

Union Home Minister Rajnath to visit Imphal

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Imphal, Feb 18: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh is visiting Imphal on Sunday.

Security measures have been beefed up in and around Imphal area ahead of the Union Home Minister's visit to the state.

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu, General Secretary of BJP, Ram Madhav and Finance Minister of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma are accompanying the Union Home Minister.

The Union Home Minister will release the BJP Manipur Vision Documents in a function which is scheduled to be organised at MFDC Auditorium, Palace Gate, Imphal at 1.30 pm tomorrow.

An interaction session with the media persons is also organised with the Union Home Minister during the function.

VP of NPF Manipur Unit resigns

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Imphal, Feb 18: Vice President of Naga Peoples' Front (NPF), Manipur State Unit (MSU), P.S. Rowland, who is also the convenor of the disciplinary Action Committee, NPF, MSU and also the member of the Election Management Committee NPF has tendered resignation from all the posts.

Rowland was an important functionary of the NPF and he hails from Paibung Village under 47 Karong Assembly Constituency.

Mr. Rowland so far has not announced on which political party he will join.

'Imphal Municipalities guidelines for construction of buildings not implemented so far' - Experts

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Imphal, Feb 18: Even as the Imphal Municipalities guidelines is one of the latest guidelines for constructions of building in across the country, non of the individuals has been following the guidelines neither the IMC authority has been properly implementing the guidelines.

This was stated by experts during a One Day Seminar on Earthquake Resistant Building in Manipur held at Regency Hall Classic Hotel here Imphal. The one day seminar was organised by the Editor Guild Manipur and in support of the PWD, Government of Manipur.

The workshop is being organised to make proper understanding of the nature of buildings as those in the field



of media often find difficult to understand the technicalities when reporting during earthquake or any disaster.

K Radhakumar, IAS, Commissioner (Works), Govt. of Manipur, who attended the inaugural function of the workshop as Chief Guest, said that the new generation has lack proper understanding of the houses which were built

by our ancestor. He said that even though there were no scientific explanations of why and how the position of the houses are constructed there were always good reason for any constructions. These need to be studied properly. On the other hand, lack of understanding about the need of qualified engineers when constructing a house is also a

major problem he added.

N. Getkumat, Chief Town Planner, Govt. of Manipur, who graced the occasion as Guest of honour while speaking on the occasion calls on the need for proper consultations with Architect, engineers and masons. He said the culture of skipping professional engineers while constructing a house as most people used to build their houses on their own, has become a major threat at times of earthquake or any disaster. He also said that in order to improve the quality of the mason the PWD is organising workshops for masons during yaosang festival.

Additional Chief Engineer Kh. Temba, Prof. Suresh, MIT, Imphal and Prof. Arunkumar, Earth Science MU attended as resource persons.

Seminar on 'North-East India and South-East Asia: Historical and Cultural Relations' held

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Imphal, Feb 18: The inaugural of One-Day Regional Seminar on 'North-East India and South-East Asia: Historical and Cultural Relations' organised jointly by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Manipur University (MU) and Association of South East Asian Nation (ASEAN) Studies Centre, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Shillong was held today at the venue of Court Hall, Manipur University starting from 10 onwards. Vice Chancellor of Manipur University, Prof. Adya Prasad Pande graced the function as Chief Guest. Other dignitaries in the dais are - Prof. N. Lokendra, Dean of School of Social Science, Manipur University; Prof. E. Bijoykumar, Director of CSSEIP, MU, Prof. V. Suryanarayan, Former Director of Centre for South East Asian Studies, Madras University; and Dr. CJ Thomas, Director of Indian

Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) North-Eastern Region (NER), Dr. Th. Bharat, Senior Faculty of CSSEIP gave the Welcome Address and the theme of the seminar was introduced by Dr. CJ Thomas. It was held with the objective to explore and draw upon the cultural, sociological, anthropological, historical, economical linkages and connections between North-East India and South East Asia. With India's Northeast being positioned as the gate-way to South-East Asia, it could not be more pertinent to research, engage and explore the different facets of shared linkages that the North-East of India shares with the South East Asian countries. Dr. CJ Thomas stated. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. V. Suryanarayan. Prof. Suryanarayan stated, the academic exercises so far have not been able to explore enough the cultural linkages of India with the South East Asian countries. Prof. Arya



Pande while expressing his views that Northeast being in the doorstep of Southeast Asia, this seminar can be an eye opener for establishing fruitful and cordial relations in varied multiple fields with the South East Asian countries. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Thathang Vaiphei (Asst. Prof., CSSEIP, MU). The seminar will altogether have two academic sessions. The Chairperson and the panellists are respectively Amar Yumnam of Economics Dept., Manipur University and Dr. Arambam Lokendra (Former Director of Educational Multi-Media Research Centre (EMMRC),

MU); Prof. N. Lokendra; Prof. Ch. Priyoranjan (Economics Dept., MU); and Dr. L. Rajen Singh (Pol. Sc Dept., MU). The Second Technical Session will be chaired by Prof. V. Suryanarayan and the panellists are Prof. TT Haokip (Pol. Sc Dept., North Eastern Hill University); Prof. W. Nabakumar (Director, Centre for South East Asian Studies, MU); Prof. MC Arun (Director, Centre for Manipur Studies, MU); and Ms. Konthoujam Sarda Devi (ASC, Shillong). Both the Technical Session will be followed by Discussion and the Seminar will wind up with a Concluding Remarks by Dr. CJ Thomas.

305 loaded trucks escorted

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Imphal, Feb 18: Security escort today escorted 3015 loaded trucks towards Imphal at Imphal -Jiribam road from Jiribam today morning. Among the loaded trucks 38 are petrol tanker trucks, 38

diesel tanker trucks, 20 LPG loaded trucks and other trucks ferrying medicines, construction materials and other essential commodities. Report from Jiribam said that a total of 728 trucks still remain stranded at Jiribam.

Cycle rally for clean environment staged

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Imphal, Feb 18: Students from different schools of the state took out a cycle rally today to create an awareness on clean and healthy environment in Manipur.

It is the second cycle rally organised by Personality Development club of DM College of Arts on the theme "Re-use and Re-cycle for a Green Future."

The rally was flag off by Dr. Keithellakpam Indrani, General secretary of Teachers forum of DM College from the college campus this morning.

About 30 students took part in the cycle rally which proceeded towards Thanga Salam.

One of the teacher of the college who took part in the rally said that the rally is to spread the message of the harmful effects of plastics and it's related products on the environment and the people. The teacher also said that youth of today's generation should involve themselves in

effort to protect the environment.

Participants of the rally displayed placards on less use of plastic products as much as we can, save environment and you will save the life of future and plastic pollute and paper don't.

The rallies will hold the night at Thanga Salam and will return tomorrow.

Parent's Day

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Imphal, Feb 18: Laijing Ningthoukhong Government Junior High School at Thangmeiband Lairwnhanjaba Leikai today Celebrated Parent's day at the school.

Teachers, students of the school and parents of the students took part in the celebration.

Gifts were presented to the best and well performed students of the school and parents for showing keen interest in education of their children's

Nearly 9 lakh bank accounts put under income tax scanner

New Delhi, Feb 18: Nearly half of the 18 lakh people under the Income Tax scanner for suspicious bank deposits during the demonetisation period, have been put in the 'doubtful' category. The action against them will follow only after the new tax amnesty scheme which ends on 31st of next month.

Under 'Operation Clean Money', the I-T department had sent SMS and e-mails to these people, who had made deposits of over 5 lakh rupees during the 50-day window provided to get rid of old 500 and 1,000 rupee

notes. The Tax Department had asked assessee to submit response by Wednesday last to avoid enforcement actions under the I-T Act and other applicable laws.

Since Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) runs till 31st of March, action against any depositor can be taken only after this scheme closes as the depositor may choose to disclose the wealth and pay taxes. The verification will be closed if the cash deposit is declared PMGKY, the disclosure scheme for black money.

An insightful chat with MMA fighter Isaac Kario Maheo

By: Vangamla Salle K S (ANI)

New Delhi, Feb.18: Meet Isaac! Hailing from the remotest region of Northeast India, Isaac Kario Maheo, have come a long way in life, competing among the world top fighters of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). Known for an iron body, razor mind and the mastery of lethal skills once in action on the ring, Isaac becomes the winner of India's first-ever reality show based on MMA titled 'Super Fight League Challengers' in 2012. Since then, for Isaac, there has been no turning back and in 2014, he went on to win a professional flight league 'CageSport XXIX' at Emerald Casino in Tacoma, Washington, USA.

And now, the one and only professional ring fighter from the northeast region, Isaac Kario Maheo is in the national capital of India vouching for his team, Goa Pirates as the team captain in Super Fight League 2017. The team is all set to show a full throttle functional strength and raw adrenaline for semi-final taking on with Delhi Heroes today at Siri Fort Auditorium.

And before the curtains curled up for the semi-final fight, we had a quick conversation with a flight attendant turned professional MMA fighter.

So, Isaac, being a flight steward to becoming a professional MMA fighter, how has been your journey so far?

Isaac: Growing up, I always love sports and wanted to do something related to sport. I really never had chance

and had to work to look out for myself basically. I used to be steward for an airline. And later I came to a point where I started questioning myself like; is it just a regular source of income am I looking for or go for what I wanted to do in life? So, I quit my job and got into this and I have no regrets so far.

From a glamorous profession to fighting ring, it must have been a very challenging decision for you?

Isaac: It was not really a tough decision actually. I just had to answer one question to myself. Am I going to follow my heart or follow one source of income? Once I made up my choice, I had followed my heart and it was kind of simple actually. But yes of course, there's a huge lot differences on work grounds on both the jobs because the first time I got punch, I felt like...oh ok this is real.

Who has been your source of inspirations all this time? Isaac said, "I don't have a specific role model but I do take inspirations from a lot of people. It is not necessarily big names but even who might never made news. Those kinds of people inspire me. For example, my mom, she's like really hard working. And yes, not even from the family people but even from random people here and there. Little things I take inspiration from those things."

Your mom has been your rain and sunshine in your life, tell us more about her?

Isaac said, "My mom doesn't want to me to fight since day one, she has never wanted me to do this but at the

same time, she doesn't stop me. So I am grateful for my mom understanding me this way. And she is my biggest critic and that's also the biggest challenge of me. When it comes to criticism, you can take it either way. But if it is from my mom, it makes me think a lot."

MMA has been one of the second fastest growing sports in the world, kindly enlightens us more about it? Isaac said, "Mixed martial art is actually a real fighting with certain safety precautions like you cannot poke someone in the eye or head, the coronary or the spine area. I think it is a pure form of fighting. Because when it comes to traditional martial arts, you can only box and kick or you going to be only wrestling or only on the ground trying to lock each other. But in mixed martial art, it gets everything. You can fight in all three positions."

How do you prepare yourself for a fight and what is the first thing that clicks your mind when you step-in the ring? Isaac: Everyone who fights has their own background and stories and that is inspiration to me. It's not just me but there are students who want to get into fighting, everyone has some background or the other. The way we prepare for fight, everyone has their own way and for me, I get really sleepy. I become really relax and it works for me that way. Mixing emotions before a fight and getting aggression is a little too late I think.

How do you see yourself in years down the line?

Isaac said, "Fighting was something I got into because I thought I like sports and I had a chance to do it. I think I am not going quit, I am getting old but I would like pick a fight or two once I am healed. I am injured right now and I cannot continue this tournament and yes down the line, I think I will keep doing it."

"Nowadays, more of northeast youths are inclined towards sports and at the same time, they have shown their potential, so are you planning to take forward the legacy of fighting and mould them for future prospective?"

Isaac said, "There a lot of youngsters from our region who came up to me and shares their interest. I believe that there's a lot potential back home (Northeast region) and I also want to encourage them. It's not necessarily MMA because the fight is brutal. But when it comes to sports, people from our region can do well. They just need to be given a platform, a chance to train somewhere in their own interest sport field."

Best experienced moments with co-fighters please Isaac said, "One thing about fighting, it's not just about the sports but you get to meet a lot of good people. I have met a lot of good friends, there's a guy in our team, Clinton Czeckoz. I stayed with him in US for about 7 or 8 months. The only reason he came to India was actually we could meet again; it was a way to meet us. Now, he's been winning three fights and he's one of the active fighters."