

## NSCN-IM condoles demise of Dy. Kilonser Yaruingam

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** NSCN-IM today condole the demise of Deputy Kilonser, Yaruingam. The deputy Kilonser passed away on December 29 at Mumbai, a statement said.

It further added that Yaruingam joined the NSCN on April 1986 as private and later promoted to Dy. Kilonser till date and posted in the Ministry of Mines and Minerals.

"At this hour of grief and sorrow, the GPRN extends its deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and prays to the Almighty God for the departed soul to rest in peace", the statement said.

The statement also recalls the dedication of the Kilonser in rendering his service for the people of Naga as well as for the NSCN-IM.

## Whatsapp group conduct social service at Kwatha

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** A group of people called "Towards Tomorrow" form by a group of like minded people through social networking site whatsapp had conducted social service camp at Kwatha Village in Tengnoupal district. Members of the Whatsapp group also agreed to provide all kind of assistance in making a mini market shed at Kwatha Village. Kwatha Village is the only village inhabited by meitei community in Tengnoupal district. The village is famous for its bamboo shoot products. Recently, the village host the first ever "Bamboo Shoot" (Soibum) Festival in coordination with the Assam Rifles and various civil society organisations of the state.

## Corrigendum

News report appeared under the heading "Manipur Tourism to organize the 3rd Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament" has been wrongly reported to be held from January 17-21, 2017 at the Mapal Kangeibung, Imphal. The tournament is scheduled on the same date e.i., from January 17-21 at the same venue but the year should be 2018 and not 2017. The error is regretted.

## Guv', CM and Dy. CM greets people on Gaan Ngai Festival

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh greet the people of the state on occasion of the 'Gaan Ngai Festival' - the biggest post harvest festival of the Zeliangrong Community of the state.

In her greeting, the governor, Dr. Najma Heptulla while conveying his best wishes to the people stated that the festival showcase the rich cultural heritage of Zeliangrong Community.

"Let us ring in a new year full of hope and aspiration with 'Gaan Ngai' bringing peace and harmony to one and all in the state.

In his message, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh also extended his heartfelt greeting to the people of the state particularly the Zeliangrong brethren. "Gaan Ngai, the biggest cultural and religious post harvest festival of Zeliangrong Community, marks the end of the year and beginning of the New Year. I hope this festival would bring happiness and prosperity and spread message of unity, love,

and brotherhood amongst all the communities in the state", Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said in his greetings.

Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar in his message said that the post harvest festival is a thanksgiving festival. It reminds us of the kindness and blessings of God which gives us joy and contentment.

He further added that this festival is also meant for honouring the ancestors and dedicated to numerous celebrations. Gaan - Festival enchants the identity and cultural beauty of Kabui community, the Dy. CM added.

## Manipur CSOs team returns

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** Representatives of the Civil Society Organisation from Manipur who had campaigned at New Delhi for support to the public demand for protection of the Manipur's Territorial Integrity while solving the vex issue of the NSCN-IM have return back today.

The CSO representatives which includes President of UCM Elangbam Johnson, President of AMUCO Ph. Devan, Vice President of CCSK Jeetandra Ningombam,

representatives of NIPCO Sunil Karam among others had met various leaders of different political parties including President of AICC Rahul Gandhi, LJP Chief, Siva Sena Chief etc. before meeting the Prime Minister and Home Minister of India.

During the meeting with Prime Minister and Home Minister of India, the CSO representatives were assured about the protection of the territorial integrity of the state of Manipur by the Prime Minister as well as the Home

Minister. The Prime Minister had also assured that no boundary of any states including Assam Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur will not be disturbed while solving the issue of the NSCN-IM.

The signing of the Framework agreement and the talk about settling the issue under the framework agreement had created apprehension to the people of the neighbouring states of Nagaland as the contents of the Framework Agreement have not been revealed.

## Bangladesh targets 100,000 for first Rohingya repatriation

**Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh), Dec 29 (AFP)** Bangladesh wants to send up to 100,000 Rohingya back to Myanmar in the first batch of repatriations of Muslim refugees who fled ethnic violence this year, officials said today.

Senior minister Obaidul Quader said a list of 100,000 names was to be sent to Myanmar authorities on Friday so repatriations could start in late January under an accord between the two governments.

More than 655,000 Rohingya from Myanmar's Rakhine state have sought refuge in Bangladesh since a military crackdown in late August, fleeing what the US and United Nations have described as ethnic cleansing. That added to more than 300,000 in camps in Bangladesh after fleeing earlier violence in the Buddhist majority state.

The two governments signed an agreement in November allowing for repatriations from January 23. Many aid groups and diplomats doubt that fearful Rohingya will agree to return.

The Rohingya have been the target of past pogroms in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, which does not recognise the group as a genuine ethnicity and has stripped them of citizenship.

Quader said repatriations would start as soon as a working group of officials from the two countries finalise a list of names.

"Based on the decision of the joint working group, a first list of 100,000 Rohingya will be

sent to the Myanmar government today for their safe and honourable return," Quader, road transport minister and deputy leader of the ruling Awami League, told reporters during a visit to Cox's Bazar where the refugee camps are.

"The next meeting of the working group, which will be held in Myanmar, will decide how the repatriation process begins," Quader added.

"This list will be finalised as early as possible. The repatriation process will begin after the list is finalised."

Abul Kalam Azad, the government relief commissioner for Rohingya refugees, said a decision was made Thursday by Bangladeshi members of the repatriation working group to send a list of 100,000 refugees to Myanmar.

He told AFP repatriations would begin after Myanmar verifies the list and the authorities in Bangladesh get consent from willing refugees.

Most Rohingya refugees approached by AFP in the camps insist they do not want to return, saying Rakhine is not safe enough.

## Family and JAC of deceased student not satisfied with school authority' attitude

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** Parents of deceased student Ningthoujam Lanchenba Meitei, who died in a tragic accident yesterday expressed dissatisfaction to the attitude of the school authority. A JAC formed against the death of the student today staged protest at Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai, where the deceased held.

Speaking to media persons members of the JAC while accepting that the cause of the death could not be found out until a proper inquiry has been conducted, it expressed strong dissatisfaction to the attitude of the school authority.

Venus, convener of the JAC said, "We don't know the cause of the death and we presumed it as an accidental

death, however, the way the school authority treated to the incident is not satisfactory". The incident happened at around 9.30 am yesterday and instead of taking the victim to the hospital some school teacher simply declared him dead as if they are qualified in declaring someone death, Venus said. He further added that instead of informing to the family members about the incident the school authority declared holiday after paying condolence service.

"No authority of the school came to inform or meet the parents and the family of the students", Venus said and added that the staged protest as something fishy seems to be going on the incident.

Health Minister L. Jyentakumar, who is also the representatives from

Keishamthong Assembly Constituency came and after enquiring over the matter directed the police to arrange an amicable solution between the JAC and the School authority.

As per the directives the school authority came along with the principal of the school - Extra Edge School came and held a meeting to resolve the matter. However, final agreement could not be brought today but agreed to settle after another sitting scheduled at 8 pm tomorrow.

Ningthoujam Lanchenba, a class XI student of Extra Edge School, died yesterday after he fled from his school bus bearing registration No. AS-01 R 9973 at Takhelleikai area of Sega Road. The bus has no conductor.

## Sweaters distributed to VDF personnel of Bishnupur

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** Sweaters were distributed to 1350 VDF personnel of Bishnupur district at a function jointly organised by Bishnupur SP and Bishnupur district VDF Welfare Association at Bishnupur District HQ today.

The sweaters were procured from the Bishnupur District VDF Welfare fund.

A press release issued by the publicity secretary of the association said the allocation of sweater to them was made possible by the apt guidelines provided by the officers. It went on to thank the officers and expressed gratitude.

The association has further appealed to the concerned authorities to clear the remuneration for the VDF personnel for the months of November and December.

## Police seizes huge quantity of illegal SP tablets



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 30:** A joint team of Phougakchao Ikhai police and Bishnupur CDO led by deputy SP T Biswajit recovered 650 tablets of SP tablets from a person who identified himself as Md Hasan, 35, son of MD Samad of Kwakta Khuman. According to police reported he was found behaving suspiciously and during body search the drugs were found inside the pocket of his jacket.

Later in the afternoon another team of Bishnupur CDO led by head constable L Gojendra and havildar MD islamuddin recovered 1000 pieces of WY tablets from the occupant of a maruti swift during frisking at Gothol Road in Kwakta. The occupant of the car was identified as MD Arid Khan, 24, son of Jamir Khan of Kwakta Khuman. The arrested persons have been handed over to Moirang police station.

## Year End Review- 2017: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)

**PIB**  
**New Delhi, Dec 30:** Following are the major highlights of the activities of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) during the year 2017:

In a landmark decision, the President of India in November promulgated the Indian Forest (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 to exempt bamboo grown in non-forest areas from the definition "Tree", thereby dispensing with the requirement of obtaining a permit for felling of bamboo for economic use. The decision following the approval by the Union Cabinet in a meeting chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been hailed as historic because

the bamboo was legally defined as a "Tree" under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 which proved to be a major impediment for bamboo cultivation by non-farmers on non-forest land.

In October, the Government constituted a high-level committee for proper management of the water resources in the North Eastern Region (NER) under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, Niti Aayog. This is a sequel to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Guwahati in August this year to review the flood situation and relief work in the North Eastern States. The Committee would facilitate optimising benefits of appropriate water management in the form of

hydro-electric power, agriculture, bio-diversity conservation, reduced flood damage erosion, inland water transport, forestry, fishery and eco-tourism. Ministry of DoNER serves as the coordinating point. The Committee will submit its report, including Plan of Action, by June, 2018. The same month, the Ministry of DoNER sanctioned Rs 200 crore for flood affected reconstruction works in the four North Eastern States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. This year witnessed unprecedented floods and the rainfall was more than 100% higher than that in the preceding months during the same period of time. Earlier during his visit to Northeast in August to review the flood situation in

the four States, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had announced a flood relief package of Rs 2,000 crore. Ministry of DoNER started an extensive exercise to reorient and rejuvenate the North Eastern Council (NEC) in a new format so that it could perform the effective role of an important resource-cum-research centre for the entire region and could be developed as the hub of innovation for the upliftment of entire Northeast. The MoS Dr Jitendra Singh said that a proposal in this regard has already been circulated and is presently under the active consideration of the Government of India. NEC was set up back in early 1970s with the intention to give special focus to the development of this region.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, MoS Dr Jitendra Singh announced Rs. 90 crore for "Northeast Hill Area Development" beginning from Tamenglong district on a pilot basis, in the first phase, for a period of two years. Inaugurating a two-week "Northeast handicraft-cum-handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale Bonanza" in New Delhi, he said the Ministry of DoNER got engaged in a detailed discussion with the Department of Expenditure and it was realised that for pursuing the additional objective of public welfare, an additional vertical sub-scheme may be created under the existing schemes for the Hill Area Development in the North Eastern States. (To be contd.)