

Drive against tobacco products and plastic intensifies

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Imphal, Nov 11: Student body DESAM's serious concern over the rise of plastic polythene bag pollution to the environment has once more wake up the state machineries. Officials of Manipur Pollution Control Board and the City Police too joined the students campaign for plastic free Manipur. Besides the Police team also continue the drive against selling of tobacco product in the state.

Today morning joint team of DESAM Volunteers, City Police and the officials of the Manipur Pollution Control Board conducted drive against used of plastic and tobacco product at Thangal Keithel and MG Avenue. During the drive over Rs. 10 lakhs worth tobacco products including Zarda, Kaini and other packet product were seized from various shops. The drive continues till late in the evening.

AR seizes brown sugar



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Imphal, Nov 11: Troops of 12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) seized 482 grams (30 packets) of Brown Sugar worth Rs 1,928 crore approximate at PVCPC, K h u d e n g t h a b i, Tengenoupal District on 08 Nov 2017. A statement of the AR said that the brown sugar was recovered from a colour Maruti Eeco van Regn No MN 01X 2849 moving from Moreh to Imphal.

The recovered contraband item along with the apprehendee was handed over to NCB, Imphal.

N. Biren Singh suggest Yangon Chief Minister for Imphal – Mandlay- Yangon bus service



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Imphal, Nov 11: Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh met Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and interacted to materialise the India's Act East Policy in a speedy way. During the meeting Chief Minister N. Biren Singh draw the attention of the Yangon Chief Minister to strengthen the relationship between the two neighbouring countries

by introducing Imphal via Mandalay to Yangon bus service. N Biren Singh requested the Yangon Chief Minister to pass Manipur will visit Bodha Gaya. Every year over 1000 of Buddhist pilgrims from Myanmar visited Bodha Gaya by flight at a much higher fare. If the pilgrims travel by land route through Manipur then the fare will be very less. N. Biren Singh also urged to

allot land for trade center at Yangon to boost trade and commerce activities between the two countries. Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein also stressed on the need for bridging better relationship between Yangon and the people of Manipur. U Phyo Min Thein also points on the need to develop tourism and technology by sharing knowledge between the two countries.

Andro Cultural Museum inaugurated

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Imphal, Nov 11: Thounaojam Shyamkumar today said that, development work will be taken up the departments under him giving equal opportunities to all the districts.

Minister of MAHUD, Town Planning, Forests and Environment and Horticulture and Soil Conservation made the statement at the inauguration of the Andro Cultural Museum constructed at the cost of Rs 10 (ten) lakhs under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) 2015-2016 at the premises of the Andro Pana Loisang, Andro Assembly Constituency, Imphal East.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest of the function, Minister Th. Shyamkumar spoke regarding



the development plans in the constituency. He also appreciated MP Dr. Thokchom Meinya for funding for the construction of the museum. MP Dr. Th. Meinya in his presidential speech lauded the hard working people of the constituency. He said, the fund contribution by the Andro Pana which was a great help in finishing the construction of the museum

shows the eagerness of the people to take part in developmental process. As the tourism sector is booming in the State, more cultural heritage sites can be constructed with proper planning to attract tourist, he said.

L. Lukhloi Singh, Chairperson, Andro Nagar Panchayat and local residents attended the function.

Manipur Maoist says Sapamcha Kangleipal will lead the movement for protection of indigenous people

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Imphal, Nov 11: Maoist Communist Party Manipur today said that the movement for protection of the Indigenous people of the state will be led by Sapamcha Kangleipal, president of Manipur Forward Youth front (MAFYF). The statement said that Kangleipal will self immolate in front of Kangla Western Gate on November 25.

Sapamcha Kangleipal was a youth activist who was arrested by State force for spear heading a movement against establishment of

Special Police Officers (SPIO) at Heirok and some parts of Lilong. He was detain under NSA in the early part of 2008. However, he escapes from the custody in December of 2008. Since then he is declared as wanted by the government of Manipur.

The Maoist Manipur said that the movement for protection of the indigenous people which will be intensified from November 18 will be led by Sapamcha Kangleipal.

The Maoist statement further said that as the president of India is visiting the state on November 21 to inaugurate

the Sangai Festival, it would be relevant to intensify the movement for protection of the indigenous people from November 18 instead of November 11

The Maoist further said that no force can stop the movement for the protection of the indigenous people of the land. The outfit further added that external force or the government may explode bomb or intensify the ST movement or the territorial integrity issue to divert the peoples' movement. It appealed people to stay alert from any such design.

Excavation of Waithou Hill killing green cover at lakes; most area allotted to individuals

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Imphal, Nov 11: Rampant excavation being underway at Waithou Hill range at Thoubal district on the sides of NH-102 is killing the green cover of the region, said RK Amarjit, District Forest Officer, Thoubal.

Talking to reporters while inspecting the site, Amarjit said that with the situation going around the lakes in and around the area have become endangered and the once green land is turning into a barren land.

What appears as an obstacle to ban the excavation work is that most of the lands in Waithou Hills have been allotted patna to various individuals

Most the excavations are being carried out in the patna land.

How the forest areas are being allotted to private individuals has been a matter of great surprise to the people. So far none of the officials responsible for allotment of the land to private individuals have been punished and government fails to make any effort to investigate over the matter.

Answering to reporters queries Amarjit said that a case is pending on the civil court on whether excavation being carried out at Waithou Hills belongs to Forest area or



private individuals. He appealed the people to stop excavation works until the court case is over. As per gazette notification of the government of Manipur the said place (Waithou Hills) is protected under Indian Forest Act 1927 and under the Forest Conservation Act 1980 excavation is totally banned. On the other hand as per

rulings of the Manipur High Court dated August 30, 2017 and October 11, 2017 no excavation works can be carried out either in the private land or government land if it comes under Reserve Forest Area.

As per report available with this news paper most of the excavation works is being carried out during night time.

President of India to inaugurate the 8th Manipur Sangai Festival

Imphal, Nov 11: The Honourable President of India, Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the 8th Manipur Sangai Festival 2017. Addressing media persons at the Conference Hall of Old Secretariat yesterday, MLA Dr. Sapam Ranjan, Chairman, Tourism Corporation Manipur Limited said that the people of Manipur will witness a grand festival in the 8th edition of Manipur Sangai Festival to be held from 21st to 30th November, 2017. He said that the goal of the festival is to double the number of attendees compared to previous festivals held since inception. This year the festival will be held at different venues with main venues at Hatta Kangleibung, Khuman Lampak Sports Complex in Imphal East District and Lamboi Khongnangkhang in Imphal West District and at Sendra, Takmu water Sports Complex and Keibul in Bishnupur District. The festival expects to welcome 50,000 attendees this year including national leaders, policy makers, industry experts, business delegates and exhibitors from over 20 countries. To make the festival a success and to promote Manipur tourism, marketing and publicity campaign for the festival have been expanded in different cities all over India through multiple platforms which include print and digital, social media, radio,

television, billboards and other on-site publicity activities engaging airports and metro trains etc. he added. He further said that before the inauguration of the festival, a half marathon and other races will be conducted in the morning followed by a Curtain Raiser at Keibul Lamjao by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh in the afternoon on November 19. The inaugural function will take place at Hatta Kangleibung on November 21, 2017, where cultural activities of the different communities of the State and other States of India as well as International artists and cultural troupe will take place throughout the festival at the Bhagyachandra Open Air Theatre (BOAT). Besides photography exhibition, MTG World War II exhibition, flower show, theme parks, food stall and other entertainment programmes will also be a part of the showcase at the main venue. Indigenous sports and fun activities for children will be conducted at the Khuman Lampak sports complex. The venue at Lamboi Khongnangkhang will host biggest number of commercial stalls from Manipur, different states of the country and abroad in addition to tethered Hot Air Balloons which will be the main attraction. Mapal Kangleibung will host exciting polo matches between teams from Manipur representing India and other countries. On

26th November 2017, a boat race (Hiyang Tannaba) will be held at the South-Western part of the Kangla Moat where boat racers dressed in indigenous attires will compete at the race, the Chairman added. To showcase the immense tourism potential of Loktak Lake and its adjoining areas, cultural event with a theme centred on the culture of Loktak Lake, modern polo and the endangered brow-antlered deer (Sangai) will be held on the evening of 22nd and 23rd November at Takmu Water Sports Complex at Loktak Lake along with several water activities in Bishnupur District. He also said that for the first time, the state is going to host the North East Development Summit during the Manipur Sangai Festival to develop the North East Region with special focus on Manipur by inviting investors and other stakeholders from across India and other countries to explore business opportunities in Manipur. The summit will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 21st November, 2017.

Entry tickets for Hatta Kangleibung will be priced at Rs. 30/- (Adult) and Rs. 20/- (Uniformed Students) and for Khuman Lampak and Lamboi Khongnangkhang at Rs. 20/- (Adult) and Rs. 10/- (Uniformed Students). Tickets will be available at all venues.