

Editorial

A matter of concern for the future

Tragic is not the word to describe the present state of affairs of our state, even though the feeling in the hearts of the general public cannot be far from it. The Government has shown, in fits and spurts, that things can and does happen if the rulers so put their hearts to any task, which begs the very relevant and necessary question: is the Government deliberately keeping the state on tenterhooks with engineered chaos and calculated mayhem? Nothing that has been done for the development of the State so far looks and feels systematic or sustainable- from the various infrastructures being constructed with shoddy workmanship and dubious results, to the haphazard and stop-gap measures in terms of the essential services being provided, mostly on paper to dispense off with the official requirements without ever taking the trouble or the initiative to check on the efficacies of such schemes and welfare measures. The reality we are undergoing today is a far cry from the trumped up reports and statistics that make up the records meant for display at the centre, the most obvious result being the promotion of Manipur from the least developed state category to the less developed one without having nothing to show for it. Yet the Government, in its quest to prolong the reign, have failed to address the situation with pragmatic solutions and progressive steps that would steer the state in the right direction of inclusive growth- the most prominent shortcoming being the failure to harness the potential of the youths- the future of the state. According to house listing and housing census data 2011, the number of youths between ages 18-22 in the country is 149.36 million. That's about one-fifth of the total electorate of 725 million estimated by the Election Commission. Stating that almost, if not all, the problems ailing the present society can be remedied by molding the youths of today to bring about the still elusive change and progress would not be an exaggeration. No amount of resources or materials can effect change or usher in progress unless those who are to direct and utilize these resources be prepared and groomed to take on the responsibilities and challenges with confidence and determination. A radical mental revolution based on progressive thinking and broadened outlook beyond self preservation and personal enrichment, tempered with the spirit of equality and infused with the dignity of labour is the panacea for our society long festered with enmity, greed, doubts and subdued mindset. The Government should make the most and invest in the one true asset it ever has- the teeming youths.

2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup

The 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup will be the 17th FIFA U-17 World Cup, a biennial international football tournament contested by men's under-17 national teams. Organized by FIFA, the tournament will take place in India between 6 October and 28 October 2017, after the country was awarded the hosting rights on 5 December 2013. The tournament will mark the first time India have hosted a FIFA tournament and the first Asian hosted U-17 World Cup since 2013.

The matches will be played in 6 stadiums in six host cities around the country, with the final taking place at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal. Twenty-three teams, besides the host India, managed to qualify for the tournament via participating in their various continental under-17 tournaments. In the first round of the tournament finals, the teams will compete in round-robin groups of four teams for points, with the top two teams in each group proceeding while the top four third placed teams will also advance. These 16 teams will advance to the knockout stage, where three rounds of play will decide which teams would participate in the final. The reigning FIFA U-17 World Cup champions, Nigeria, will not have the opportunity to defend their title after failing to qualify for this edition. In failing to qualify, Nigeria became the first incumbent title holder since Switzerland in 2009 to fail to qualify for the subsequent edition. Host nation India will be participating in their first World Cup ever in any age group.

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.....UNMM says members had not been contacted

The body is strategically working to build the relationship and peace among the various ethnic communities inhabited in Manipur and in the region since its inception to avoid Killing each other and finds the solution across the table through dialogue. This organization also creating awareness among the various ethnic Indigenous Population in the State on the issue of rights and protection of Indigenous People in all the districts in Manipur. It further said that the UNMM is actively engaged to stop the killing of indigenous people under the environment of AFSPA, 1958 and had organized series of protest campaign to repeal the AFSPA and punish the perpetrators. For the repealing of AFSPA, UNMM along with many CSOs, apex bodies of various ethnic communities have engaged with Government of Manipur to repeal AFSPA adding that the organisation also work to control the threat of internal and external migration of population which is the deep fear in the heart and mind of the people in Manipur.

CELTI teachers-Parents meet

IT News
Thoubal, Oct.5: 9th Teachers Day cum Parents-Teachers meet of Communicative English Language Teaching Institute, CELTI Thoubal was held today at its office complex. ZEO Thoubal Y. Mangi, Prof N. Jyotirindra, Dept of English, Manipur University, AK.Sanatomba, Vice Chairperson, Thoubal Municipal and founder Principal of the Institute Ak. Sanjoy attended the function as dignitaries. On the occasion annual Magazine of the Institute was released.

Venue-Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

- 6 Oct - India vs United States - 8:00 PM
- 9 Oct - India vs Colombia - 8:00 PM
- 12 Oct - Ghana vs India - 8:00 PM

More State News

Manipuri designer Robert Naorem enthralled Bhutanese fashion enthusiast with Meitei Mayek script ENAPHEE

IT News
Imphal, Oct 5: Fashion designers of the state call Manipur are different from others. Besides being christen with the changing world, their virtue of patriotism and love for their tradition and culture are always highlighted whenever they get the opportunity. Well this is about the renown fashion designer of the state Robert Naorem. His innovative skills had promoted indigenous Meitei Mayek during a global fashion show held at Thimpu, the capital of Bhutan on October 2. The event held at Taj Hotel, Thimpu was witnessed by of elite crowds and handloom lovers and fashion aspirants of the country. The event "Project Bhutan", Season 6 Global Edition brought 6 designs from different countries. Being Robert Naorem, renowned established designer, represented the country India with his collection design with purpose of highlighting the new design "Meitei Mayek", original script of Manipur, was seen on the enaphee worn by the top models of different countries. The credit of the designs by Robert Naorem was given to his weavers. There was a huge attention by the national media at Bhutan being a unique form of design and theme. Robert showcased various Meitei Mayek designed, enaphee and western gown made out of Wankhei cotton phee and also tribal fabrics incorporated on western designs. The event was organised by PaljorGayback, directed by renowned fashion choreographer of



India (Mumbai) AchlaSachdev. Robert's collection brings more limelight to the crowd with the showstopper. National Award winner and renowned top actress of Bhutan, TandinBidha, displaying Meitei Meiyekenaphee by Robert Naorem. "With the influx of western and outside fabrics in Manipur, the status of handloom & textiles of the state has been going down and is losing its market value. Youth plays a very important role in our society with regards to the clothing market. With lots of Korean movies and western trends dominating the mind of youths of our society. Making a handloom textiles of the state and show casing it into the fashion runway takes the attention of youth diverting their mind and making it as a fashion trends was the vision of the showcasing the design in Bhutan", Naorem wrote in a press statement sent to Imphal Times.

Cabinet approves mission for traditional artisans

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 5: The State Cabinet has decided to launch a sub-mission under the name and style of Mission for Economic Empowerment of Traditional Artisans/Craftsmen (MEETAC) to support traditional artisans/craftsmen of the State. The decision was taken in the State Cabinet meeting held at Chief Minister's Secretariat with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in the chair yesterday evening. The proposed sub-mission will aim at developing the traditional crafts/arts sector of Manipur as per global standards to make it an important

spoke in the wheel of economic activities. It will be implemented under the State Mission on Employment, Housing and Drinking Water for Each Household by 2022 constituted by a Cabinet decision on May 3, 2017. Textiles (handicrafts/handlooms), pottery, cane and bamboo crafts, jewellery (gold and non-gold), reed craft, stone carving, wood carving, dolls and toys, block printing, terracotta, hand embroidery (Zari etc) and tribal arts/crafts etc. are the some of the listed items which are to be covered under the sub-mission.

The Cabinet also gave its nod to the proposal for identification of 393.64 acres of land in revenue village 91-A Lamphelpat for development of water body by the Department of Water Resources, Manipur. The Cabinet also approved payment of compensation to 409 victims whose properties were damaged in a mob violence which occurred at Khurai Heikru Makhong in Imphal East District on December 18, 2016. The Cabinet also gave its nod to direct purchase of land for establishment of a police station at Behiang.

International and National News

Bangladesh signs \$4.5bn 3rd LOC deal with India

Siam Sarower Jamil, IT Correspondent, DHAKA, Oct 5: Bangladesh today signed \$4.5 billion third Line of Credit (LoC) agreement with India as both sides pledged to bolster the economic ties between the two close neighbours. Economic Relations Division (ERD) Secretary Kazi Shofiqul Azam and Managing Director of Indian EXIM Bank David Rasquinha signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides at the Finance Ministry in presence of Bangladeshi Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Indian Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Arun Jaitley. The funds will be used for 17 priority infrastructure projects, which include health, education, electricity, railroads, roads, shipping and ports. "The money will be spent in projects of infrastructure, health and education. I am hopeful of implementing the projects within the stipulated time," Muhith told reporters.



"The two countries have excellent relations at the moment," he said. Arun Jaitley said Bangladesh has developed significantly on the socioeconomic front over the past seven years and India has stood by Bangladesh's attempts to develop. "We will do so in the future. This significant agreement is a continuation of that effort," said the Indian finance and corporate minister. "India continues to attach the highest importance to its relations with Bangladesh... a strong, stable and prosperous Bangladesh is in India's interest and we are

committed to working with Bangladesh to deepen our mutual engagement," Jaitley added. The Indian Line of Credit of \$ 4.5 billion was announced for Bangladesh during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in April 2017. This will bring the total quantum of credit lines extended by India to Bangladesh over the last six years to \$8.0 billion. The Joint Interpretive Notes on the agreement between the two countries was also signed at the ministry to promote and protect of investments.

It also approved acquisition of land for the construction of a new State Guest House and residential complex of Ministers and officials at Mantripukhri in Imphal East District. The Cabinet also decided to adopt a general guideline for direct purchase of land through Direct Purchase Committee. The guideline has been framed to do away with unreasonable variation and abnormally high cost in the rate of land for acquisition/purchase in different districts. The Cabinet also approved 24 days as General Holidays for the year 2018. It also endorsed framing of Manipur Waqf Regulation, 2017. The Cabinet also gave its nod to the re-designation of some posts of MHS Grade-II (Allopathy) as MHS Grade-II (AYUSH). It also approved renaming of the post of Additional Public Prosecutor-cum-Additional Government Advocate (High Court), Manipur as Additional Government Advocate (High Court), Manipur with retrospective effect from 25-10-2016. The Cabinet also decided to appoint necessary staff for proper implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kausal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in the State.