

Manipur's CSOs meet Union Home Minister; assures all help to contain UNC's blockade but put the ball to state government

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Imphal, Jan 19: The Joint Delegation of Joint Forum for Peace (JFP) is a conglomeration of 64 organizations from hill and valley of Manipur, today meet the Union Home Minister Rajnath and News Delhi and apprise the present hardship face by the people of the state due to the 80 days economic blockade enforced by the UNC on both highways in Manipur. The 18 member delegation led by UCM President, Johnson Elangbam drew the attention of the Union Home Minister to the present crisis in the state due to the prolonged economic blockade in the state. The UCM President on behalf of the delegation also urged the



Union home Minister to appeal the NSCN-IM, which is the mother body of the UNC to end the economic blockade. The Union Home Minister had assured all possible help to end the prolonged economic blockade, a member of the CSO, who met the HM. The meeting with the Manipur's CSOs delegates begins at 10.10 am today and lasted about 20 minutes. While assuring all possible assistance, the Home Minister said that it is up to the state government that has to tackle the situation, for he met the CM of Manipur yesterday. The HM also said that as code of conduct is in force the center nd to consult with the ECI for any eventualities. Later after the meeting, the Joint Forum for Peace organized a press conference at Manipur Information Center, Emporium Complex

Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connough Place at 3.30 pm. Earlier yesterday, Union Home Minister Rajnath Summon Manipur Chief Minister of Manipur and Nagaland and discussed about the prevailing issue. During the meeting the Home Minister expressed his grave concern over the continued blockade of National Highway-2 causing severe difficulties to the people of Manipur specially with regard to availability of essential commodities. Shri Rajnath Singh further stated that continued blockade is likely to adversely affect democratic process in the forthcoming elections by hampering movement of people, including election officials. Recounting the kind of assistance provided to the state government in finding a solution to the ongoing crisis, Rajnath Singh stated that it is

the Constitutional obligation of Government of Manipur to maintain public order in the State including maintenance of essential supplies and conducive atmosphere for holding elections. He called upon the Chief Minister to discharge this obligation responsibly, in the interest of people of Manipur. If more forces are required for this, that would be made available by Government of India. But it is critical that Government of Manipur should not be lacking in its will to restore normalcy. The Union Home Minister made it clear that if Government of Manipur fails in its Constitutional duties, Government of India may have to explore other measures under the provisions of Constitution of India to ensure that difficulties of people of Manipur are alleviated.

KCP Poirei Meitei lup commander Kh. Ranjit to be produced before Patiala House Court today

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Imphal, Jan 19: Commander of the KCP Poirei Meitei Lup, Khoirom Ranjit, who was arrested in Delhi by the special cell, will be produced before the Patiala House Court today. The armed group leader along with his close associate P Ibomcha had been brought here in Imphal for investigation purpose by Delhi police. Both were taken to New Delhi yesterday in an Indigo flight. As per the reports, the Delhi police anti-terror wing special cell, had on January 12, arrested commander in chief of Kangliepak Communist Party (KCP) along with a

woman.

Some of the key persons who had been assisting the armed group were summoned to the police station here as a part of their investigation. Khoirom Ranjit alias Rocky alias Great Macha, the supreme commander of KCP Poirei Meitei Lup is the key leader of the gang and Delhi Police special cell had spell out his close nexus with a congress MLA. During his stay at Porompat police custody MLA Shyamkumar was not among those summoned for interrogation regarding the case. Delhi police said the accused along with his associate was reportedly

held from a house situated in east Delhi Mayur Vihar area. However, source tell media that the terrorist leader was arrested from a place in Kathmandu in Nepal. KCP is involved in various crimes including terror attacks. According to another report, the accused KH Ranjit might be brought back to Manipur for further investigation. It is likely that as the leader of the terrorist organisation had confessed of having nexus with a Congress MLA, the police might hand over the case to some autonomous Investigating agency like the CBI or NIA.

(with input from ANI)

AR apprehends 13 NSCN-IM

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Thoubal, Jan.19: The 35 AR C Coy yesterday apprehended 13 cadres of NSCN IM and two children with large number of arms and ammunitions, who were moving in two Maruti Gypsy along Dimapur to Namsa. According to a source the AR personnel who were on ROP checking found the cadres along with weapons at Mon village and apprehended.

Manipur to witness 5 professional bouts

Imphal, Jan.19: For the first time in the history of boxing in Manipur, ten national and international professional boxers including state star Sarita Devi will display their best punches and moves at the well furnished Khuman Lampak Indoor stadium in Imphal on January 29. Sarita will take part in the first bout with well known professional boxer Zsófia Bodo of Hungary followed by Som Bahadur Pun (India) versus Manop Sittithiem (Thailand). Interestingly Pinki Jangra (India) will take on Claudia Ferenczi (Slovakia), Vipin Kumar (India) versus Mubarak Seguya (Uganda). The fifth bout is between Siddharth Varma and National title holder Jaganathan (India). This was announced by the functionaries of local support groups including Impact TV, a cable TV network, Editors Guild Manipur during a media briefing at Classic Hotel on Saturday evening. The professional bouts were planned after the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) approved Laishram Sarita as a

professional boxer and she will become the sole professional boxer not only from the State but also from the whole of North East. Sarita's first professional bout is being organised by the Indian Boxing Council and the Sports Solution. As per a new regulation of the Amateur International Boxing Association (AIBA), professional boxers are no longer prohibited from returning to the amateur category at the State, National and International levels, says BFI vice president and Manipur Amateur Boxing Association secretary Khoibi Salam. Moreover, Sarita's entry in the professional ring would help her advance her and enrich her experience. Stating that his five years old dream of his better half turning into a professional boxer has been finally fulfilled, Sarita's husband Thoiba Chongtham said Sarita who is targeting to represent India in International professional boxing competitions in 2018, has been undergoing vigorous training at Rohtak.

Budget docs printing to start today

New Delhi, Jan 19: Printing of budget documents relating to Union Budget 2017-18 is to start today with Halwa Ceremony. Finance Ministry Arun Jaitley will participate in the Ceremony, marking the beginning of printing of documents which are part of Union Budget. After ceremony, more than 100 officials of the finance Ministry will stay in budget printing press till Mr Jaitley's budget speech is over.

National Children Residential Painting Camp

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Thoubal, Jan.19: The Institute of Rural Education (IRE) Wangjing Manipur has today launched a poster and Calendar to promote the National Children Residential Painting Camp "3rd Brain-Drain Exposita" which is going to be held at IRE, Complex Wangjing from 22 January till 29 January. The Poster was launched by Renowned Manipuri Actor and National Film Awardee Leishangthem Tonthoingambi, brand ambassador of 3rd Brain-Drain Exposita- 2017 at Ningtam Ingkhoh, Tekcham in Thoubal District. During the Children residential Painting camp an interaction programme, Basic concept & skill development of drawing and practical study of drawing & painting demonstrated by renowned Artists of Manipur on different 6 days will also be held. In this Children residential Painting camp the students from Cashar, Hojai, Guwahati, Mizoram and Tripura will participate in this camp and students from Assam will arrive tomorrow. Convenor Rajivkumar said.

Tree Plantation begins for 2nd Singju Festival

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Thoubal, Jan.19: The Singju Yokhatpa Lup (SYOL) and Singju Festival Committee, Manipur has today launched a tree plantation programme at Ningtam Ingkhoh, Tekcham Maning Ching in Thoubal District to promote the 2nd Singju Festival which is going to be held at MMRC Park, Khangabok from January 28 till February 8 on the theme "Save our culture & identity". The tree plantation was launched by Kh. Menjor Mangang President, Singju



Yokhatpa Lup (SYOL) of Singju Festival 2017 to promote the 2nd Singju Festival. Singju Festival Committee convenor Rakesh Naorem said a mega marathon race to be held on 25 January 2017 from

Kakching Lamkhai to Festival venue MMRC Park to promote the 2nd Singju Festival. The main reason of conducting the festival is to preserve medicinal herbs which are the main ingredients

in preparing Singju and to bring a change in the green revolution, Rakesh Naorem said. Many activities like blood donation camp, film festival, Shumang Leela festival, writers meet, book release function, symposiums, narrative arts, media interaction programme, meet the stars programme, tree plantation programme, fashion show, musical nite, essay competition, solo dance competition, science exhibition, poetry recitation and painting competitions will also be conducted.

Football development programme concludes

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Imphal, Jan 19: Veteran Soccer Association Imphal (VSAI) sponsored 15 days grassroot football development programme which was started from January 5 this year has been concluded at the Thangmeiband athletic Union (Thau) ground in Manipur's Imphal west district. Government's consultant and former commissioner RK Nimai Singh, former sports director W Bhaktaraj Singh, President of Thau Dr K Arunkanta and Senior football coach (Retd) Th Dhanabir Singh were the chief guest, functional president and guests of honour of the concluding function which was attended a number of energetic guardians of the participating children.

The football development programme was organised with the active participation of more than 140 children aged 6-14 years. On January 10, a number of I-league players from Manipur including Gouramangi, Malemnganba and other

players from Japan, Nigeria and state favourite NEROCA FC interacted with the young footballers during the programme wherein the visiting I-League players urged the young players to give their best in whatever endeavours they choose and

set the sky as the limit. The objective of the programme is to groom football players from the grassroots in the state which is currently having more than 200 footballers playing for the premier football clubs of the country, according to VSAI secretary Hawaibam Imo.



World witnesses hottest year on record in 2016

Imphal, Jan 19: The world witnessed the hottest year on record in 2016, surpassing the exceptionally high temperatures of 2015, the UN weather agency said. The globally average temperature in 2016 was about 1.1 degree Celsius higher than the pre-industrial period, according to a consolidated analysis by the World Meteorological Organization. According to WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas, surging concentrations of carbon dioxide and methane for human induced climate change and record breaking average temperature rise in 2016. He explained worst effects in Arctic and Antarctic having minimum sea ice levels this year and presented

disappointing scenario with early and fast melting of Greenland glacier with rising sea levels globally. WMO has linked weather-related events to conclusions by the International Organization for Migration and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, which recently reported 19.2 million new displacements due to weather, water, climate and geophysical hazards in 113 countries in 2015. That number is more than twice the number of people displaced due to human-related conflict and violence. Record ocean heat contributed to widespread coral reef bleaching, including in the Great Barrier Reef, which has seen up to 50 per cent of its coral die in certain parts.



Launching for Poster for National Children Residential Painting Camp at Wangjing