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IT News
Imphal, Dec 13: Combined team of Tengnoupal District Police and 11 AR led by Insp P. Tarunkumar of CDO, Moreh, under the command of Th. Krishnatombi, AC 8 IRB and under the supervision of Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh arrested one cadre of PREPAK from Dalpati area, Moreh at around 12.45 pm today. The arrested cadre has been identified as Tongbram Jiten @ Yaima @ Tayaima (52 yrs) S/O. T. Shyamkishor. R/O. Lalambung near RIMS gate. A police source said that the arrested person is a S/S Major of PREPAK (PRO), presently holding post Assistant Finance Secretary and CORCOM Coordinating committee (Revenue) member. His Army No. is 33167, presently staying at Tamu, Borigong.

AR recovers WY Tablets



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Imphal, Dec 13: troops of 12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) recovered 1335 numbers of WY tablets worth Rs 6.675 lacs at Khudengthabi Check post in Tengnoupal district yesterday. A statement of the IGAR (South) said that at around 1 pm yesterday, on receiving specific information the troop halt one blue coloured Pulsar motor cycle travelling from Moreh to Imphal for checking at P.V.C.P. Khudengthabi, Tengnoupal District. While checking the vehicle, it was found that around 1335 numbers of WY tablets, were hidden under the seat of the motor cycle. Recovered items along with apprehendee handed over to Moreh Police Station.

MLAs of Manipur Legislative Assembly enjoy over Rs 1,14,000/- as monthly salary and allowances; have over 700 staffs

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Imphal, Dec 13: Members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly enjoyed a sum of Rs. 1,14,000/- as salary cum allowances in month. In addition to this once a person is elected as member of state Legislative Assembly he or she is entitled to get a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs as loan, which is exempted in case he expired. As per official source a member is also entitled a yearly allowance of Rs. 2 lakhs every year for travel anywhere in the country. In case a member travel abroad a maximum ceiling of rupees 3,50,000 is sanction as travel allowances. Besides, this an MLA also gets 700 litres of petrol, 3000 litres of SK oil plus a sum of rupees 4,500/- as electricity bill. Quarters for accommodations are free for



all MLAs. Every MLAs are also entitled to appoint one Computer Assistant and one Personal Assistant, each on a par with the monthly pay and allowances admissible

at the minimum of the pay scale of a Lower Division Clerk, and also two drivers and one peon on par with the monthly pay and allowances admissible at the minimum of

the pay of a driver and Peon of State Legislative secretariat. This pay and allowances of staffs are born by the state Legislative Assembly. Vehicles for the

In addition enjoyed Rs. 2 lakhs yearly allowance, Rs. 15 lakhs loan, kerosene, petrol and sitting allowance plus 5 staffs for his personnel used

MLAs are also provided by the state Legislative Assembly. These do not include the local area development fund allotted to each MLAs for

development of their respective constituencies. On the other hand, total staffs of Manipur legislative Assembly, which has 60 members, has now cross 700, an official source said. The source said that even after knowing the excess staffs in the state Assembly some more post are also being created and recruitment advertisement are seen in some specific newspapers in the state. Source added that the State Assemblies of Meghalaya and Tripura have not cross 500 staffs though these States and Manipur have the same number of MLAs. The source further added that the smallest post such as peon gets salary of not less than Rs. 20,000 when those in the class 1 officer level reached nearly 1 lakhs.

Japanese delegates called on the Governor of Manipur Manipur had an emotional relationship with Japan - Governor

DIPR
Imphal, Dec 13: A team of 10 member Buddhist delegation led by Mr. Bhikshu Gyomo Nakamura, Japan called on the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla at Raj Bhavan, today. Sharing her experiences on her visits to Asian countries, Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla interacted with the delegation team and discussed on the relation especially between Manipur and Japan. Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla said that Manipur had an emotional relationship with Japan from way back. Interacting with the delegation team, she said that she had discussion on the Indo-Japanese relation and Manipur-Japanese relation with the Ambassador of Japan a year back. She had discussed about the cleaning of the Loktak Lake, the largest fresh water lake in North-East India, with the Ambassador. She also said that she invited



the Japanese delegation coming for the Business Summit at the Sangai Festival and asked them to invest in Manipur in building the road. She further said that the Japanese should build roads in Manipur for connectivity with the entire South East Asia which she is also pursuing the matter with the Government to have good road connections with the entire South East

Asian Countries. She added that there is a close cultural relation and that the religion Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism are still in practice in South East Asian countries. India's ethos is spread through out the Asian countries and that the Prime Minister talked about the ancient relation that we have with Japan at the South East Asian Summit, she added.

Japan had a very close relationship not only on the platform of Buddhism, but from the 2nd world war and Japan wants to connect specifically with Manipur and expressed that there will be many more relationship with Japan in the near future. The Governor also asked the delegation team to visit the Museum where the artefacts of the World War were displayed. Mr. Nakamura said that the main purpose of their visit is to pray for the war victims of the Japanese Army, the Indian Army and the Civilians who died in the 2nd World War particularly Japanese-Imphal-Ladakh war. Japanese want to connect with the North East people of India and that he had requested the Governor to make the State Government provide good connectivity so that Japanese Tourist can visit the state and can promote Manipur tourism, he further added.

Aadhaar mandatory linking: SC's constitution bench to hear case tomorrow

Agency
New Delhi, Dec 13: The Supreme Court today said that a five-judge constitution bench would hear tomorrow pleas against mandatory linking of Aadhaar with various government schemes and welfare measures. A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud said that the larger bench would sit at 2 PM tomorrow to take up the interlocutory applications seeking interim relief against the Centre's decision on linking of Aadhaar with various schemes. The Centre had last Thursday told the apex court that the deadline for mandatory linking of Aadhaar to avail various services and welfare schemes would shortly be extended till March 31 next year. Next day Central Board of



Direct Taxes announced extending the date for linking of Aadhaar with PAN till 31st of March next year. Recently, a nine-judge constitution bench of the apex court had held that Right to Privacy was a Fundamental Right under the Constitution. Several petitioners challenging the validity of Aadhaar had claimed it violated privacy rights. They have termed the linking of the Aadhaar number with bank accounts and mobile numbers as illegal and unconstitutional.

Discovery's Science Channel claims Ram Setu not a natural formation

Courtesy : Business Standard
 The debate whether Ram Setu or Adam's Bridge (as it is known globally) existed, has been given a fresh life after Discovery Communications-owned 'Science Channel' aired a promo providing scientific evidence to a man-made bridge between India and Sri Lanka. The bridge, which stretches for 30 miles has been a matter of controversy, and in 2007 the then union minister of state Kapil Sibal argued that there is no scientific evidence to prove that Ram Setu is man-made. However, he also said that the faith of the people should be respected. The investigations of the team will be aired on the Science Channel in a show called What on Earth in an episode called Ancient Land Bridge. The Promo aired by the science channel uses satellite imagery from NASA and other pieces of evidence to prove the existence of Ram Setu. The promo explains that the rocks connecting India and Sri Lanka are sitting on a sandbar, also known as a shoal and the investigators believe that the sandbar is natural, but the stones sitting on top of that sandbar, are not. The promo features Dr Alan Lester, a renowned Geologist, who says that "there are Hindu legends that Lord Rama

placed a bridge here connecting India to Sri Lanka". He further adds "there are stones that have been brought from afar and set on top of sand bar island chain". The "string of pearl" as one investigator puts it, connects Dhanushkodi in India with Mannar Island in Sri Lanka. To ascertain the legitimacy of the findings, the researchers used techniques to date the sand and the stones. An Archeologist featuring in the promo, Chelsea Rose says, "the rocks on top of the sand actually predate the sand". Scientific analysis reveals, claimed the promo, that the rocks are 7,000 years old but the sand is only 4,000 years old. The promo dates the construction of Ram Setu sometime 5,000 years ago and also called it a superhuman achievement. Speaking on the development, BJP leader Subramanian Swamy said, "The U.S. scientists have come forward to say what we already knew...I have said this in the Supreme Court itself that three retired directed generals from Geological Survey of India gave a report which was placed in the apex court to show that this is man-made". Swamy added that the Director Generals of Geological Survey of India after retirement formed a committee and they had come to a conclusion that Ram Setu is a man-made thing because corals cannot be found in the middle of the ocean.

International Earth Science Olympiad

Imphal, Dec 13: The Geological Society of India is organizing an International Earth Science Olympiad 2018. For this Olympiad an entrance test will be held on Sunday 21st January 2018 at Senate Hall, Department of Earth Sciences Manipur University. The Student (born after 01-07-1999) who will be studying in IX, X, XI, XII Standard who were during September 2018 may participate the entrance test. The 11/2 hour test at 10.30am will be English and comprise objective type questions spanning the Geosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere and Astronomy. Twenty five students chosen in order of merit from India will attend a training Camp. The top four

students will represent India at the 12th IESO 2018 in Thailand. And a special prize for top three from Manipur University centre will be awarded. Last date of submission application form is 18th January 2018 details will be available at Department of Earth Sciences Manipur University or Office of the Dean, School of Human and Environmental Sciences, Manipur University. For Application form, syllabus and limited reading materials, visit www.geosocindia.org/index.php/ieso. I, therefore, request all concern Headmasters/Headmistress/Principal kindly to inform and take part in this completion.