigenous navigation system called 'NavIC', that was initially planned to have a constellation of seven satellites.

As the rubidium atomic clocks of the first satellite in the series called IRNSS-1A

malfunctioned, the eighth one is being launched today to take up its mantle.

NavIC system is equivalent to the GPS system, having footprint over the whole of India and about 1500 kilometers from its borders on all sides. It helps user agencies to plan and monitor their vehicular movement on the road and on the sea.

It can alert fishermen while approaching international maritime boundaries and help public to locate precisely the addresses they require. ISRO says, telecom and power grid operations can also benefit immensely from the data of the NavIC system.

Accurate survey of territories will be another area where it will provide valuable contributions.