

HSLCE topper felicitated

IT News

Imphal, July 9: Top three HSLCE 2017 toppers of Khongjom private centre were felicitated and presented gifts by Khongjom Private Centre Committee at a mark of encouragement. The function was held yesterday at Eureka High School, Khongjom. Retired headmaster Ch Haridas was the chief guest while the present headmaster Th Kunjeshwor was the functional president.

ABVP anniv observed

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Imphal, July 9: The 69th foundation day of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (National Students' Day) was observed at Grace Cottage Cultural and Educational Foundation Academy today by the Kakching unit of the students' organization. Hiyanglam MLA Dr Radheshyam Yumnam, Kachhing, MLA Yengkhom Surchandra, director of youth affairs and sports Naorem Praveen, president of ABVP Kakching unit M Tikendrajit, dean of physical education and mathematical studies, MU, Professor Rajmuhon, dean of students' welfare of MU Professor Kh Tomba, EE of Manipur Police Housing Corporation Y Nilachandra and principal of Grace Cottage Academy Ksh Chaoba were the special invitees. The highlight of the celebration was the release of posters of ABVP by the special invitees and a mass enrolment programme of the students' organization. The speakers at the function shared different perspectives of the biggest students' outfit in the country.

Ahmedabad announced as heritage city

New Delhi, July 9: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed happiness over Ahmedabad city getting the world heritage status by UNESCO. In a tweet, Mr Modi said, it is a matter of immense joy for India. Ahmedabad was declared as a World Heritage City at the 41st session of UNESCO's world heritage committee held at Krakow in Poland. The nomination of Ahmedabad was supported by close to 20 countries, including Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia, Portugal, Peru and Kazakhstan.

Landslides dislocate NH-37



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Imphal, July 9: Incessant heavy downpour in the state, officials said on Sunday. Two landslides at Sinam village in Tamenglog district have dislocated traffic along NH 37 as Border Roads Task Force labourers are trying to clear the debris. Hundreds of loaded trucks and oil tankers are stranded on the either side of the damaged National Highway.

District officials said that as torrential rains continue to lash Manipur and other

northeastern states, there may be more landslides along the highways.

The water levels of major rivers are running above the danger mark. Manipur has been experiencing heavy downpour for the last four days and all low lying areas are inundated across state and national highways at several places.

According to reports the line of the split bisected the road leaving only one half available for further vehicular movement. Such collapse of surface along the highway is common during monsoon and the district was hit by one of the heaviest rainfall in recent

times.

The source further added that heavy vehicles will not be able to move along the portion until it is properly repaired. Due to the phenomenon loaded vehicles as well as passenger buses coming towards Imphal has been stranded on the road at various places of the Highway and some are reportedly waiting for the repairing at Jiribam. Those vehicles going towards Jiribam from Imphal have also to come back at Imphal as there is no way that passenger vehicles could pass through the caved portion.

Nabakishore retirement accepted, denies graft charges

IT News

Imphal, July 9: The state government has given its acquiescence to the notice for voluntary retirement submitted by outgoing chief secretary of Manipur Oinam Nabakishore. The letter of approval was handed over personally to Nabakishore today. The former chief secretary while talking to media persons later refuted reports aired in a local TV channel that his removal from the post was related to misappropriation of

funds belonging to Manipur Development Society when he was the chairman.

In his clarification he said he took over as chief secretary on October 1, 2015 and consequently served as the chairman of MDS. The chairman's main duty was to countersign cheques, he said and admitted there were already some discrepancies in the balance sheet of MDS when he took over.

There is not a shred of proof of his involvement in corruption and he had retired

fully on personal grounds, according to Nabakishore.

The prompt acceptance of his resignation by the verification is ample confirmation of his innocence of the indirect suggestions of involvement in malpractices, he claimed.

Meanwhile, supporters of Nabakishore blocked roads in some areas falling under Ningthoukhong police station in Bishnuapur district to protest his removal from the post of chief secretary by the authorities.

Incessant rain causes havoc in Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar, July 9: Incessant rain has created havoc in Arunachal Pradesh and thrown normal life out of gear. Landslides and flash floods have been reported from throughout the state. Major rivers and streams are flowing above the danger level and posing a threat to those living in low-lying areas. The state government has deployed emergency response team and NDRF across the state to tackle situations.

AIR correspondent reports that in Itanagar, a huge landslide along NH 415 near Civil Secretariat has disrupted road communication within the city. Traffic has been diverted through a different route. Bagkhar circle in Tawang district has been completely cut-off from the rest of the world.

The surface communication to the circle was disrupted after a large portion of the link road between Bomja and Kharung

was washed away due to landslide triggered by heavy rain. In West Siang District sudden rise in the water level of Yumgo River has washed away many structures and standing crops in the low lying areas. MeT department has alerted of more rains in the state.

Special Sunday

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Imphal, July 9: Assistant professor of Ramjas College, Delhi Dr Mayanglambam Ojtkumar was the special invitee of the 208th edition of Special Sunday, the interaction programme between students and professionals. The event is hosted on a weekly basis by Library and Information Centre Kachhing. Dr Ojtkumar gave an lucid explanation about global warming and biodiversity.

CM reviews relief measures; apprises PM of flood crisis

NENA

Imphal, July 9: Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh today inspected flood affected areas of Khurai and Khetrigao of Imphal East and surrounding areas.

Biren Singh accompanied by Khurai MLA and Parliamentary Secretary for Home L Susindro Singh and Khetrigao MLA and Parliamentary Secretary for MAHUD N Indrajit Singh reviewed relief measures in the two constituencies.

The Chief Minister during the visit also interacted with the flood-affected victims at relief camps. While interacting with the inmates of the relief camps Biren Singh assured them to provide all assistance as per rule.

While reviewing the relief measures, he provided immediate relief materials and cash to the victims.

Thousands of people have taken shelter in various relief camps as waters of Imphal, Nambul and Iri rivers entered various localities of Imphal after torrential rains.

Imphal and other adjoining areas of Manipur after heavy



downpours have been witnessing flash floods. Inundation has taken place in many areas of Manipur valley. It has been estimated that nearly 1 lakh people were affected by floods and some areas continue to bear the brunt. Meanwhile, Chief Minister N Biren Singh visited some of the flood-affected areas in Imphal's East and West districts and assured that money would be given for the reconstruction of houses destroyed in the floods. He

also promised relief material for inmates of relief camps.

The Centre is yet to send a team to assess the damages so as to declare the floods as state calamity.

All commodities which are brought from other states have become costlier while heavy demand items are in low supply as a result of landslides along the roads. Biren said he is in talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Rajnath Singh about the situation.

Nagaland crisis deepens, 10 PSs sacked

(IANS)

KOHIMA: The internal crisis within the ruling Naga People's Front (NPF) government in Nagaland has further deepened with CM Shurhozelie Liezietsu sacking 10 of his parliamentary secretaries following a demand for his removal, an official said today.

The development comes as former CM TR Zeliang on Saturday wrote to governor PB Acharya and staked claim to form a new government. He claimed he has the support of 33 NPF legislators and seven independent legislators.

In the wake of the demand for his removal, Liezietsu, who is also the NPF supremo, terminated four NPF legislators and six independent legislators, as parliamentary secretaries. The Nagaland government issued notifications terminating the appointment of Zeliang as advisor (Finance) and Nuklotoshi as advisor to chief minister.

Apart from sacking the legislators, the NPF Disciplinary Action Committee which met on Saturday also suspended ten legislators as primary and active members of

the party. Those suspended include home minister Yanthungo Patton, power minister Kipili Sangtam, national highway and political affairs minister G Kaito Aye, forest and environment minister Imkong L. Imchen, besides, Shetoyi, Nuklutoshi, Deo Nukhu, Naiba Konyak, Benjongliba and former chief minister Zeliang. Zeliang along with 41 legislators are camping at Borgos resort in Kaziranga National Park in Assam to discuss the transition of power.

"All 41 of us are intact and we are waiting only for governor Acharya to invite Zeliang to form the government," forest and environment minister Imkong L. Imchen told IANS. "We don't care about (suspension from the party) it because those people who have signed the suspension order do not have the grassroots support," Imchen said, while refusing to divulge further. Governor Acharya is in Maharashtra and he is expected to return to Nagaland in a few days.

Ex-Servicemen rally

PIB Defence Wing

Imphal, July 9: Khuga Battalion organised an Ex-Servicemen rally at District Training Centre, Tuibong, Churachandpur on 08 Jul 2017 under the aegis of Red Shield Division. The rally was inaugurated by Commander 27 Sector Assam Rifles in presence of Shri Shyam Lal Punia, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Churachandpur. The rally was attended by 1375 Ex-Servicemen, 11 Veer Naris & 03 war veterans along with their dependents from various parts of Churachandpur district.

Nagaland scribes not happy over formation of NAI

NENA

GUWAHATI, July 8: The Nagaland Press Association (NPA) has on Saturday expressed dismay over the formation of a state chapter of Newspapers Association of India (NAI) and submission of a memorandum to the state Governor PB Acharya recently at Raj Bhawan without engaging the local journalists of Nagaland-based newspapers.

"The memorandum to Governor Acharya was forwarded by one Monojit Singha, introduced as the convener of NAI's northeast zonal committee. He was accompanied by Thungchamo Humtsoe claiming to be the Nagaland state coordinator of the NAI," said a statement issued by the NPA.

It may be noted that the memorandum was personally received by Governor Acharya on April 18, 2017. Moreover, the Nagaland Chief Secretary has directed the concerned department to look into the matter and take necessary actions.

"We are shocked that the so called NAI has formed its Nagaland chapter and met the head of state without even bothering to inform and coordinate with the existing newspapers published from Nagaland. None of the functional newspapers in the state are aware of this initiative," the NPA statement said.

Moreover, it is verified that the office bearers of the forum are not affiliated to any local newspaper, added the statement. The NPA asserted that no matter the concern or good intention it may have, it cannot accept the manner in which the NAI has taken such a step to connect with the Nagaland government through the backdoor and more disturbingly engaging with local youths, who have no credibility or authority to represent the existing newspapers.

"One youth by the name C Atsaba Sangtam is the state president of the NAI's Nagaland chapter while

Chichamo Humtsoe has been authorized as the state vice-president and Thungchamo Humtsoe as the state general secretary, revealed the statement adding that they are not recognized working journalists.

The NPA expressed utter dismay that the office of the state Governor, state Chief Secretary and DIPR did not find it worthwhile to cross-check and verify with the working editors and publishers of newspapers in Nagaland.

Instead, the government in Kohima has gone to the extent of entertaining such organizations who come through the backdoor and whose representatives have no connection at all with the local media, it maintained. Finally the association urged the state government to carefully scrutinize the genuineness and credibility of any organization like the one in question before it entertains officially and clarify the matter in order to protect the image and credentials of the genuine media persons in the state.