

# Deputy Chief Minister inaugurates two days national symposium on plant diseases

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**Imphal, Oct 10:** Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh today inaugurated two days National Symposium on "Emerging and Re-Emerging Plant Diseases in North East India: Challenges and Strategies" at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Deputy Chief Minister said, proper interface between farmers and scientists would be more helpful in controlling pests and other plant diseases hampering productivity in North Eastern region. He said, most of the States in the region have predominantly depend upon agriculture and allied activities as a means of livelihood and therefore issues pertaining to these activities should be addressed properly. Planting crops in right time would be the best way to control most of the diseases as there would be a little chance to pests and disease causing agents to affect the crops. He further said, with the advancement of research



works, High Yielding Varieties (HYVs) have been developed and cultivating these varieties in large scale has been increased considerably but at the same time indigenous varieties around us for years should be taken care of. Joykumar Singh said, people are in good habit of consuming organic foods, which are supposed to be considered as best to our

health. Using chemicals to control pests and diseases should be taken care of as it can cause health hazards to us. He said, instead of using various chemicals to control plant diseases, we should try to introduce methods which are less harmful to human consumption. Efforts should be made in this direction to bring a phenomenal change so that agriculture and allied

activities can be developed to meet the growing demand of food in the country, he added. Vice Chancellor of Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal, Professor M. Premjith Singh while speaking on the occasion strongly advocated the need to introduce crop rotation in large scale to control pests and other plant diseases in

North Eastern Region. He said, minor plant diseases have become serious due to the factors of climate change. ICAR have been doing tremendous work in rice research and cultivation of HYVs. He urged the Scientists to initiate research to control disappearance of local varieties in the region. Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister distributed certificates to the trainees who have successfully concluded one month training on Gardeners Training Programme conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Churachandpur from 11<sup>th</sup> September - 10<sup>th</sup> October this year. Agricultural inputs were also distributed in the inaugural session. Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR also spoke in the session. Scientists, Researchers and Students included from outside NE Region have been participating in the two days deliberation jointly organised by Indian Phytopathological Society (NEZ) and ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal.

# 3,000 Rohingya killed in Myanmar since Aug 25: BD Foreign minister

**By: Siam Sarower Jamil IT Correspondent**

**Dhaka, Oct 10:** A total of 3,000 Rohingya Muslims were killed following the army operation in the Rakhine State of Myanmar since August 25, Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali said Tuesday.

Tension had been brewing in the Rakhine state a month before the operation when the Myanmar government started increasing army deployment at many points of the state, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali said while addressing a programme in Dhaka this morning.

According to UN agencies, 5,20,000 of the forcibly displaced people crossed over into Bangladesh since August 25; nearly 40,000 of them arrived in the last 10 days, said a foreign ministry press release issued yesterday. The foreign minister today alleged that Myanmar is trying to defuse the mounting international pressure by proposing to take back Rohingyas from Bangladesh. The international pressure against Myanmar should be

increased, he said at the programme in Bangladesh Institute of Strategic Studies (BISS) auditorium.

Terminating the Rohingya issue "a problem of Myanmar", the minister said the country has to solve it.

One week after a meeting with a senior minister from Myanmar, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday said Dhaka has not agreed to Naypyidaw's proposal of following the principle and criteria of the 1992 deal to take back the forcibly displaced Myanmar national's population.

On October 2, Myanmar formally proposed taking back the Rohingyas sheltered in Bangladesh but offered no specifics on how the repatriation of such a massive refugee population should take place.

Bangladesh, on the other hand, proposed a bilateral agreement to facilitate the repatriation process and handed over a draft of the proposed deal to Kyaw Tint Swe, union minister for the Office of the State Counsellor of the neighbouring country.

# Suspected Militant Attack At Army Camp In Arunachal Pradesh, No Casualty Reported

**PTI**  
**Itanagar, Oct 10:** Suspected militants attacked a Company Operating Base (COB) of the Army at Niasua in Arunachal Pradesh early on Tuesday, an Army official said. No casualty or damage to property was reported in the attack, which police sources said was likely to have been carried out by NSCN(K) insurgents.

A group of men fired 5-10 rounds from "ineffective" small firearms and lobbed a Latho grenade at the COB at Niasua in Longding district at around 1.15 AM. Kohima based Defence spokesman Col Chiranjeet Konwer told PTI. The sentries retaliated and the attackers fled, Konwer said. "There was no human casualty or damage to

properties of the COB. The retaliatory fire had to be controlled keeping in mind the safety of the villagers in the vicinity," the spokesman said. Operations are being launched against the attackers, he said. Police sources from Longding said the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang), which is active in the district, was behind the attack.

# AR seizes WY tablets



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 10:** 12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sect Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) apprehended four individuals with WY tablets at Permanent Vehicle Check Post (PVCP), Khudenthabi of Tengnoupal District on 09 Oct 2017.

At around 0930 hours, one blue colour 'Maruti A Star' vehicle bearing registration No. DL 8C P 3710 moving from Moreh to Imphal was stopped for checking. Three individuals travelling in the vehicle requested passage, citing poor health of one of the individual's father in Imphal. On checking their vehicle, 3000 WY tablets worth Rs. 15 lakhs (approx) were recovered. The apprehendees are Mr Ayub Shah (27) s/o Md Ramijuddin r/o Lilong, Heinoumakhong, Thoubal dist, Mr Yusuf Ali (25)

s/o Md Alimuddin r/o Lilong Khunou, Thoubal dist and Md Akhtar (34) s/o Md Alimuddin r/o Lilong Tairen Makhong, Thoubal dist. All the apprehendees were handed over to Moreh PS along with the recovered WY tablets. At around 1330 hours, a silver colour Maruti Van bearing registration No. AS 01 AH 6821 moving from Moreh to Imphal was stopped at check post Khudenthabi for checking. The movement of the driver appeared suspicious. After thorough search of the vehicle, 9125 WY tablets worth Rs. 45.62 lakhs (approx) were recovered. Apprehendee was identified as Mr Abdul Samad (36) S/O Md Khalik r/o Sora Mamang Leikai, Thoubal District. The recovered drugs along with apprehendee was handed over to Moreh PS.

# Hastkala Sahyog Shivir camp launched

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 10:** Hastkala Sahyog Shivir camp initiated by Ministry of Textiles was launched in the state today at MFDS Auditorium, Palace Compound. The launch of the camp was jointly organised by Development Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Council of Handicraft Development Corporation and Manipur Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Limited. Speaking as the chief guest of the event, Dr Thokchom Meina, Lok Sabha MP said that weavers in the state need to make serious effort to promote the handloom

products as they contribute to economic development of the state. Meina also said that the main aim of the camp is to encourage the handloom and handicraft sector in the country. Various numbers of services including distribution of credit facilities through Mudra Scheme, assisting for technological upgradation and access to common service centre facilities will be facilitated during the camp, he added. Meina urged the weavers to get accustomed to GST as weaving also comes under the amid of GST. S Rajen Singh, Chairman of Manipur Handloom and

Handicraft Development Corporation Limited; Th. Satyabarta, MLA Yaiskul Assembly Constituency; L Rameshwor, MLA Keirao Assembly Constituency the President and Guest of Honour respectively. Officers of Manipur Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Limited and many women weavers of the State also attended the event. Meanwhile, Ministry of Textiles is organising ten days PAN India Handloom and Handicraft Camp in 201 handloom and 220 handicraft cluster from October 7 to October 17, 2017.

# RFYS debuts in city, OM Roy School win first match

**IT News**  
**Shillong, Oct 10:** The highly successful Reliance Foundation Youth Sports national football tournament made its debut in Shillong on Tuesday, with OM Memorial Higher Secondary School registering the first victory. As many as 55 schools and colleges have fielded 72 teams in the four categories this year. The Junior Boys section with 40 entries has seen the most number of registrations while Senior Boys has also attracted 19 teams. Six teams will be seen in action in the College Boys and 7 in the School Girls categories to make it an impressive lineup. The winners in each category will represent Shillong in the national championship to be held later this year. In the inaugural match at the JN Stadium, OM Memorial rode on a late strike for their 1-0 victory over Brookside Adventist Higher Secondary School in a Junior Boys' qualifying match. Sumarba Barch fired the winner in the 64th minute to win the man of the match award.

The RFYS tournament was launched last year in the eight cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Kochi, Guwahati, Pune and Goa. It has extended to eight more cities this year, with Jamshedpur, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Shillong, Aizawl, Imphal and Hyderabad competing for their respective city titles. The RFYS, with Mrs Nita Ambani as the power and force behind it, is steadfastly working towards making Indian football a major force with the Indian Super League initiative at the senior level and the Reliance Foundation Young Champs at the grassroots level. Over 60,000 kids will be seen in action in 30 centres across the country. By December this year, a staggering 6 million children are expected to be touched with this grassroots initiative. **RESULT (qualifier):** Junior Boys: OM Roy Memorial Higher Secondary School bt Brookside Adventist Higher Secondary School 1-0.

# India Post celebrates the National Postal week

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 10:** India Post celebrates the National Postal week every October, starting with World Post Day on 9th October. As a part of National Postal Week this year, India Post has decided to re-launch Samporna Dak feevan Bima Gram (SDJBG) yojana, afresh with renewed vigour on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Under this scheme, an initiative has been taken to adopt villages having a minimum of

100 households, wherein at least 01 (one) Rural postal Life Insurance is to be sold to each household, so that every family in that village will get covered with RPLI. The primary objective under Samporna Dak feevan Bima Gram (SDJBG) yojana is, coverage of all households in the identified village under RPLI. This scheme will help achieve the twin objective of increased insurance penetration as well as financial inclusion of rural populace.

# 'Use RTI To promote good governance and strengthen democracy'

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**Imphal, Oct 10:** Right to Information Act should be used to promote good governance and strengthen democracy. This was stated by Shri Karam Shyam, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Revenue speaking as the Chief Guest during the closing function of Right to Information Week Celebration-2017 at Lamyanka Shanglen, Konung Lampak, Imphal. Appreciating the role of RTI

activists for their commitment to bring transparency and accountability, the Minister said that, sincere approach from the activists can transform the society. Karam Shyam also stated that, activists work under immense pressure and disturbances and encouraged them to continue with their effort without any fear or favour. Lack of transparency is one of the reason for slow down in the developmental process, he added. Shri Karam Shyam further said

RTI is a powerful tool which can bring accountability and transparency to bring a good governance in the State. Advising the public as well as the activists to use RTI in a responsible manner, the Minister said cooperation from them will definitely transform the State. The Act is a big step towards making the citizens informed about the activities of the Government, he added. Speaking as the President of the function, Dr. Radheshyam Yumnam, Chairman, Manipur

Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. and Manipur Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. said that, there is a need to organise RTI mass awareness programme, to educate and inform every citizen of the State about the significance of RTI. Cautioning against the misuse of RTI Dr. Radheshyam Yumnam said that, if RTI is used in the correct manner then our society can achieve development much faster. The closing function of Right to Information Week

Celebration was attended by RTI activists, Government officials, students and citizens from all walks of life. As part of the function prizes were distributed to winners of the quiz competition. Right to Information Week (Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017) is organised by Manipur Information Commission and sponsored by Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Government of India