

Chemical used in Agri products:

Pesticide residues are detected inhuman breast milk - Dr. Pramodkumar

IT News
Imphal, Dec 5: Excessive use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides in the agricultural and horticulture crops has caused various affect to human health. Believe it or not Pesticides residues are detected in human breast milk. This was stated by Dr. Pramodkumar, a renowned Public health advocate during a one day media interaction programme organised by Green Foundation at Manipur Press Club today on occasion of World Soil Day observance. Green foundation is a non-government organisation which is working for

promotion of organic farming in the state. Elaborating on the need for promotion of organic farming in the state Dr. Pramodkumar further highlighted the various negative health effects that are associated with the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture and horticulture crops production. "The excessive use of chemicals in agriculture and horticulture crops has now shortened the life span of human being. It cause various diseases associated with Dermatological, Gastrointestinal like Celiac, non-alcoholic fatty liver

disease etc. Neurological such as Alzheimer, Parkinsons etc, Carcinogenic effect, respiratory disease like Asthma, Reproductive, endocrine and may even cause damage to DNA", Dr. Pramod said. Dr. Pramodkumar further added that the kind of food we consume today has caused serious health effect that when compare with those people who live 30 years ago, adult today are suffering from obesity, Children and adolescence are three times overweight and now some cases of Paediatric diabetes had been detected to some children.

Farmers in Manipur today have started organic farming understanding its importance. 3 years back that is in 2014, villagers in Italian Village mall near Austrian and Swiss Border 70% of the people had voted against the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticide in agricultural land, he added. Dr. V. Pandey, Scientist in the Regional Centre of organic farming, Imphal said that best way to improve the health condition of the people is to encourage organic farming. Dr. Pandey also highlighted on the certification of organic products that are to be consumed in the state and

that are supposed to be exported from the state. Hitoshi Yokota, International Agricultural Consultant from Japan who has been working in India for promotion of organic farming highlighted how soil can be made more fertile using organic manure and other means. Editor of Huiyen Lanpao, Hemanta Ningomba, U Himmat of Green Foundation, Dr. Ksh. Bimolata, Asst. Prof. Of Ideal College and K. Devdutta Sharma were also attended as resource persons in the session. Promot moderated the interaction session.

AMWJU staged protest against threats by BJP



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Imphal, Dec 5: Members of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) today staged a sit in protest at Keishampat in protest against the alleged threat by some leaders of the BJP to the President of the Union Wangkhemcha Shyamjai. The matters ignited after the President of AMWJU criticised allotment of security escort to some workers of the BJP who are neither MLAs nor Ministers and for calling a worker with a name which they said is

defamatory. The BJP had threaten to take legal action against Wangkhemcha Shyamjai, President of the AMWJU for calling Kwak Sharat to a member of the BJP which they said that it is derogatory and it defame his name. W Shyamjai also alleged that another leader of the BJP had threaten him for naming him on the allotment of security escort during a discussion on the issue of VIP culture emergence in the state through local TV Channel ISTV.

Hoax bomb halt traffic at Chandel

IT News
Imphal, Dec 5: A bomb like object found lying on the Pallel-Chandel roadside about 1 Km from 8th MR Camp at Leikun Vilage in Chandel district had put halt all sort of traffic for few hours. However, normalcy was resumed after Police Bomb Squad found it as hoax.

The incident happened at around 11 am today and as there were some blast occurred in the district in the past one month, people were panic on seeing the bomb like object on the roadside. Mentioned may be made that on Novemebtr 13 a blast occurred at Maha Amani Village in Chandel district killing 2 Assam Rifles personnel injuring six others. On November 15 another blast took place at Sajik Tampak followed by fierce gunfight between rebel groups and the Assam Rifles troopers. Both the attack on Security force were claimed by proscribed group PLA.

Non-Nagas of Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh oppose inclusion of their areas in Nagalim

(Local source)

Itanagar, Dec 5: In yet another brain storming interaction that lasted for six hours, 10 Non-Naga communities residing in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh strongly registered objection to inclusion of their ancestral land in the Nagalim structure. The communities including Singpho, Yobin, Khaptii,

Deori, Ahom, Adivasis and others attending a meeting at Singpho Heritage Centre, Bordumsa today said they were constitutionally comfortable under the framework of Arunachal Pradesh and Indian constitution and therefore any design to include Bordumsa, Miao, Namphai and Modoi-Diyun areas in the Nagalim Framework Agreement reached

between Government of India and NSCN (IM) will not be tolerated. "Since we are Non Nagas, the question of snatching our land forcibly and integrating to Nagalim does not arise", a joint statement said. The gathering further resolved that Article 371 (A) which is the base of agreement between NSCN (IM) and GOI should not be extended to Non Naga

inhibited areas as it will yield only negative results. In case such plot is in place, a largescale democratic movement will be launched, the resolution said while asking the state government to be firm and clear about its stance on the issue. "What are the provisions in store for protection of our rights in case our land is integrated to Nagalim? The statement questioned.

Red Shield Division preparing for the biggest ex-servicemen rally in the state

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Imphal, Dec 5: The Red Shield Division is preparing to organise the biggest Ex-Servicemen Rally in the State, a statement by PIB defence wing said. The statement said that the rally is being organised under the theme of 'Towards a Happy and contented Second Innings' on December 9 at Leimakhong Military Station. The event shall serve as an ideal platform to gather first hand information about the problems being faced by the Veterans and to provide assistance to resolve the same. The Red Shield division is expecting large scale

participation by Welfare Agencies and Civil Administration in organising awareness stalls for the Veterans on various welfare and self employment schemes instituted by the Army and State Government. An 'Online Registration Counter' will also be opened for registration with the veterans portal. All Ex-Servicemen, on registration with the Veterans portal, will be given an ID and password on their mobile phones, with which they shall be able to monitor redressal of their grievances. Any query on the above rally, please contact Mob No 85554865291 and

9862009437, the PIB Defence statement added. Meanwhile, 26 Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 9 Sect AR organised an ex-servicemen meet at Thoubal today. A total of 86 ex-servicemen attended including Army ESM-60(incl 10 widows), AR ESM-24 (incl 03 widows) and Dependent AR - 02 the meet and Commandant 26 Assam Rifles addressed the gathering with an welcome note. Points raised during the last ESM Meet held on 23 Sep 17 at Thoubal and steps/ action taken by the unit thereafter were announced by the 2IC.

2G spectrum scam: Special court to pronounce verdict on Dec 21

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New Delhi, Dec 5: A special court in New Delhi today announced December 21 to be the final judgment day in the 2G spectrum allocation scam cases. The verdict will be pronounced at Delhi's Patiala House court. The case is against former telecom minister A Raja, DMK Rajya Sabha member Kanimozhi and few others. The court was hearing two separate cases

related to 2G spectrum cases. One is being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the other by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The court had concluded final arguments in the case on April 26. According to the CBI, Raja was biased in allocating 2G mobile airwaves and operating licences to telecom firms, causing a huge loss to the state exchequer.

Thyroid testing camp at press club

Guwahati Dec 5: The city based Dispur Hospital will conduct one more health camp for thyroid tests on December 9 at Guwahati Press Club. The Saturday camp will start at 3pm and conclude by 5 pm, where the participants can give blood samples for testing thyroid levels. The participants, including those who attended the November 25 camp (of Dispur Hospital) and gave blood samples will get an opportunity to consult with a concerned doctor on December 16 at the press club premises.

World Soil Day Celebrated in Thoubal

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Thoubal, Dec. 5: Krishsi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Thoubal today observes World Soil Day as observe in other part of world, under the theme "Caring for the planet start from the ground" in their office premises. Dr. Y. Radheshyam Singh, Chairman MANIDCO & MANITRON attended as Chief Guest; L. Radhakishore Singh, Chairman Khadi & V.I. Board and Manipur Pollution Control Board, H. Dingo Singh, MLA Sekmal Assembly Constituency,

Sh. Dwijamani Singh, Dy. IGP Manipur Police Telecommunication Organization and Ningthoujam (o) Mala Devi, Pradhan Khangabok Part-I Gram Panchayat attended as Guest of Honour while Khaidem Mohendra Singh, Addl. Director, Department of Agriculture Manipur attended as President. Dr. M. Thoithoi Singh Ph.D, M.Sc. Agriculture SMS Plant protection of KVK Thoubal delivered the keynote address. Speaking on the occasion L. Radhakishore stressed the importance of planting



groundnut crop. He said ground nut is suitable for the state soils

and stating that this crop also conserved nutrient in the soil as well as in the economic point of view. Radhakishore said he would consult other staffs of KVK Thoubal to help farmers in whatever way possible while urging farmers to perform soil testing. During the programme, 105 soil health cards were distributed to the progressive farmers from different village in the Thoubal District. Critical Inputs for Soil Amendment and other seeds were distributed to the farmers.

Cyclone Ockhi fallout: Hailstorm near Mumbai; schools shut

PTI
Mumbai, Dec 5: As Mumbai braces for Cyclone Ockhi, areas near the metropolis witnessed a spell of hailstorm, while schools and colleges in the city and adjoining districts have been closed today as a precautionary measure. Some parts of the Mumbai-Pune Expressway experienced a hailstorm early today, police said. The weather department has forecast intermittent rains in Mumbai and suburbs in the next 24 hours. The traffic on Eastern and Western Express Highways in Mumbai has slowed down after rain in some

parts of Mumbai throughout last night. There are traffic curbs in some places in view of the rush of followers of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar on his death anniversary tomorrow. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has made arrangements for accommodation in some civic schools for people coming from outside Mumbai to pay tributes to Ambedkar at Chaityabhami in Dadar area here. "Intermittent rain/thundershowers very likely to occur in Mumbai and suburbs in next 24 hours,"

said a report of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Mumbai at 8 am. "Heavy rainfall is likely at a few places with squally wind speed reaching 50 to 60 kms per hour gusting to 70 kms per hour very likely along coastal area in next 24 hours," it further said. A few spells of rain or thundershowers are likely to occur in the city and suburbs in next 48 hours, the IMD said. After an alert by the IMD Mumbai observatory, the state government has announced a holiday today for schools in Mumbai, Sindhudurg, Thane, Raigad and Palghar districts.