

## Ramnath Kovin arrives in Imphal



**IT News Imphal, July 7:** Presidential Candidate Ramnath Kovin arrived at Imphal Airport, as part of his campaign for the ensuing Presidential election scheduled to be held on July 17. He is accompanied by BJP National General Secretary and N-E Co-ordinator Ram Madhav. State BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Ksh Bhavananda and Works Minister Th. Biswajit Singh received the Presidential Candidate at Imphal Airport. The Presidential Election is scheduled to hold on July 17. While Ramnath Kovin is the NDA candidate, former Speaker of Lok Sabha, Smt. Meira Kumar is the congress sponsor candidate for the Indian President post.

## ACMO organizes legal camp

**IT News Imphal, July 7:** All Christian Minority Organisation (ACMO), Kachhing organised an one-day legal awareness programme at Grace Cottage Academy today under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority Thoubal. The chairperson of Kachhing Municipal Council M Inakhunbi Devi was the chief guest at the function while founder of Kachhing Life Centre N Shyamkumar Singh was the president and councillor of ward no 11 Ksh Jhaljit and administrator of the school N Radhamani were the guests of honour. Resource persons Advocate N Modhu spoke on the topic 'Protection of Women from Domestic Violence' and Advocate Y Mohendro gave his lecture on 'Right to Education and Food Security Act'.

## Ningthoukhong locals block road against replacement of Chief Secretary

### O. Nabakishore sent notice for voluntary retirement

**IT News Imphal, July 7:** Locals of Ningthoukhong in Bishnupur district where the former Chief Secretary Oinam Nabakishore Singh held today blocked roads against the replacement of the post by R R Rashmi. Meanwhile former Chief Secretary O. Nabakishore who had been transferred as Director General SAT today sent notice for voluntary retirement from the Indian Administrative Service from 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. In the

notice O. Nabakishore stated the reason for sending the voluntary retirement notice on personal ground. However there are rumours spreading around saying that the transfer of him to SAT is a humiliation as his superannuation is just two years to go. The date of birth of O Nabakishore is 1/12/1959 which means that age of superannuation is on 2019. O Nabakishore was appointed as the Chief Secretary during O Ibobi regime and political analyst are of the opinion that



replacement of the top post is a political strategy for running of the government. On the other normal life was severely affected as locals of Ningthoukhong came out to the Tiddim road and halt all sorts of traffic along the route. Police face hard time in controlling the agitators.

## Widespread tree plantation drive marks Van Mahotsav Day

**IT News Imphal, July 7:** A total of 10,000 saplings were planted in 16 centres of Tengnoupal and Chandel districts during the Vana Mahotsava observance by Tengnoupal Forest Division. The tree plantation campaign for the district was inaugurated by Conservator of Forest Eastern Circle W Yaikul and divisional forest officer of Chandel Gaitthao Thamei at a function at Aimol Satu village. Officials of the forest department of the district and local people of respective villages chosen for tree

plantation joined in planting the saplings. The villages where the events were organised are Aimol Satu, Aimol Ngairong, Aimol Tampak, Aimol Khullen, Aimol Khudamphai, Aimol Chingnungth, Aihang, Kangbung, Thumcheng, Kwatha, Korkum, Chandonpokpi, Ziontlang, Lambung, Natham, and Thangkham. DFO Chandel Thamei said the mission of planting 10,000 saplings in different centres at Chandel, Chakpukiarong, Tengnoupal and Moreh ranges was authorized to help in achieving the target of

planting 1,00,000 saplings in the state as a whole. Forest department Thoubal division also observed Van Mahotsav today and planted saplings at 16 centres at Thoubal and Kachhing districts. Under the aegis of DFO Thoubal a tree plantation programme was also organised on the occasion at Kheba Ching, Khongjom which was jointly organised by Thoubal Range, Rural Development Association, pradhan of Sapam GP Th Jiten, up pradhan of Khongjom GP Manglemjao and Youth Forward Association,

Chingtham. Taking part in the observance the minister of forest Th Shyamkumar said the widespread tree plantation campaign being taken up all over Manipur is part of an effort to reverse the effect of adverse climatic changes and deforestation. He informed that he will individually plant saplings throughout the month of July. The voluntary participation of the public are committed to planting trees and protecting the environment is an omen that after some years our place will be covered in greeneries again.

## CorCom turns eight, slams India tagging as colonial

**IT News Imphal, July 7:** The Co-ordination Committee (CorCom) has sent revolutionary greetings to their fellow people on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the formation of the organization, which is a conglomerate of militant groups operating in Manipur, today. In the correspondence issued by its convener Kh Pambei, CorCom said with the advent of the 21<sup>st</sup> century the United Nations made several declarations to wipe out colonialism from the face of the earth and liberate the occupied nations. It listed the declaration by the general assembly of the UN made on December 10, 2010 which proclaimed 2010-2020 as the third international decade for eradication of colonialism. Many countries in the world are making

serious efforts to ensure that it is implemented successfully. In total contradiction, the Indian government which usurped its tiny neighboring republics like Kashmir, Manipur and others in WESEA, showed no sign of cooperating with the declaration. Not only is India suppressing the people of the colonies, it has sent its military units to terrorize the people there in unimaginable fashion and blatantly abuse their human rights, the correspondence stated. The organization claimed that the policy of 'one education one nation' being popularized by the Indian government is a determined effort to indoctrinate the young minds in the 'colonies' with their ideas so that they become willing to embrace the culture, identity and history of the mainstream as their own.

## CM inspects Khuman Lampak sports complex

**Imphal, July 07:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inspected Khuman Lampak Main Stadium regarding installation of flood lighting system today. Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Letpao Haokip, top officials of Youth Affairs and Sports Department and other officials concerned accompanied him during the visit. After looking over the

stadium, the Chief Minister shared his views to the Sports Minister and officials on where to install the lighting system. N. Biren Singh directed the officials to do proper maintenance and keep the complex neat and tidy. He also asked them to enhance security of the complex and issue identity cards to the joggers who regularly enter into the complex.

## Flood wreaks havoc for farmers in Kakching

**Rabi Imphal, July 7:** The massive flood in valley areas of Manipur did not spare Kakching district either and around 300-400 hectares of cultivable land at Kakching Wairi Awang Loukol, Mantak Loukol and Loushi Loukol are currently immersed in water with no respite in sight as the expanse of submerged land is gradually expanding. Secretary of Kakching Wairi Awang Loukol Development Committee M Joy said people in Kakching are suffering crop losses due to the present flood like other cultivators in the

rest of the valley. Although there were no cases of water overflowing or bursting of the banks along Sengmai river, vast areas of agricultural lands are covered in water and its dimension is gradually increasing with every passing hour, he stated dejectedly. Kharungpat serves as the depository of water released from various fields in the area but at this point of time the volume of water here has reached such an immense proportion that it can no longer hold it. Subsequently, the flow of water has changed its course and is now running

the other way round swamping the fields at Kakching Wairi Awang Loukol, Mantak Loukol and Loushi Loukol worsening the scenario. With no sight of any immediate improvement in the situation the worries and sufferings of the farmers are keeping on multiplying. Many of them who had sown or transplanted paddy are caught with hands on their heads. The villagers of this area have drawn the attention of state administration to understand the grim situation and send relief measures.

## Forest department needs public support: Minister Shyamkumar

**DIPR Imphal, July 07:** Manipur today observed the 68<sup>th</sup> 'Vanamahotsava' at various locations in all the districts organised by the Forest Department. On the occasion, the Forest Department planted around 1.3 lakh tree saplings at 10 districts crossing the set target of 1 lakh tree saplings across the State. It has a target to plant around 10 lakh tree saplings in the month of July. During the first week every July, 'Vanamahotsava' - the

festival of forests is observed across the country. Since the initiation of the festival in 1950, by the then Union Minister for Food & Agriculture (late) Shri Kanaiyalal Maneklal Munshi, the festival is continuing every year throughout India. The Forest Department organised 'Vanamahotsava' observance at Yairipok Top Chingtha under Andro Assembly Constituency. Speaking to mediapersons, Forests and Environment Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar said that, the Forest Department alone cannot save the environment and needs the wholehearted public support. Expressing concern over the change in temperature and unnatural calamities across the globe, he said that, 'Vanamahotsava' conveys the message that there is a need to plant more trees to support the eco-system. Minister Shyamkumar said that, the State faces flood like situation at the slightest rainfall due to silting of river beds caused due to various reasons including deforestation. He said the State Government plans to dredge the riverbeds in valley area to solve the problem. He also showed concern over the rampant use of chemical fertilisers in the State. Minister Th. Shyamkumar

further said that, planting tree saplings alone is not enough, as we need to protect the trees/plants for the future generations. Urging the people to plant more trees to save the planet earth, Shyamkumar said protecting the trees/plants lies in the hands of each citizen. He said to make the initiative successful, public support is a necessity. Forests and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar along with other officials and volunteers planted varieties of tree saplings of as a part of the observance. Around 7,300 saplings were planted at the Top Chingtha. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (PCCF & HoFF) Shri K. Angami; Shri RK Srivastava, IGF, Project Elephant, Govt of India; L. Baite, Additional PCCF; officials of Forest Department, locals of Yairipok Top Chingtha and volunteers attended the observance. Minister Shyamkumar along with the Forest Department officials also planted saplings at the Kheba Ching, at Khongjom, Thoubal District. The Forest Department planted around 1,000 saplings at the Kheba Ching. Different varieties of tree saplings were planted at (six) locations in Thoubal District today.

## Water logging persists at Kongba Nandeibam Leikai, Khongman Mangjil

**Ranbir Laishram Imphal, July 7:** Though the percentage of rainfall has decreased in Imphal, many areas in the valley still remains affected by the flood water. During a tour by Imphal Times, deep flood water was witnessed at Kongba Nandeibam Leikai and Khongman Mangjil areas along the Singjamei-Kongba road. Despite relentless efforts to block Kongba River from overflowing, water level has been rising rapidly in the Kongba Nandeibam Leikai and Khongman Mangjil areas affecting many residential areas, shops, meira sheds that have caused panic among the

local people who are forced to shift at higher ground for safety. "It will not be wrong to say that the rising water level causing flood in the areas is man-made as most of the drains remains blocked, unavailability of proper drainage systems due to land encroachment, this is very reason why most of the areas in Imphal valleys witness flood everytime when it rains", said an elderly person whose house has been affected by the flood from the sudden rise of water level in Khongman Mangjil areas. As the water level is rising though rain had stopped, many people of Kongba Nandeibam Leikai and

Khongman Mangjil areas are shifting their household items to the nearby safer areas which has been not touched by the flood water. If preventive measures are not taken up immediately many more houses will be affected badly by the rising water level. Many of the thoroughfares have been submerged under water restricting the accessibility of vehicles. Temporary raft made from tire tubes and trunks of banana tree are used for transportation at present. Locals of the Kongba Nandeibam Leikai and Khongman Mangjil areas decried government officials as they have not turn up or

taken up any measures for the flood affected peoples of the very area. Around 20 families are taking shelter at relief camp opened at Khongman Mangjil Mamang Leikai Meira Shang, Khongman Mangjil Oriental Club and Khongman Zone-1 Community Hall. Unfortunately relief camp of Khongman Mangjil Mamang Leikai Meira Shang is under threat from rising water level which could make the families to move to another relief camp. To avoid any unwanted incident in the flood hit areas, Singjamei-Kongba Road from Khongman Mangjil to Kongba has been shut down. On the other hand, relief materials has been distributed

to the flood affected people of Khongman Ward No. 5/27 of Thongju Assembly constituency which was sanctioned by Works Minister Th Bishwajit. The relief material includes, rice, grains, pulses, salts, potatoes and edible oils. Medical camp has also been opened at Khongman Mangjil Oriental Club by Ayush medical team where more than hundreds flood affected people have taken the benefit of the camp but no measures for distribution of relief materials have been taken up for the flood affected people of Kongba Nandeibam Leikai and Khongman Mangjil areas till the filing of the report.