

## Plastic free campaign underway in Ward no 18

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** A function was organised today in connection with the ongoing plastic free awareness campaign in Ward number 18 of Imphal Municipal Corporation which was launched by MLA of Yaikul Assembly constituency Th Satyabrata. The primary objective of the function is to make the ward free of plastic waste products and ensure complete stoppage to use of plastic bags there, according to volunteers. Beside Satyabrata, who himself is a resident of the ward, the campaign is also spearheaded by its sitting corporator L Inunganbi Chanu. A unique policy adopted under the campaign will be monetary payment to householders in the wards in exchange for their plastic waste products. Such, the residents there have been advised not to discard their plastic in conventional ways but to hand over the items to officials deputed for the campaign and received some financial return. The plastic waste products collected from each household will be processed in mechanised units and recycled into raw materials for manufacturing fresh products.

## Jiribam club thanks DC

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** Leisem Club, Khuningthek, Jiribam has expressed profound gratitude to the DC of Imphal East Chitra Devi for her assistance in the enquiry into the death of L Nganthoi Singh of Kamranga whose body was found hanging from the neck in an isolated area. In a press release issued by its secretary general, it was mentioned that Chitra had in an official order asked the magistrate to carry out video coverage of the enquiry. The club further thanked AMUCO and AJUCA for their contribution in solving the crime and the monetary aid.

## Condolence

The Editors Guild Manipur expresses its heartfelt condolence at the sudden demise of H Achouba, father of Hijam Rajesh Editor of Sangai Express (English). A member of Editor Guild Manipur shares the sorrow of Rajesh and his family. We wish the family all the best during their trying times.

## 'Amalgamation of govt. primary schools under process; govt. working out model school for all'

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** State education department is working out to find modalities to convert all schools in the state as model school to improve the quality of education in the state. Besides, primary schools which have less students are in the process for amalgamation. This was stated by Education Minister Th. Radheshyam while speaking to media persons at SSA/RMSA Office at Babupara. Radheshyam further said that authority in the Education department now is doing all it can to improve the status of the education system in the state. He said that media people who had published news report about the defect of schools are now eyes and ears of the department. "After media report certain things about schools which should not be, authorities in the department tried everything to solve the matter", Radheshyam said. He further added that the irregularities being practice in the department is being look

upon and many have been punished. The education minister was referring to the termination of teachers who had served two post or who had been withdrawing salary without performing their duty. "There are some teachers who are not sincere, some of them are found working in two post, we have taken appropriate action against such persons", Radheshyam added. The education Minister also highlighted some of the prospect that might see in the coming days as the governor had given consent of the two education related bills - the private Schools and coaching regulation Bill and the Dhanamanjuri University Bill. Government teachers who are found running coaching institute will be punished as per the new law. He however said that regulation for checking the education sectors will be designed under the legislation assented by the governor. Radheshyam also stressed on the difficulties of the education department in checking all the schools. "Govt. schools are not like

private schools which were run by single persons. In government school transfer of teacher is also a right, it is not mandatory that a teacher stay in a school. On the other hand like the private school a teacher cannot be kept in the same school for a long time", the education Minister said. On the issue of the Right to Education the education Minister said that every private school should provide 25% seat free to students who are below the poverty line. On the matter of the low enrolment of students to government primary schools the education Minister assures that the department is looking for way to make sure that the government primary school becomes favorite for the people of the state. Education Director TH. Kirankumar, Higher Education Director H. Dilip, Higher and technical education Director John and Senior Correspondent of Telegraph Khelen Thokchom were also attended as dignitaries on the dais on the occasion.

## NSCN-IM alleged AR of violating cease fire ground rule

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** NSCN-IM has alleged Assam Rifles of violating the cease fire rule by raiding the official residence of Kilonser RT.Tsanglao on December 26. "Assam Rifles have fully exploited the ceasefire period for raid, frisking, ransacking and other highly provocative actions, taking undue advantage of NSCN being tolerant to respect the hard earned peace moment

awaiting final settlement", a statement of the Ministry of Information & Publicity of the outfit said. The statement further alleged Col.VS. Pal of Assam Rifles for violating ground rules which stated that "There would be no offensive operations like ambush, raid and attack leading to death/injury/damage or loss of property against the NSCN by the Indian Army, Paramilitary Forces and the Police. The

Indian Army and Paramilitary Forces would also act in a manner as not the cause harassment/damage or loss of property or injury to the civilian population;" "Raiding official residence of Kilonser RT.Tsanglao last 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017 once again brought about bitter past memories", said that statement and added that it is against the ground rule of cease fire agreed between the two.

## Chief of Army staff General Bipin Rawat visits Manipur



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec. 29:** General Bipin Rawat, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Army Staff arrived in the state on a two day visit to IGAR (South) from 28 to 29 Dec 2017. The COAS was accompanied by Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern

Army Command and Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan, AVSM, SM, VSM, General Officer Commanding Spears Corps. The COAS was briefed on the prevailing security situation in the state by Inspector General of Assam Rifles (South) and General Officer Commanding 57 Mountain Division.

The COAS reviewed the operational preparedness of the formations and appreciated the endeavours of Security Forces. He lauded the efforts of the soldiers for ensuring peace and tranquillity in the state and also asked them to continue the good work in a professional manner and in the true spirit of the Indian Army.

## Student dies after fall from bus

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** A student of Extra Edge School was killed today when he fell from the school bus he was travelling in to school and was crushed by a van which was following behind. According to report the incident took place at Sega Road Takhellambam Leikai at around 9.10 am. The deceased was identified as 16-year-old student Ningthoujam Lanchenba, son of Deven, who was studying in class XII. Reports added that family members have cried foul play claiming that it was unlikely he had fallen on his own from the bus. A tense situation ensued at the school after his death but it was diffused quickly, sources said. His body was taken to the RIMS mortuary for post-mortem by the police.

## No official estimation of black money in circulation: FM

**New Delhi, Dec 29:**The government today said there is no official estimation of the quantum of black money in circulation in the country and the amount stashed outside the country. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said, the government, however, has taken a number of activities for eradicating and forfeiting black money. Mr Jaitley said under direct taxes laws, such actions include searches, surveys, assessment of income, levy of tax, penalty and filing of prosecution complaints before criminal courts, wherever applicable. He said from April to December 15, this year 15522 millions of currency notes printed in the country while it was 29,043 million in 2016-17.

## Govt seeks political parties' support for passage of Triple Talaq bill in Rajya Sabha

**AIR**  
**New Delhi, Dec 29:** Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar today appealed to all political parties in the Rajya Sabha to support the government to ensure the smooth passage of Triple Talaq bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha yesterday. Talking to media outside Parliament, he said the government is in touch with the political parties in this regard. He said, everyone should help the government to end the age-old tradition of triple talaq in the country. Mr Kumar said, the government wants the empowerment of Muslim women and give them equal rights in the society.

## Paraolon celebrates golden jubilee

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** The golden jubilee anniversary of Paraolon village and church was celebrated Wednesday on the occasion of 50 years of existence of the village along with a variety of cultural programmes. More than 1000 persons from Paraolon, neighbouring villages, and those from other parts of the state including village chiefs and

religious leaders attended the celebration where the finance secretary of MBC, Rev SR Onesima was the speaker. Other notable attendees were pioneer of the village Rev R Khular, executive secretary of LNBA K Khular, chief of the village James Dilbung convenor of the jubilee committee SK Larsing, and CO of 4 Assam Rifles colonel Mahesh Singh Panwar.

R Khular hoisted the flag and the release of jubilee balloon and unveiling of monument of the golden jubilee celebration followed. A souvenir compiled in connection with the celebration was released by K Khular. Paraolon village came into existence in 1967 after the amalgamation of three small villages namely Kanjam/Songlun, Kotal Khuntak and Lungmi.

## Union Model High School Kapaam celebrates Golden Jubilee

**IT News**  
**Chandel, Dec.29:** Union Model High School Kapaam (Komalathabi) in Chandel District today celebrates Golden Jubilee Celebration at Kapaam Village Public ground. Chief of Kapaam Village Roel Jindashing Moyonna attended the function as Chief Guest, while chairman

of the Governing body of the Union Model High School Ng.Nelson Moyonna presided over it. Other individuals who had contributed in making the school a success also attended the function as guests of honours. Chief Guest of the function Roel Jindashing unveiled the memorial stone of the school.

A souvenir was also released by R. Jurtun, spouse of late Ng.Phamdil, the first Secretary of the governing body of the school. Speakers on the occasion while recalling the effort of the well wishers in making the school successful also opines more dedications of both teachers and community and bringing up the school.

## Manipur Tourism to organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 29:** Manipur Tourism will organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament from January 17-21, 2017 at the Mapal Kangeibung, Imphal. The tournament is a groundbreaking showcase of the only international women's polo tournament in India. The teams and players for this unique polo event will be announced soon. Manipur Tourism presents this tournament as a fitting event in the Birthplace of Modern Polo, in recognition of Manipur's contribution of 2/3 of the women polo players of India. The league tournament will be played at

- The only international women's polo tournament in India
- An initiative to save the endangered Manipuri Pony
- To promote Polo Tourism in the state

Mapal Kangeibung, the world's oldest living polo ground. The indigenous Manipuri pony will be exclusively used for the tournament. This tournament is also a part of Manipur Tourism's initiative to save the unique endangered Manipuri pony and to promote Polo tourism in the State. Manipur Tourism's pioneering Manipur Statehood Day

Women's Polo Tournament - a production of Polo Yatra, the women's polo initiative of Huntre! Equine, is organized by the All Manipur Polo Association. Incredible India! has provided the international travel support for this event. Special events and eminent participants from across the country will be announced soon.