

Meetei Mayek text books for BA to be introduced

NENA
Imphal, June 13: A 10-day orientation programme on Meetei Mayek for college teachers kicked off here at the DM College of Arts organised by the Directorate of Language and Implementation. Education Minister Th Radheshyam opened the programme where Meetei Mayek (script) textbooks for Bachelor of Arts (BA) for the academic session 2017-18 were officially released.

The programme aims to impart the knowledge and skills necessary to college teachers since BA students from 2017-18 have to read Manipuri subject in Meetei Mayek.

At the event, transliterated MIL and Elective Manipuri subjects for BA were uploaded on the official website of Directorate of Language and Implementation.

The Bengali script is being gradually replaced by the Meetei Mayek script in text books in Manipur. Meetei Mayek script is used for Manipuri language which is one of the languages in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

Counselling for DU admission

IT News
Imphal, June 13: Manipur Students' Association Delhi is conducting a counselling session for students aspiring to get admission at Delhi University on June 19 at Delhi University Park at 5 pm. All the parents and students who will be arriving at Delhi in connection with admission of their wards at DU are invited to attend. For more information contact: Babul Laishram (Academic Secy.)-7290807236 or Bideshwari Huidrom (President)-8820235410, 7503460204.

Admit card lost

I have lost my original admit card bearing Roll no. 21483 issued by BOSEM for appearing HSLC Examination 2015 on 10th June, 2017 on the way in between my residence and Thoubal DC office. Finders are requested to handover the same to the undersigned.

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Saikhom Rajesh Singh
S/o S.Rajen Singh
Khangabok Sorok
Wangma
PO&PS—Thoubal.

Manipur Governor visits Ima Keithel; interacts with vendor ladies

IT News

Imphal, June 13: Governor of Manipur, Dr Najma A. Heptulla today visited the only women's market in Imphal for the first time since she became the Governor of Manipur and listed the grievances of the women vendors. Speaking to the media persons during her visit, Dr Najma A. Heptulla expressed her happiness of meeting the Ima's of the Ima Keithel, the only women market in the world. Dr Najma A. Heptulla said that the Ima Keithel is the world biggest market own by women and we should take care of it. She assured of bringing the

problems seen today to the state government, chief minister and central government for the repairing of the damaged building and also for the development of the market.

The inconveniences faced by the women vendors will also be notify to the state and central government, she added.

The governor met the Ima's who are facing inconveniences due to unavailable vending spaces because of the repairment work of the damaged Ima Keithel.

Governor made her first stop at the temporary Ima Keithel



behind Johnstone Higher Secondary School and interacted with the Ima's of the Ima Keithel including the grievances shared by the Ima's to her. She later visited main khwairamband Keithel and spend time with the vendor ladies.. The governor paid floral to Keithel Lairembi and Ima

Leimarel Sidabi located in the Khwairambandh Keithel building.

Cloths, jewellery and other items were presented by the ima's to the governor.

Two of the three Ima keithel in Khwairamband keithel which were damaged by the last year earthquake are still under repaired.

'Centre won't impose any restrictions on people's choice of food'

Agency

Aizawal, June 13: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has said the Centre will not impose any restrictions on people's choice of food.

Addressing a press conference, in Aizawal yesterday, after chairing the first meeting of the chief

ministers of four northeastern states bordering Myanmar the Home Minister said there should be no restriction on one's choice of food. Mr Singh was responding to a question on a protest by locals against the central governments ban on sale of cattle for slaughter at animal markets.

RBI to issue new Rs 500 notes

New Delhi, June 13: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) today said it will issue new batch of 500 rupee banknotes with inset letter "A" in both the number panels, bearing the signature of RBI Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel. The notes

will have the year of printing '2017' on the reverse. The design of these notes is similar in all respects to the 500 rupee banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series which were released post demonetization.

Torrential rains floods streets in Imphal; rivers level rise again

IT News

Imphal, June 13: Non-stop rains in the last 12 hours have once more flooded many streets in Imphal city beside witnessing rise the water level at almost all rivers flowing through the valley of Manipur. Overnight rains has rise the water level of Nambal River beyond danger mark. Thoubal River, Imphal River and Irl River too are flowing at danger level. Recently incessant rains had breached Imphal river banks at some places and inundating various houses at Khurai assembly

constituency and other valley area. In Thoubal district too breached of Wangjing river bank River view area had cause severe flood at the area inundating many houses. Thoubal Babu bazar area too breached of river embankment of Thoubal river had cause flood in the area.

Last night none stop rains had inundated many streets at Uripok, Sagolband and Keishamthong area. Failure of drainage system is the main reason for the cause of flood in various part of Imphal area.

6 family gets LPG under PMUY

IT News

Kakching, June 13: with the launching of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the state by Chief Minister N.Biren and Union Minister of State -DONER Dr.Jeetendra on June 5 Leibaklei Gas Service Kakching have started providing LPG connection to BPL family under the UJJWALA scheme. 6 family had been handed over LPG gas by the manager of the Leibaklei Gas Service Kakching.

Centre to set up 100 AYUSH hospitals across country

AIR

New Delhi, June 13: The Centre has approved proposals to set up 100 Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) hospitals across the country.

This was stated by Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad

Yesso Naik at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu last night. He said, during the last three years, the Union government has approved posting of 4,000 AYUSH doctors in primary health centres across the country.

Mr Naik said, the salary of these doctors are being paid

by the Union government. He said, an AYUSH hospital equivalent to AIIMS will be opened within a month in New Delhi. He said, the ministry has approved setting up of two 50-bedded integrated AYUSH hospitals in Theni and Tiruvannamalai districts of Tamil Nadu.

Centre to open 800 passport service centres in head POs

PTI

Bhubaneswar, June 13: The Centre has decided to open passport service centres in all the 800 district head post offices across the country in two years' time to increase people's access to the facility, especially in remote areas. Making the announcement here today, Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh said, "150 post office passport seva kendras are being opened this year and within two years all the 800 head post offices in all the districts would be in place."

"We have decided to ensure that no citizen is made to travel long distances for a passport. People in far-flung areas of the country find it difficult to

obtain passports and redress passport-related grievances," Singh said.

The step has been initiated through a joint effort by the ministry of external affairs and the department of posts to deliver passport-related services to the people.

Passport seva kendras have already been launched in several district head post offices in various parts of the country.

"It has been decided to utilise head post offices as front offices for rendering passport services under this novel programme," he said.

The government has decided to scale up the programme following successful operationalisation of two pilot

projects taken up initially. Apart from expanding the passport services and giving a wider reach, procedures for obtaining passports have also been substantially simplified, the minister said.

"In addition, the entire process of getting passports has been made transparent, while middlemen and dalals have been done away with," Singh said.

The former Army chief, who participated here at the 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' programme to mark the completion of three years of Narendra Modi government, also held discussion with ex-Army officials during an interactive programme.

AR saves accident victims

IT News

Imphal, June 13: Thinghat Battalion under Churachandpur Assam Rifles Sector, saved accident victims in Tuiitha Lui on 12 June 17. The Battalion received request for helping people, whose vehicle had toppled in Tuiitha Lui jungle, in a gorge around 150 meters deep. Without delay, search and rescue mission was launched, and in spite of bad weather, injured people were located and rescued on foot by the unit personnel. After



administering first aid, they were evacuated to District hospital Churachandpur. The speedy and humane action of the battalion resulted in

saving lives of three people, one of whom has been discharged from hospital and two are in critical state, though in stable condition.

India set to ratify global conventions to combat child labour

PTI

By Yoshita Singh

United Nations, June 13: India is set to ratify two key global conventions on combating child labour which a top UN official described as a "great step forward" in bringing all the world's children under the ambit of the legislations. International Labour Organisation (ILO) Director-General Guy Ryder, in his statement for World Day Against Child Labour, marked annually on June 12, said ILO's Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182) have now been ratified by 169 and 180 member states respectively.

"Tomorrow (June 13) I will have the honour of receiving India's ratification of both the conventions. That great step forward towards universal ratification will mean that almost all children in the world will be covered by Convention 182; and that coverage of Convention 138 will leap from 60 per cent to 80 per cent," Ryder said in a statement issued yesterday.

"Together with the near universal ratification of the convention on the Rights of the Child, that sends a resounding message about our common cause and our common standards that protect children's human rights," he added.

The government of India had in March this year approved ratification of two fundamental conventions of the ILO to

address concerns related to child labour. With the ratification, India would join majority of countries that have adopted the legislation to prohibit and place severe restrictions on the employment and work of children.

Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi had said that India's decision for ratification of Convention 182 and Convention 138 was "long overdue" in providing justice to the country's children.

"After the total prohibition of child labour, this is yet another important step in protecting all our children from exploitation and abuse. It now remains a collective responsibility of everyone to do their bit to remove the scourge of child labour from the country," Satyarthi had said.

The ILO said children in areas affected by conflict and disasters are among the most vulnerable, making a strong call for an end to the scourge, especially as children trapped in crises risk falling prey to trafficking or being forced into hazardous work. "All children have the right to be protected from child labour. Yet, around the world, there are still 168 million children in child labour. Eighty-five million of them are engaged in hazardous work," Ryder said. A significant portion these children find themselves undertaking dangerous work, living in areas affected by conflict and disaster and they are the focus of the 2017 commemoration of the World Day Against Child Labour.

As the world strives to achieve the elimination of child labour

by 2025, the UN underlined that conflicts and disasters have a devastating impact on people's lives. They kill, maim, injure and force people to flee their homes; destroy livelihoods, push people into poverty and starvation, and trap many in situations without basic safeguard for their rights.

The UN said the first to suffer from human rights violations and abuses are often boys and girls. Their schools are destroyed and basic services are disrupted and many children are internally displaced or become refugees in other countries, and are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and child labour.

"Today, we are facing the greatest refugee crisis for decades," said Ryder, referring to one of the main drivers of child labour. Globally over 1.5 billion people live in countries that are affected by conflict, violence and fragility. At the same time, around 200 million people are affected by disasters every year.

While a huge part of the world's responsibility to provide sanctuary and support to children and their families is shouldered by neighbouring host countries, ILO's Director-General says much more needs to be done to share fairly the responsibility to protect refugees.

Ryder particularly asked support to those States on the front line in the affected regions, so that they can provide access to the labour market for adult refugees and access to education for their children.