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Centre for Manipur Studies graded 'very good' by UGC

IT News
Imphal, June 21: The Centre for Manipur Studies (CMS) at Manipur University was awarded a point scale of 4.5 out of 5 by the University Grants Commission Area Study Centre during its latest mid-term evaluation. According to information furnished by the director of CMS, Professor MC Arunkumar, the UGC in its letter dated June 8, 2017, has conveyed to the registrar of MU that the overall performance of the centre was rated as very good (4.5/5) by an expert committee constituted by the commission. The criteria of grading were (i) promotion of holistic

understanding of the area with its cultural, social, economic and strategic specificities (ii) promotion of alternative paradigm of area studies from the perspectives of post-colonial societies (iii) contribution towards Indian perspectives of the region and issues (iv) providing critical inputs to the policy makers, particularly in India's economic, strategic and political interests (v) bringing knowledge of regions of the world to the core of intellectual disciplines and (vi) conducting research to promote inter-regional comparative perspective. UGC, in addition to accrediting the centre of doing a good job, initiated an offer that it may

extend the area study beyond Manipur, which Prof Arunkumar said is in consonance with the proposals made by CMS for expanding the domain of research to the whole of north-east India. The commission also gave its approval for commensurate additional research grant to the centre and continuation of the activities at the same level under ASP. In this regard, vice-chancellor of MU, Professor Adya Prasad Pande expressed his happiness and satisfaction at the CMS achieving the feat and appreciated the director, faculty members and staff for their hard work for its realization.

3rd International Day of Yoga celebrated across the state CM bats for yoga for peace and harmony in the state

IT News
Imphal, June 21: With a strong message to keep our body and mind healthy, the 3rd International Day of Yoga, 2017, the International Yoga Day was widely celebrated across the state today, with Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Prakash Javadekar participating the main event at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium here in Imphal. The celebration was jointly organised by Directorate of AYUSH, National Health Mission, Manipur and Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Manipur. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh along with Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar lead hundreds of Yoga practitioners through a series of poses and breathing exercises.



Secretary (Tourism) Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Parliamentary Secretary (RD&PR) H. Dingo Singh, Chief Secretary, DGP and other top civil and police officials participated in the celebration. More than 500 yoga enthusiasts participated in the event. Highlighting that International Day of Yoga is being celebrated in more than 1 Lakh venues across the country, Prakash Javadekar said that Yoga is a wellness healthy practice or exercise that prevents illness and keep our mind and body healthy. Dedication, determination and discipline are the teachings of Yoga, he added. Mentioning the importance

and significance of Yoga, the Union Minister said that it is the soft power of the country that we have the treasure of knowledge in our traditions so we should never forget and continue to practice that is significantly good. He further said that Yoga is not only confined to India but it is being practised in 190 countries and is celebrated International day of Yoga in these countries. In the last three years, India is transforming and moving in the path of progress with the support and faith of the people of the country, he added. On the occasion, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that it is the contribution and

achievement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to popularise Yoga which spreads the message of peace and prosperity across the world. Stating that people should be encouraged to practice Yoga, Chief Minister further said that Yoga is a practice that promotes inner peace and well-being of an individual. If there is no inner peace and well-being of body, there would be no peace and harmony in the State, he added.

Later, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar flagged off Run for Yoga to encourage people to practice Yoga in the State. The International Yoga Day was also celebrated at Khuman Lampak Ball Bhavan where Manipur Legislative Assembly Speaker Y Khemchand Singh took part. Local clubs and other social organisations also celebrated it at the local level. The day was also celebrated at all district headquarters and other parts of all districts. The day was also celebrated at various part of Thoubal district too. (with inputs from NENA)

KCP man arrested

IT News
Imphal, June 21: A team of Imphal West District Police commandos led by officer-in-charge inspector P Achouba Meetei under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (ops) Imphal West Dr S Iboimcha arrested an overground worker of KCP (PWG), identified as Aribam Rikesh Sharma alias Tingku, 24, son of A Sharatchandra Sharma of Brahmapur Thangapal Mapal. According to police sources, he was working under the command of Mathoi alias Thoi Luwang alias Subashchandra of Hiyanglam. A .32 pistol loaded with two live rounds, four contact notes of the banned organization, an ID card and a mobile phone was recovered from his possession. He was reportedly involved in making threats to general public and extortion cases.

Minister Biswajit, CIBOTang Shangjun discuss ways to promote trade and agro based activities

DIPR
Kunming, June, 21: Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industries, ThBiswajit Singh called on Chief International Business Officer of Yunnan State Farms Agribusiness Group CO LTD Tang Shangjun, Tuesday evening, and discussed ways to promote trade and Agro Based Activities ties between India and China. The minister met the Chief International Business Officer at the latter's Dongfeng East Road official residence in Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China. During the meeting, the Chief International Business officer expressed his interest in investing in certain prospective agro-based activities in Manipur. Tang Shangjun also expressed his desire to visit Manipur. During the meeting, ThBiswajit and Chief International Business Officer of Yunnan State Farms Agribusiness Group CO LTD Tang Shangjun discussed free movement of Chinese traders in Manipur.

Tang Shangjun also drew the Minister's attention on PAC (prior Approval Category). He further reassured to promote trade between the two countries. It may be mentioned that a team from the State led by Th. Biswajit Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce, Trade and Industry attended the South & South East Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair, 2017 at the Dianchi International Convention and International Sistership pavilion at Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China. The Minister is being accompanied by L. Lakher, Principal Secretary Commerce and industry, M Luikham, Director Commerce and Industry, Smt. L. Inunganbi Devi, Corporator Imphal Municipal Corporation Ward No. 18, L. Bashanta Sharma, Media Coordinator to Hon'ble Chief Minister Manipur and Chandrakishore Singh, President, North East Federation on International Trade, Manipur Chapter.

Yoga is binding the whole world with India: PM

Lucknow, June 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed people to make Yoga a part of their lives. Addressing the gathering at Ramabai Ambedkar Ground in Lucknow, where the main event of Yoga Day celebrations was held Wednesday morning, Mr Modi said, Yoga has been a part of Indian tradition and it integrates the people. He said, yoga has become a part of so many lives and its popularity outside the country is very much high and it has also connected the world with India. The Prime Minister said,

wellness is important in addition to fitness and Yoga is a medium to achieve wellness. He said small practices of yoga improves the quality of life. He said a very small use of salt makes the food tasty similarly small practices of Yoga helps a person to keep him healthy and away from diseases. Mr Modi said, Yoga is about health assurance and it is even not expensive to practice. He said, the demand for Yoga teachers is also increasing. The Prime Minister said, he

is glad to see several Yoga institutes take shape over the last three years. After concluding his speech, the Prime Minister joined the participants in performing various postures of Yoga. Modi performed Yoga postures at Ramabai Ambedkar Ground sitting with more than 55,000 people. He encouraged the youths particularly girls who were present at ground ignoring bad weather and rains. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath welcomed the Prime Minister at the venue and appreciated his efforts for Yoga promotion.

Darjeeling continues to remain tense

Darjeeling, June 21: Darjeeling district of West Bengal continues to remain tense. An uneasy calm prevails in the hill district affected by an indefinite strike Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, GJM, demanding a separate State. AIR correspondent reports traffic remains disrupted and people are facing a tough time. Yesterday's all-party meeting called by GJM and the meeting between Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju and a delegation of GJM failed to come to any conclusion.

NSCN-K condoles its supreme leader SS Khaplang

IT News
Imphal, June 21: The NSCN-K has released a compilation of the revolutionary journey of its supreme leader SS Khaplang spanning over fifty years in the leading from the front in the movement for a Naga nation. The content of the article which was drafted after the funeral service of SS Khaplang provides a worthwhile peek into the contribution of the deceased Naga leader in uniting the revolutionary outfits of northeastern India, his noteworthy role in uniting Naga tribes scattered in Myanmar and various states in India and the Naga nationalist movement as well. Here, the NSCN-K pays its last respects to the leader and expressed its gratitude to

individual and groups who assisted in the successful organization of the funeral service. Excerpts: One of the most feared, revered and honoured by friends and foes alike, S.S. Khaplang, the Supreme Commander, the President and Chairman NSCN/GPRN and the legendary revolutionary patriarch and patron of the revolutionaries of West South East Asia peacefully departed for his home heavenly home at the Council HQ, Taka on 9 June 2017. The ablest and the staunchest and the most consummate patriot ever who led thousands and inspired millions across the region and international arena with his undying spirit of nationalism, all the ranks and files of

NSCN/GPRN pays our deepest respect and bow down in honour of our departing "Supreme Commander". S h a n g n y u Shangwang, Khaplang was born on April 7, 1940 to Langgee and Khapvi of Waktham Village, Tangshang Naga tribe. At the age of 23, he was elected as the President, Naga National Convention in the year 1963 and was instrumental in the signing of Naga-Kachin peace agreement with KIO/KIA Chairman late Zautu in October 1968 and with late Brang seng in 1977 thus ending the misunderstanding between the two brothers that arose during 1964 to 1968 and since then the relationship between the Nagas and

Kachins had been peaceful. In the year 1965, April 7, the nomenclature Naga National Convention was changed to Eastern Naga Revolutionary Council where Choboh was elected the Chairman, SS Khaplang the Vice-Chairman and Kitiwon as the General Secretary, later in the year 1972 ENRC was again changed to Eastern Naga National Council with Nuri as the Chairman and the Chairman and S.S. Khaplang as the Vice-Chairman. In January 1975 S.S. Khaplang was elected as the Chairman, ENNC with Brig. Thungbo as the Vice Chairman and on March, 1979, the Naga National Council and Eastern Naga National Council signed a merger agreement and S.S. Khaplang was elected the

President FGN and T. Venuh as Vice President, FGN respectively. It was through S.S. Khaplang's sincere endeavour that the artificially divided Nagas were united under the same political banner of Naga National Council. In the subsequent year 1980, 31st January, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland was formed under the Chairmanship of Isak Chishi Swu, S.S. Khaplang as the Vice-Chairman and Th. Muivah as the Gen. Secy. In the year 1988 a political crisis erupted within the NSCN, however, due to S.S. Khaplang's resoluteness, the NSCN could withstand all the turbulence and sailed past the crisis safely and later became the Acting Chairman and Chairman of the NSCN with

late Mongro Dally as the General Secretary respectively in the year 1988 and 1989 and remained the Chairman till his last breath on June 9, 2017. Various accomplishments of NSCN/GPRN under the Chairmanship of S.S. Khaplang- 1. In 1990, Indo-Burma Revolutionary Front comprising of NSCN, ULFA and UNLF was formed. 2. In 1996 S.S. Khaplang attended UN Working Committee on Indigenous Population at Geneva. 3. In 2001, the NSCN/GPRN under S.S. Khaplang's leadership entered into bilateral ceasefire agreement with India. 4. In 2012, upon the invitation of the Myanmar Government, S.S. Khaplang signed a

ceasefire agreement with Myanmar Government. 5. On 27 March 2015, the NSCN/GPRN abrogated ceasefire agreement with India due to insincerity and divisive policies of GOI. 6. On 17 April, 2015, Under S.S. Khaplang's leadership, United Liberation Front of WESEA His entire life, from dusk to dawn, winter to summer and for decades till his last breath was woven to the Naga liberation struggle choosing to live a pious revolutionary life in the jungles and make shift camps along with comrades and followers rather than being swayed away by comforts, luxuries and materialisms unlike many of his contemporaries.