

## Northeast girls harassed in Chennai during ISL match

**Guwahati, Nov. 24:** Another issue of disgusting behaviour against people from Northeast has come to light and this time it happened at Chennai's Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium during Indian Super League match.

Few youths from NE were allegedly harassed in the stadium by some locals during the ongoing ISL match between the North East United FC and Chennaiyin FC. This was revealed in a video which recently went viral. It was seen that few people from NE were being harassed by some locals from Chennai.

Talking about the issue, Saviou Diamary who was present at the stadium at the time said, "We had gone to support our North East United FC play against Chennaiyin FC in the ongoing ISL 2017-18 season. I agree that there is nothing wrong with trolling and making fun of supporters of opposition team, but abusing girls is something which is beyond that limit."

He further added that even last year, two of his friends were beaten up at the same venue but they did not bring it to the public domain but this time they intentionally came to a stand where a sizeable number of NEUFC fans were watching the game. He added, "They blocked us by standing in front of our seats. They just wanted us to react so that they can beat us."

It was further seen that while other people were standing right there and enjoying the mockery, the girl herself had to push away the hooligan.

Another student posted, "These hooligans should be condemned but please avoid using any racist remarks. We were surrounded by them and they were many. These two girls and the two guys with them were resilient enough to remain calm because they knew how to handle the situation. Or else the situation

would have further aggravated." He added that fortunately, the actions of these hooligans were confined to taunts, trolls and provocation. There wasn't any physical assault and about those asking why the people around them didn't react, they just knew what to do at that moment, to prevent it from escalating.

He added that asking for help or jumping into action wasn't possible for that moment as there wasn't any police nearby and the best they could do to handle the situation was not to respond to their provocations. President of the North East Indian Welfare Association has assured to take legal actions against them.

## UNLF celebrates 53rd Foundation Day



**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov 24:** Armed rebel group, United National Liberation Front (UNLF) today celebrated its 53rd Foundation Day at the GHQ of its army wing MPA and at other battalion of the outfit along with the people of the state.

A statement of the outfit said that the main observance function was held at the General Head Quarter of the MPA. Chairman of the Central Committee UNLF, Kh Pambai, General Secretary Ph. Yaimachou, COAS -Ng Pamheiba, Secretary Ethnic Minority Ch. Thanil and Health Secretary O Chingkeinganga attended as presidium members. Other officers of various departments of the organization including Principal of the Military Academy, Vice Chief of Army Staff, GSOs, staff officers, Officers of the Party Cadres, NCOs and other cadres of the MPA attended.

As a part of the observance floral tribute were paid to the martyrs who had laid down life for the cause of the revolutionary movement. A two minutes silence was also observed as a mark of respect to the departed souls. Reading of the annual statement of the central committee, speech by members of the Central Committee and speech by other top officials of the rebel group mark the observance function.

The 53rd Foundation Day was also observed at the other battalion of the MPA including 293 Bn, 291 Bn and other units. The District committee of the UNLF also observed the 53rd Foundation Day at various other places along with the people of the state, the UNLF statement said.

A sport event organized in connection with the 53rd Foundation Day since November 22 at the general head Quarter also concluded today and prizes were distributed to the winners.

## Minister Shyamkumar Conducts Surprise Inspection at Khwairambandh Keithel

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**Imphal, Nov. 24:** Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development (MAHUD) and Town Planning Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar today conducted a surprise inspection at various market areas. The inspection comes after his repeated appeal to the shopkeepers to cooperate with the State Government to keep the Imphal city clean. Speaking to the media persons after the inspection, MAHUD Minister Th. Shyamkumar said the inspection will continue in market areas in Imphal city. Similar drive will be also carried out in other Municipal Council areas, he said. Th. Shyamkumar asked the shopkeepers to clear the footpath so that there can be free movement for pedestrians in the market. Legal action will be taken against the shopkeepers violating the instructions, he added. He said as the rainy season



has ended, his department will take up work regarding proper maintenance of footpath, action against illegal constructions, proper diversion of drainage water among others. MAHUD Minister announced that vendors without valid licence will not be allowed to continue their business. He asked the shopkeepers and vendors, including mobile vendors not to pollute and

choke the rivers by throwing garbage. He said the pollution of Nambal River is further leading to the pollution and choking of Loktak Lake. During the inspection today, shopkeepers were asked to remove their belongings/goods kept at the footpath and clean the surroundings of their shops. MAHUD Minister once again appealed to the shopkeepers to keep dustbin and clean their

respective areas to avoid legal action. He further appealed to the public and vendors to cooperate with the Imphal Municipality Corporation (IMC). MAHUD and Town Planning Minister Th. Shyamkumar today inspected the shops and the surrounding areas in Majorkhul, Thangal Bazar, Kasturi Bridge, Nagamapal area, Ima Market and Masjid Road.

## Parliament winter session from December 15 to January 5

**New Delhi, Nov 24:** Winter session of Parliament will be held from 15th of next month to 5th January, Parliamentary Affairs minister Ananth Kumar announced this after the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh, in New Delhi today. Mr Kumar said parliament session and assembly elections date should not overlap. He said, earlier also

many times Parliament session has been scheduled, considering assembly elections in the state. The Minister said, Government requests and seeks cooperation from all parties, including the opposition, for the smooth functioning of both Houses to make the session fruitful. Mr Kumar said, this session will have 14 working days and 25th and 26th December will be Christmas holidays.

## Digital Signature campaign

**New Delhi, Nov 24:** Ministry of Human Resources Development has launched a Digital Signature campaign on Constitution Day affirming faith in Indian Constitution and to generate awareness on fundamental

duties enshrined in the Constitution. Giving the link in a tweet, Mr Javadekar said, people, can join the campaign by filling a form online. 26th November is celebrated as Constitution Day.

## Blood donation camp



**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov 24:** A group called 'Towards Tomorrow Manipur', formed by a group of likeminded people by connecting through social media -Whatsapp, today donated bloods under the theme 'Donate blood Save

life' at Lamboikhongnangkhang ground. A round 30 donors donated blood till 2 pm today said an organizer. The donation camp is being organized with support from State Blood Cell, National Health Missio Manipur.

## World Diabetes Day observed at Thoubal

**IT News**

**Thoubal, Nov.24:** As in other parts of the world, the World Diabetes Day 2017 was observed jointly by District Health Society Thoubal, NCD and National Program for Prevention & Control of Cancer.

Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under the theme "Women and Diabetes: Our Right to a Healthy Future" today at Seminar hall of Waikhom Mani Girls College, Thoubal.

Devi, Asst. Programme Manager, NCD delivered the welcome and Keynote address. She said that the first observance of World Diabetes Day was held in November, 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation and WHO in response to growing concerns about its escalating health threat posed by diabetes. And World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day.

Speaking as chief guest at the observance function Dr.N.Jayantakumar said that diabetes is a kind of a dreaded

disease called 'slow and sweet killing. It is very dangerous, women should be very much concerned about this disease as it affects them a lot. Superintendent of District Hospital, Thoubal Dr.Hemantakumar Singh, said that frequent test of this disease for each and every girl is much required before marriage so as to prevent widespread occurrence of the disease caused.

Regular exercise is needed so as to keep a healthy life in the day today life, he said. Principal of Waikhom Mani Girls College, Thoubal Dr.O.Ibeton Devi, District Programme Manager,Thoubal Ch.Basanta Singh and Nodal Officer NCD Clinic Thoubal, Dr.H.Surjit Singh also attended the function.

It may be mentioned that a health clinic was also held in the College Students. A number of persons were tested for sugar in the clinic. A consultation cum interaction programme regarding the disease was also held in the function.

## 3 killed, 8 injured in train accident

**Chitrakoot, Nov 24:** Three passengers were killed and eight others were injured in a train accident in Chitrakoot district early this morning. Two deceased have been identified. They are father and son duo from Bettiah district in Bihar.

The accident happened when 13 bogies of Patna bound train derailed at Manikpur railway station under Allahabad Rail Division of the Northern Central Railway. District Police Chief Pratap Gopendra said injured have been admitted to Community health centre Manikpur and district hospital at Chitrakoot. The condition of two of the injured is serious. Chief Public Relation officer NCR told that a special train has been rushed to Patna carrying all passengers of the derailed train no 12741.

## Foundation for Freedom should be laid by writers

**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov.24:** Professor Nahakpam Aruna, who is also the Head of Department of Manipuri Department, Manipuri University today said that foundation for freedom should be laid by true writings of the writers.

"Writers have always been an inspiration in the building of history for freedom of those countries which are Independent. The words from the writers can be considered as the strongest weapon to fight for freedom", N. Aruna said while speaking on a seminar organized by the Patriotic Writers Forum Manipur at Manipur Press Club under the theme - Freedom for Literature. Prof. Aruna however



expressed concern about the freedom of the writers of our society today.

"Whether our writers can exercise absolute freedom in expressing their thoughts remain as a big question", she said and added that writers in today's contemporary society

could not use their pen with complete freedom. If writers can write freely without obstacle from any section it will help in bringing a changed society, the professor said. President of Patriotic Writers Forum Manipur Raghu Lrishangthemna, Member

- Prof. N. Aruna

Secretary of Manipuri Culture Society Mainsam Rajesh and co-convenor of the society Jayentakumar Singh also attended as guest of honours. Talking on the rise of Manipuri literature in Bangladesh, Mainsam Rajesh said that it was only in the year 1975 when Bangladesh got freedom that Manipuri literature has been born. He also narrated on the role of the writers during the freedom struggle for Bangladesh.

Secretary of the Patriotic Writers' Forum Naorem Rakesh said that writers can never be skipped in the freedom movement of a country.