

Kut festival celebrated across the state with much fan fare

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Imphal, Nov.1: The biggest and post harvest festival of Kuki-Chin-Mizo groups "Kut Festival" was celebrated across the state today with much fanfare. The main state function was held today at 1st MR ground here in Imphal. The Kut festival was also celebrated at other districts of the state.

Chin Kuki Mizo (CHIKIM) Communities of Chandel District also celebrated the harvesting festival - Kut 2017 on Wednesday at the ZYO Ground, Sugnu Lamhangda under the theme "Kut for Cultural Integrity" with Sokhomang Haokip, President KCA Chandel as the Kut Pa. The Noon Session of the post harvest festival of the Chikim community organised by the District Level Kut Committee, Chandel was graced by Letpao Haokip Minister, IPFC & YAS, Subhachandra Parliamenw Secy. fishery, K.Robindro Parliamenw Secy. YAS, K.Dingo MLA Sekmal Assembly Constituency, Indmjit MLA, Kshetriguo Assembly Constituency, L.Satyabranta MLA Yaiskul Assembly Constituency, Rameshor MLA Kelrao Assembly Constituency, T.Robindro MLA Thanga Assembly Constituency, Leishiyo Keising, MLA Phungyar Assembly Constituency and Hgamkholal Baite MDC, 22-



Sugnu Hill Area as the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Functional president respectively. As the huge crowd who were attired in their respective traditional dresses gathered for the Celebration, Ngamkholal Baite, Kut Pa of the year declared the Kut Celebration begins. And the celebration began with exhibition of colourful Cultural Dances performed by the cultural troupes of different communities besides spectacular choreography performed by talented young artist with the theme "Kut for Cultural Integrity". Apart from witnessing the 1st round of beauty contest for

the coveted title of Miss Kut 2017. The Invited Kut Artistes also enthralled the huge gathering with the melodies songs. Village chiefs, social workers, religious leaders, leaders of civil organizations of the district, District Level Officers of the district Chiefs' Association attended the celebration. K.Ranjit Singh MLA Sugnu Assembly Constituency, Brig. Neelesh Bhanot DIG 28 Sector, Assam Rifles, L.Ibomcha Singh Director SAI, Ngamthang Mate MDC, Sibuong, Limkhajiang Haokip MDC, Tolbung and Seithang Haokip MDC, I8-Songjiang graced the evening session.

Information and Public Relations Day Observed

DIPR

Imphal, Nov 1 : The 69th Information and Public Relations Day was observed today at DIPR complex, Moirangkhom, Imphal with Minister (IPR), Manipur Shri Thongam Biswajit and Commissioner (IPR) Shri K Radhakumar Singh were the Chief Guest and President of the events. It was on this day in 1949 that a Publicity Office of the Government of Manipur had been set up with late R.K Maipaksana as its first Publicity Officer. As part of the celebration a 3-day DIPR festival on government's achievement was also inaugurated by the Chief Guest. A number of photographs depicting several programmes and activities taken up by the government and Press Releases issued by the department were also displayed.

Speaking on the occasion, IPR Minister Shri Thongam Biswajit said that what DIPR has done for the public was well known to the general public. The main objective of DIPR is from time to time, disseminated information to the public pertaining to achievements, activities and programmes of the govt. In democracy, transparency and accountability is very important. DIPR as a media is a medium between public and the govt. The present govt. has done so many changes in the last few months and many more changes are ahead. To bring development in all sphere, peace and public cooperation is a must and urges constructive criticism from the public for good governance. The minister further said that govt. is looking for more new entrepreneur to solve the unemployment problems of the state. Govt. is also trying hard for improvement of the road condition and improvement of power supply in the state. However, works could not be done well due to rainfall and time constraint. Govt. wants to show practically what govt. has done for the public. People's reaction to what the government is doing is equally important as what the government wants to tell the people, added the minister. While mentioning about the welfare of the Journalist



Fraternity, the minister said process for establishment of Media park is about to complete and Press colony will also come up later. DIPR building at Keisampat will be completed as early as possible. In his Presidential speech, IPR Commissioner Shri Radhakumar said the role of the DIPR is very important and it could be considered as a two-way traffic. It is not only to inform the public about the activities and achievement of the government but to receive feedback from the public as well, the Commissioner said. Also, the existing rules of Pension scheme and Advertisement

and professional department to achieve the government's goals to inform, educate, and to enlighten the public. Social media also known as new media is very important now a days for sharing information. The department is able to launched facebook, twitter, youtube and even mobile apps. Press releases, photos, videos etc were uploaded and post in these apps and people living outside Manipur and abroad are able to know what DIPR is doing. The primary duty of the department is to carry out the public relation practices to resolve the issues of the state, he observed. The celebration not only remembers the first conceptualization of government publicity but also gives a message to the masses that the state government has an organization responsible for dissemination of information of public interest. Set up with a very limited number of manpower, infrastructure and equipment, the information machinery of the state government has now considerably been expanded following its up-gradation as a Directorate.

Locals Appeals to Repair Keirao Makting road

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Imphal, Nov.01: The deplorable condition of the Iriblung to Urup Litan Makhong road via Keirao Makting in Imphal east, seems to have been completely ignored by the State Government. The IVR road comes under two Assembly Constituencies of Keirao Assembly constituency of BJP MLA L Rameshor and Kshetriguo Assembly constituency of BJP MLA, Nahakpam Indrajit.



Machahal portion of the road falls under Kshetriguo AC While Keirao Makting to Urup portion falls under Keirao AC. Pond like Potholes have adorned all over this road stretch. The IVR road stretch Witnesses worst portion at

Iriblung Machahal, Keirao Makting and Urup. Commuters are experiencing serious inconveniences while passing through the road stretch. Locals appeal to the BJP led govt to repair the deplorable road as earliest as possible.

Natl. Unity Day Organized by 27 Assam Rifles

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Imphal, Nov. 1: 27 Assam Rifles of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised "RUN FOR FUN" to commemorate NATIONAL UNITY DAY. The children of four schools from Ukhrul participated in the event along with troops of 27 Assam Rifles. A total of 138 children participated in the said event with 36 girls and 98 boys. The schools

participating in the event are Ukhrul Public School, Jesus Public School, Savio School and Assam Rifles Public School. The run started from the Gandhi Chowk and culminated at Ukhrul COB. Prizes were given to students standing 1st 2nd and 3rd. Seven consolation prizes were also given to students and the accompanying teachers as token of encouragement. The

Company Commander of Ukhrul COB gave a short speech about Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel - Iron Man of India and the his work after independence in uniting the princely states into one country. The students were informed about the ethos behind celebrating UNITY DAY on his birth anniversary. The event culminated with distribution of refreshments to the students.

Critic Forum Manipur

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Imphal, Nov.1: Critic Forum Manipur today observed 12th Foundation Day at Manipur Dramatic Union Hall Yaiskul. The function was attended by MLA Y. Radheshyam as the Chief Guest while Prof. IS Kangjam, President Critic Forum Manipur presided over it. On the occasion Padmashri Laishram Birendrakumar, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Oinam Birmagol and Padmashri Wareppa Naba were felicitated. A play called "Jali note" written by Athokpam Tomchou was also performed by artist of Ipom Chaoba Memorial Cultural Institute. The play is directed by Takhellambam Rajan.

Monetary help to body builder Romesh

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Imphal, Nov.1: Thongram Rameshor Chicken Center of Sagolband Khamnam Bazar has donated a sum of Rs. 25,000/- to Paonam Romesh Meitei, a body builder from Paona Memorial Kangleipak Haksel Lup, who will represent India in the Mister World Natural Body Building Championship, 2017, which is scheduled to hold at Lombegada, USA, from November 9 to 12.

KSA Oppose the Inclusion of Karbi Land into Nagalim

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Silchar, Nov.01: The Karbi Students Association, KSA opposed the inclusion of Karbi Anglong and entire Dima Hasao district into a framework agreement signed between NSCN(IM) and BJP led central government. In view of the visit of Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad to Diphu, KSA took a protest rally on Monday to register their disappointment of inclusion of Karbi Angling and Dima Hasao district in Nagalim and delay implementation of Article 244 (A) of the Indian

Constitution.

The rally was started from KSA headquarter located at Ronghninghang area of Diphu headed by its president Bijoy Bay and lasted at Deputy Commissioner office and submitted a memorandum addressing to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a memorandum, amongst various demands, KSA expressed its disappointment of inclusion of Karbi land in Naga Framework agreement and also demanded recognised Karbi Anglong district of Assam as separate state of North East.

PIL in Supreme Court seeks minority status for Hindus 8 states

New Delhi, Nov 1: A petition seeking a notification for Hindus to be classified as minority in eight states has been filed in the Supreme Court (SC). The public interest litigation (PIL), filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, states that Hindus in these eight states have been denied their basic rights. According to the 2011 Census, Hindus are in minority in eight states — Lakshadweep (2.5 %), Mizoram (2.75 %), Nagaland (8.75 %), Meghalaya (11.53 %), J&K (28.44 %), Arunachal Pradesh (29 %), Manipur (31.39 %), and Punjab (38.40 %). "But, their minority rights are being siphoned off

illegally and arbitrarily to the majority population because neither the Central nor the state governments have notified Hindus as a minority under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act," the petition stated. "The Union government offers 20,000 scholarships in the field of technical education for minority students. In J&K, 68.30 % people are Muslims. The government has allotted 717 out of 753 scholarships to the Muslim students but none to Hindu students," the petition further said. As per a 1993 notification by the Centre, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists,

and Parsis were granted minority status in India, and Jains were added to the list in 2014. "The petition also stated that Muslims were in majority in Lakshadweep (96.20 %) and J&K (68.30 %), and there was a significant Muslim population in Assam (34.20 %), West Bengal (27.5 %), Kerala (26.60 %), Uttar Pradesh (19.30 %), and Bihar (18 %). "They are, however, enjoying the minority status, and the communities that are the real minorities are not getting their legitimate share because of non-identification and non-notification of minorities at the state level, thereby jeopardising their basic rights

guaranteed under Part III of the Constitution," the petition stated. It added: "Christians are in majority in Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Nagaland and there is a significant Christian population in Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Kerala, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, but they are treated as minority. Likewise, Sikhs are in majority in Punjab and there is a significant Sikh population in Delhi, Chandigarh, and Haryana but they are also treated as minority." Earlier this year, advocate Ankur Sharma had filed a similar petition in the top court, seeking establishment

of a Minorities Commission in March. At a previous hearing in March, the Apex Court had directed the state and the Centre to sit and deliberate on the issue together. Then in August, the Apex Court expressed its displeasure after J&K submitted that it was unable to find time to meet with the Centre on the issue. In its affidavit, which they later withdrew, J&K had cited the Amarnath Yatra, its "fragile law and order situation", along with peculiar security issues as the reasons behind failing to schedule meetings with the Centre. On May 1, the Centre informed the court that a six-member committee, headed by the

Union Secretary, Minority Affairs, had been formed to deliberate on the issue. The committee was mandated to look into problems faced by minorities (by number) in J&K, which has a majority Muslim population. However, Appeared for the Centre, Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that discussions for to set up the Minority Commission were taking place at various levels. In response, the court directed the state and the Centre to "deal with the contentious issue jointly," since it was "very very important issue." **Courtesy: DNA**