

## 'I will urge the government to open hospital for old-aged people'

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**Imphal, Oct. 1:** On State Level Observation of International Day of Older Persons 2017, Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Smt Nemcha Kipgen called upon the attention of all the NGOs and stakeholders to lend necessary assistance to those older persons in distress and open doors for them. The Minister also assured that she will urge the Government to open hospital specially meant for old-aged people. This was stated by Minister gracing the occasion as Chief Guest at the function held today at Khunthokhanbi Sanglen, Thangmeiband,



Imphal. Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society", Minister Nemcha Kipgen highlighted the major

contributions of the older persons in moulding our society and enlightening us with the rays of development. Wherever we, as a society stand today, major credit goes to them. On this occasion, Social Welfare department presented gifts as a token of appreciation to the older persons present at the function today. The event was also graced by Commissioner, Social Welfare Shri H. Deleep Singh, IAS, Director, Social Welfare Smt Jacintha Lazarus, IAS and Joint Director, Social Welfare Smt Surrender A. Shishak as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

## Shumang Leela is an important platform for reflecting social issues: Minister Th Biswajit

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**Imphal, Oct. 1:** Information and Public Relations Minister Thongom Biswajit Singh said that Shumang Leela is an platform for reflecting social issues of the society. Addressing the gathering on the inaugural function of two days long seminar on 'Shumang Leela Tradition', the minister stated that shumang Leela is the only art form which can be witnessed by all irrespective of age. He further observed that we need to promote and preserve this particular art form, as it is providing employment generation in our society. At

the same time culture integration will strengthen the bonding between different communities residing in the state. Minister Biswajit also said that the government is committed in keeping transparency in every aspects. Each and everyone of us has to play a key role in bringing development in the society and development of our society is in the hands of the people, he added. He also urged the members of the council to put up the portrait of all artisan in the gallery to made the gallery more attractive and at the same

time the artist will also get due recognition. The Minister also assured to the member of Manipur State Shumang Leela Council to fulfil their demands in consultation with the Chief Minister. The two days long seminar is being organised by Manipur state shumang Leela Council with an aim to promote and preserve this unique art form. On the opening session of the seminar various resource person presented papers. Chief Advisor of Manipur State Shumang Leela Council Dr.M.Nara and members of the council attended the function.

## CM to open Imphal Evening tomorrow

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct.1:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh will inaugurate the Imphal Evening tomorrow at the heart Imphal city at Nityapat Chuthek, MAHUD and Town Planning Minister Th. Biren Singh will also join the Chief Minister in the auspicious occasion. Imphal Evening is a new experiment of the government led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to encourage night life in the city. lists of the stalls which will be permitted in the Imphal evening has already been announced and the MAHUD has taken up all beautification work for the experimental project.

## Painting and essay competition

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct.1:** As part of the 62nd Wildlife Week Celebration, a painting and essay writing competition under the theme "Reach Flora and fauna of Manipur," and "Role of Youths, Students in Protection & Conservation of Wildlife in Manipur" was held today at Lamding Higher Secondary School, Thoubal district. The Divisional Level painting and Article competition was organized by the Range Forest Officer, Thoubal under the leadership of RK.Amarjit, District Forest Officer, Thoubal. The competition organised in two categories; spot painting competition for class V to VIII and an essay writing competition for class IX to XII. Over 100 students from different educational institutions from the district took part in the painting and article writing competition.

## Gold bars worth around Rs. 6 Crore seized

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** 12 pieces of gold bars weigh around 19.954 Kg, which is worth around Rs. 6 crore were seized from Jiribam bound Tata Sumo vehicle at Yurebam area in Imphal West district at NH-37 today morning by officials of Custom Division Imphal. Superintendent of Custom Division, Imphal N. Meiraba while speaking to media persons today morning at its office at Sangakpham Imphal, said that the huge consignment of gold was

seized after staffs of the division check the vehicle near Power House of Yurebam area in Imphal West at around 6 am today after getting specific information about smuggling of gold along the route. The registration number of the Tata Sumo vehicle transporting the gold bars is MN-01 G 8543. The driver is identified as Md. Nazimuddin of Lilong Turel Ahanbi and the owner of the vehicle is identified as one Md. Yusuf from Bengoon Mayai leikai. As per statement of the

Superintendent of Custom Division, Imphal, N. Meiraba the gold bar were smuggled from Myanmar side to India but at the moment investigation is being on to find out which way the smuggler used as smuggling of such items is not possible at the International border gate at Moreh. Earlier on September 16, this year CISF personnel deployed at Imphal Tuliha Airport seized around 6 Kg of gold hidden at the anus of six persons trying to board for Kolkata.

## Smuggled fertilizers seized at Pallel

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** State police seized 25 bags of fertiliser from two vans in front of Pallel Police station while trying to smuggle at Myanmar. Report reaching here said that, a team of police while checking an Eco-Van coming towards Moreh side bearing registration number MN05A-4805 found 10 (ten) bags of Urea fertilizer inside it at around 10.30 am yesterday. While asking for relevant document to the driver of the van identified as K. Meipaksana.Singh (36) S/o (L)



R.K. Khedasana Singh of Chongtham Kona Wangoi, Imphal West, it was found that the fertilisers were trying to smuggle at Myanmar. A similar van carrying 15 bags of Urea Fertilizer was also caught around the same time from the same place. The

registration number of the vehicle is MN1A-8852 and the driver is identified as Md. Ibo (41) S/o Md. Babu Khan of Kshetri Awang Leikai, Imphal East. Both the persons were arrested after seizing the fertiliser bags.

## Players in World top-50 to get chance of direct entry in National Quarterfinals: BAI President

**Bangalore, Sept 30:** The Senior National Badminton Championship will now boast of an unprecedented prize purse of Rs 10 million, a 10-fold increase from last year, announced Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, President of the Badminton Association of India. He also said that it will be mandatory for all the top ranked players to participate in the country's top event. Ushering in a change in the format, Dr. Sarma said that those players who are in the World top-50, would get a direct entry into quarterfinals. However it will be limited to a maximum of eight slots out of a total of 16. Dr. Sarma was talking to media persons after felicitating the Junior National Team, which is bound for Indonesia to take

part in the World Junior Championship and Myanmar for the Asian Badminton Championship, by setting a precedent of handing over the Indian blazer, at the Karnataka Badminton Association, here on Friday. It also marked the conclusion of a 20-day preparatory camp under the supervision of the Junior National Coach Sanjay Mishra who will lead a 38-member strong team for the Asian Championship. KBA president BV Srinivas will accompany the team as the manager. With a focus on building the future of Indian badminton, BAI will concentrate on honing the skills of the junior players. "Most of the times, good talented players drop out of the game due to financial constraints. Hence to support

such players, we will be providing a scholarship of Rs 25,000-50,000 per month for about 20 juniors to begin with, and take the number to 100 in a year," said the President while urging the corporate sector to support the cause. There will be a two-month summer camp across the country, especially for the players who have immense talent but missed out on the opportunities owing to various factors. "Every state association will nominate five players each and there will be four national camps in the summer. National and International coaches will assist the trainees," said Dr. Sarma. The coverage issues will be put to rest by conducting the medical tests on the 'fringe'

## India opens two border crossing points with Myanmar, Bangladesh

**New Delhi, Oct 1:** India has opened two immigration check posts along the borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh. In a gazette notification, the Home Ministry said, the Central government has designated Zorinpui land check post in Lawngtlai district of Mizoram as an authorised immigration check post for entry into or exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers to or from Myanmar. The Central government has also designated Kawrpuchhuah land check post in Lunglei district of Mizoram as an authorised immigration check post for entry into or exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers to or from Bangladesh. Zorinpui was selected for a new land custom station along the Indo-Myanmar border in Mizoram for the Kaladan multi-modal project. Kawarpuchai is situated in Mizoram along a riverine border with Bangladesh.

## Natl. Voluntary Blood Donation Day, 2017 Observed



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**Imphal, Oct. 1:** National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, 2017 is being observed today at G.P. Women's College Hall, Imphal. Attending the function as Chief Guest, Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh said that everyone needs blood to live. Blood is life. Donating blood is like giving life to a person, he added. Minister observed that one will come to realize about the importance and essentiality of blood only when incident of blood requirement comes in the family. He also appealed the people to donate blood. Regarding the blood storage facilities in the state, Jayantakumar assured that the existing capacity of Blood

Banks will be made increased. The Government will look into the requirements to improve and achieve the target of required blood unit of the State, he added. He also distributed certificates and mementos to the Voluntary organizations that organize at least three Blood Donation Camps from April to September, 2017. Minister also visited the Blood Donation Camp which was being organised in the G.P. Women's College hall. Attending the function S. Subhashchandra Singh, Parliamentary Secretary, Health and Family Welfare mentioned about his concern to introduce a policy to motivate the blood donors of the state so that many more donors will come forward. He also handed over a cash reward of Rs. 5000 to a donor who has donated blood 54 times. He also announced payment of Rs. 1000 per month from his salary till his office last as incentive for a blind donor who has donated blood 56 times. Dr. K. Rajo Singh, State Mission Director and Director, Health Smt. Valentina Arambam, Project Director, Manipur State AIDS Control Society and Dr B. Lalhari Sharma as President and Guests of Honour respectively. Health Services Staffs, students from different nursing Institutes, Differently abled person, representatives of voluntary organizations were also present at the function. A rally to mark the observance was also organised in which Shri S. Subhashchandra Singh and other officials from Health Department took part. The program was followed by entertainment programmes.

## The Indian team for Asian Junior Championship

**Boys U-17:** Meirab Maisram, Dhruv Rawat, Iman Sonowal, Aakash Yadav, Amit Rathore, Sathish Kumar, Edwin Joy, Arvind V. Suresh, Vishnuvardhan Goud, Ishan Bhatnagar, Khush Chug.  
**Boys U-15:** Sidhant Gupta, Ayush Raj Gupta, Punshiba Yengkhom, Jayanti Rana, Varun Kapur, Vikas Yadav, Arshad Shaik, Shubham Patel, Sanjeev Rao, Khajamoinuddin Shaik  
**Girls U-17:** Gayatri Gopichand, Akarshi Kashyap, Umanti Bisht, Malvika Bansode, Ritika Thakkar, Samiya Imad Farooqui, Varshini VS, Sahiti Suresh, Kavi Priya, Keyura Mopati  
**Girls U-15:** Sneha Rajwan, Ashi Rawat, Kriti Bhardwaj, Treasa Jolly, Reza Mehreen, Tanya Hemant, Aditi Bhatt

players at the beginning of the season. "We want to erase this over-age issue by conducting the tests well before the season so that no one should under-go the mental trauma during a tournament or a camp. If a player is found overage, we will put him/her in the next category as we think the parents are the culprits rather than the players themselves," said Dr. Sarma.