

UGs apprehended

IT News
Imphal, June 16: Two active cadres of the proscribed group UTLA were arrested yesterday by a team of CDO Jiribam led by SI Raju under the supervision of Th Vikramjit Singh, MPS and SP Jiribam during a raid conducted at a hotel in Jiribam Bazar. The two arrested cadres have been identified as Lunkhopao Haokip @ Papao (aged 37), s/o Ngulkhodou Haokip of Churachandpur; P Minthang Singson, s/o Hongkhohen Singson of Tamenglong, permanent address - Churachandpur. Three mobile phones and two I cards were seized from them. One Tingkhohoi Haokip @ Kangnu (aged 45), w/o Late John Haokip of Mission Compound, Jiribam was arrested on their revelation and seized one mobile phone and one packet of heroin powder weighing 15 gms. During the preliminary investigation the arrested cadres reveals that they are actively involved in smuggling of drugs and heroin powder from Myanmar to Manipur. Further investigation reveals that Papao and Minthang are active cadres of the UG group UTLA working under the command of one Keikhohao @ Amosh @ Haopu and along with Kaikhohao @ Amosh @ Haopu are actively involved in abduction for ransom of officials of Coastal Project from Oinamlong, smuggling of arms and ammunitions from Myanmar to Manipur. A case under FIR 30 (6)2017 JBMP.S.U/S21/29 NDPS act and 400IPC has been registered and investigation is under process.

Abu Salem, Mustafa Dossa convicted

Source AIR
Mumbai, June 16: A special TADA court in Mumbai today convicted extradited gangster Abu Salem and Dawood Ibrahim aide Mustafa Doss along with Karimullah Khan, Firoz Abdul Rashid Khan and Tahir Merchant in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts case. Justice (Retd) PC Kode, TADA court judge while giving the judgement in the serial blasts case said no mercy should be shown to terrorists. The other

convicted today also included Riyaz Siddiqui. The trial of these seven was separated from the main case as they were arrested at the time of conclusion of the main trial. The first leg of the trial concluded in 2007, wherein the court convicted 100 accused and acquitted 23 people. On March 12, 1993, within a span of just two hours 12 serial blasts rocked Mumbai leaving 257 people dead, 713 seriously injured destroying properties worth Rs 27 crore.

Farmers awareness programme held

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Imphal, June 16: An awareness programme on kharif crop cultivation was conducted today at the auditorium of Representatives of Lois (RoL) at Kakching Chunnang Leikai by District Agriculture Officer Thoubal in association with RoL. District Agriculture Officer, Thoubal Sanasam Lemba Singh and secretary of RoL Moirangthem Shamu Singh were the functional presidents. Resource persons who presented their papers at the programme organised under the aegis of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) were Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer of District Agriculture Office Thoubal Ningthoujam Hemajit Singh, who spoke on

sustainable agriculture, Extension Officer Lairikyengbam Jatra Singh who spoke on Organic Farming, and officer in charge of Plant Health Clinic Thoubal Maibam Priyodutta Singh who spoke on preventive measures to protect against common diseases of local crops. Speaking about the programme, M Shamu said his organization has been organizing a series of awareness sessions for the farmers in association with departments concerned for providing knowledge on sustainable crop production using suitable technologies and cutting down the amount of their investment and efforts. About 50 farmers took part in today's programme.

Interaction cum awareness prog.

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Imphal, June 16: One day interaction cum awareness programme was conducted today at Churachand (CC) Higher Secondary School. The programme was conducted under the guidance of SP/Imphal East and supervision of Additional SP (Ops)/Imphal West as a part of community outreach of Imphal East District police in

collaboration with the Imphal West District Police. The programme was attended by teachers and around 150 students of the CC Higher Secondary School, representatives of Porompat Police Station, Women Police Station of Imphal East and Singjamei Police Station where posco acyt, juvenile justice act, cyber crime were discussed.

Social Service

One day social service cleanliness program was conducted at Wangkhei Konung Mamang Keithel area today morning. The social service was conducted by a team of All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) Wangkhei Branch with the motto to keep the environment and its surrounding areas neat and clean.

Admit Card Lost

I have lost my Original Admit Card of Class X Examination, 2015 bearing Roll Number 28561 issued by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur on the way between Khewa Bazar to Lamlong Bazar on 10-06-2017. Finders are requested to handover the same to the undersigned.
 S/-
 Athokpam Asishkumar Singh
 Mobile No. 9856117593

Min Biswajit and team visits Yiwu International Trade Centre, Baoshan City

DIPR
Baoshan, 16: The team led by Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister for Commerce, Trade and Industry visited Yiwu International Trade Centre, Baoshan City, Yunan Province, People's Republic of China today at 3:30 pm (China time). The team is attending the South & South East Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair, 2017 at the Dianchi International Convention and International Sistership pavilion at Kunming, Yunan Province, People's Republic of China. During today's visit, the Minister and his team were accompanied by Chen Jihanhua, General Manager, Yiwu International Trade City of Baoshan and his team. Mr. Jihanhua assured the State team to provide a

helping hand to Manipur in the field of trade and commerce. Further, the General Manager and his team also accepted an invitation from the Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry to attend the Sangai Festival which will be held in November, 2017 at Imphal. This is the first visit by an Indian Minister to Baoshan, China with the aim to discuss development of trade and commerce between the two countries. On his part, minister Biswajit Singh expressed gratitude and thanked the authority of Baoshan Municipal Corporation for their hospitality. The Minister is accompanied by Shri L. Lakher, Principal Secretary Commerce and industry, Shri M Luikham,



Director Commerce and Industry, Smt. L. Inunganbi Devi, Corporation Imphal Municipal Corporation Ward No. 18, Shri L. Bhashanta Sharma, Media Coordinator to Hon'ble Chief Minister Manipur and Shri Chandrakishore Singh, President, North East Federation on International Trade, Manipur Chapter. The state team left Baoshan for Kunming around 5:20 pm of China time.

Flash floods a product of corporate greed: MCPM

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Imphal, June 16: The Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has put the blame for the frequent flash floods in the state on the destructive anti-people policies of the government over a period of time. In a press release issued yesterday, the MCP said the situation is man-made and caused after the traditional drainage system in existence were disrupted due to unplanned development activities, illegal encroachment, continuous destruction of wetlands arising from corporate greed. It said, one of the main reasons for this disaster is the closure of the flood gates of Ithai Dam in order

to maintain optimum water level for the Loktak Hydel Electric Project owned by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC). Ithai Dam has affected the lives, livelihood and economy of the people in the most adverse manner... Mapithel Dam has displaced thousands of people while creating irreparable ecological disaster, the MCP asserted claiming that the dam has no direct benefit to the local people but has benefited private companies, contractors, bureaucrats and politicians who have worked in collusion to loot the construction and compensation money. In the similar way, the Loktak Project has submerged and destroyed over 80,000 hectares of the

most fertile cultivable land of Manipur where double cropping was being practiced and in a scenario where the state had not lost the vast cultivable land it could have been self-sufficient in production of rice, the noted state. Today, in order to cover up the root cause of more frequent flash floods due to inundation by Ithai Dam, several NGOs have been sponsored by the state to participate in unproductive afforestation programmes. The natural drainage of rivers in Manipur at Loktak is blocked by Ithai Dam and in such time of crisis being faced by the people we need to introspect what Mapithel Dam, Khuga Dam, Dolaitathi Dam,

etc have brought for the people of Manipur, the MCP proposed in the press note. The organization urged the people to consider the scenario that if Ithai Dam had released the impounded water on time, the recent flash floods could have been averted. "The people need to question the nature and ramifications of so called 'developmental' projects and activities of the state and understand if these are mere cosmetic terminologies to advance the interests of the few against the collective interest of the people of Manipur," it added while making a general appeal to the public to stand up collectively against the construction of dams and destructive projects.

No More WW2 Bridge at Heingang

By: Laishram Ranbir

Imphal, June 16: "This is what they did to the bridge built in one night during World War 2 in April 5/6, 1944, a 73 years old British built bridge, easily shattered down, now we won't be able to see it again anymore" said locals of Heingang. We humans do love to hear about ancient history, but we also do know that we humans aren't always that great at preserving it. Here is the most thoughtless and just plain dumbest ways that humans have wrecked their own heritage. In a global economy, shared history is about capital, about control over who makes the money while many are struggling to preserve our vast heritage places from those who couldn't care less, however, most of the historic town and various bridges, a masterpiece designed by the famous architect have been destroyed. Likewise, the Hamilton's Bridge, built during World War 2 (1944-1945) which use to stands unharmed or corroded is now almost destroyed by some reckless invaders who only think about today. When we're talking of preserving a site (doesn't mean only nature and culture), unfortunately in our country, the legal framework is very archaic. Worldwide, a whole regime exists, of protocols and recommendations to preserve a site which terms as heritage, but, unfortunately, our legal and planning instruments do not take cognizance of such things. Now that we've chosen to globalise and the private sector is generating a lot of fund and has a lot to invest in public assets, we should be looking at protection in terms of potential public-private partnerships (PPPs). But our instruments of planning, of equity, all the things we need to worry about, are not being adequately developed so far.

Is this how we treat what our ancestor has left to be witness and talk about for generations? During the Second World War "The Hamilton Bridge" built between Heingang and Achanbengei (British record)/Achanbigei was one of bridges constructed in Manipur as a passes route by the Allied forces. These particular bridge has a very unique story which could be heard from the locals of the Heingang and Achanbengei (british record)/Achanbigei area and even from many people of Manipur, till today. But for the future generation, the story will remain as a story, they will not be able to see the fact of the story they heard from their parents, grandparents. Recently, Imphal Times have brought out the issue to the public where some contractors or government workers already began to tear down the aged old bridge during the WW2. Yet none come up to put hold on the ongoing destruction work of the bridge not even the Chief Minister himself where the bridge destruction work is going on is in his constituency (Heingang A/C). Right now, the eastern side foot of the bridge has been totally shattered down, leaving the front portion of the bridge laid on the river bank and the worst part is the rise of the river water level due to the consistent rain which



has submerged some part of the bridge. In India, we don't have a policy for PPPs. Especially in the sector of public good, the government shouldn't be encouraged to put assets out in the market without taking responsibility for the kind of plans they produce. A lot of heritage projects end up in court because so many scams today are related to land and property. Conservation and protection isn't just about the Hamilton Bridge, it's about protecting the whole ethos. Though the workers work under the command of higher authority, do we need to bang the door of the concern government? Does the state government not care about preserving a heritage site or just cared about using fund in the wrong way by destroying what our forefather has left for us? "Pumudra ariba thong asi nungsi nungsi sidokhre do" locals remain still with teary eyes, watching the bridge being snatched down piece by piece, right in front of their naked eyes. One who knows the value of a priceless items, for them it is very unfortunate seeing the bridge being snatched away piece by piece instead of preserving it as heritage site for our future generation. **Is it not our duty to preserve what is precious for our state, to understand it, learn from it rather than**

destroying? *Shouldn't the state government and the concern department take up necessary strong steps to save such heritage site from being destroyed forever rather than seeing as a photos or hearing as a tale in the near future.* "One can hear the tale of the bridge being built in one night of April 5/6 of 1944 by 56 British Engineers from 58 Company Royal Engineers under the command of Lieutenant D G Jones. They were in Lion Box and were sent to a camp near where the bridge was erected. The Hamilton Bridge built between Heingang and Achanbengei (british record)/Achanbigei also connects the Airfield at Koirengai with the IV Corps HQ at Keep or Mongjam/Heingang area." It's been more than 73 years since the Hamilton Bridge was built and for the tourist and for the world, it is the very example for Manipur state to be proud of. It also shows the world how technology was so advance during the WW2 compare to today's generation. Rather than dismantle the bridge, the concern and state government should take up immediate steps to keep it as a World War Heritage property for the generations to come. The government needs to make a list of heritage site and grade them as grade 1, 2 and 3 as grading is a way of working out the kind of interventions that are permissible. Once we have graded sites, we can go forward and make plans for them. "World Heritage sites are designated by the UN as places of outstanding universal value which should be protected for future generations but according to a study from the experts, urbanisation, farming, industry and deforestation are having an increasing impact on them." Before it's too late, something need to be done to save the Hamilton bridge or the famous story will remain as a story for the rest of the history.