

Poetry section

Life-A Bubble

By: Joykumar Thokchom

Suddenly like bubble, man comes to the arena  
Expand its peripheries, feeling bold and happy  
Moves with ease, here and there  
Takes a decisive part in the human medium.

With infinite time he goes  
Believes not in the extermination of self  
And obsesses with the power currency of the world,  
Bickering only for the unholy money.

He never sees the truth  
Never believes in true religion  
But like a true devotee, he acts instead  
Then greatest sinner he is.

Oh! Vain mortal beware  
It's not that God is blind to  
The truth and faults  
God acts accordingly, only time will tell.

Time has come to depart  
Soon the crazy wind blows  
Don't feel like so, but it's inevitable  
O! Mortal, you wake up three score after  
Have to leave the world unwillingly  
Burying the hopes and aspirations far behind.

Name Change

I, the undersigned Wahengbam Jadumani Luwang (New Name) previously called Wahengbam Jadumani (old name), doing business and resident of Wangoi Wahengbam Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur, India solemnly declare, that I wholly renounce/relinquish and abandon the use of my former name/surname of Wahengbam Jadumani and in place thereof, I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Wahengbam Jadumani Luwang.

Sd/-  
Wahengbam Jadumani Luwang

Name Change

I, the undersigned Wahengbam Bala Devi (New Name) previously called Wahengbam Ongbi Bala Devi (old name), doing house wife and resident of Wangoi Wahengbam Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur, India solemnly declare, that I wholly renounce/relinquish and abandon the use of my former name/surname of Wahengbam Ongbi Bala Devi and in place thereof, I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Wahengbam Bala Devi.

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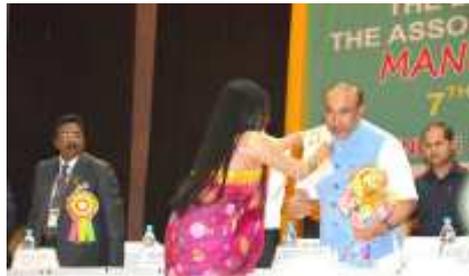
Health scheme for needy people in the offing: CM

Imphal, Oct. 8: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has urged the medical fraternity to empathize with patients and their worried parties while discharging their valuable services.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Surgeons of India, Manipur State Chapter (ASIMANICON – 2017) at RIMS Jubilee Hall yesterday.

Urging the medical fraternity to keep up the spirit of humanity and kindness which are the true traits of a healer, the Minister also stated that the Government would not tolerate any harassment meted out to health personnel and damage caused to medical properties.

As suggested by some doctors, the Government would consider enactment of an Act which would



protect medical personnel and properties soon.

The Chief Minister said that the State Government is planning to introduce a health insurance scheme to benefit the poor and vulnerable people.

Maintaining that problems related

to health have a critical impact on the development and prosperity of the country, N. Biren expressed hope that the outcome of the conference would help in policy formation of the Government in this regard.

The Chief Minister also assured

that he would do whatever possible in his capacity to ensure that shortage of infrastructure and technologies do not come in the way of providing quality healthcare to the people.

N. Biren said that the medical fraternity of the State needs to embrace modern technologies without losing human touch in the process of dispensing their services. He also expressed hope that the State medical fraternity would help realise the goals of the Government in the field of medical tourism in the near future.

RIMS Director Prof. A. Shanta, JNIMS Director Prof. Th. Bhimo, Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) Honorary Secretary Dr. Ebenesh Bensam and ASI Manipur State Chapter president Dr. Kh. Palin also attended the function as presidium members.

International and National News

Prepared to fight at short notice: Air Force chief Dhanoa

PTI New Delhi, Oct 8: The Indian Air Force is prepared to fight a war at a short notice, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa said today. Addressing IAF personnel on the Air Force Day, Dhanoa said the Air Force was fully geared up to face any security challenge to the country.

“We are prepared to fight at a short notice,” he said, talking about the security scenario. He also said that the Air Force was acquiring multi-spectrum strategic capabilities and remained committed to building a “joint manship” with the Indian Army and the Navy. Dhanoa said security of all Air Force stations have been enhanced to combat any threat, including sub-conventional threats, after the terrorist attack on the IAF base station in Pathankot last year.

In January last year, terrorists sneaked in from across the border and attacked the air base. The attack claimed the lives of seven security personnel while four terrorists were killed.

10 TN fishermen arrested by Lankan Navy

PTI Rameswaram (TN), Oct 8: Ten Tamil Nadu fishermen were arrested today by the Sri Lankan Navy while they were allegedly fishing near Neduntheevu, close to the island nation's coast. The fishermen from Nagapattinam district were arrested for allegedly fishing close to the island nation's waters and taken to Karainagar along with their boat, Deputy Director of Fisheries - Karaikal, Perumal Pillai said.

The fishermen were reportedly staying in the deep sea area for the past 10 days and were arrested on a complaint from a local fisherman that they were fishing close to the Lankan territory, he said.

Four fishermen from Tamil Nadu were taken into custody by the Lankan Navy on October 5 while they were fishing off Neduntheevu.

Indian paddlers win Junior Boys team title in Serbia Open Junior and Cadet Open

By: Monsum Hazarika Belgrade, Oct 8: India's new generation of table tennis players continued making waves on the world circuit, with the Junior Boys clinching the gold medal in the Team Event of the Serbia Open Junior and Cadet Open here on Saturday evening.

Earlier, Manav Thakkar claimed two silver medals and Manush Shah and Archana Kamat won a silver and a bronze each to make it a true bonanza for the Indian contingent. The Indian team, featuring Manav Thakkar, Manush Shah and Ishaan Hingorani, beat the US-Canadian team of Sharon Alguetti, Gal Alguetti and Jeremy Hazin 3-1 in the final to win the coveted title.

Mumbai's Manav began the medal hunt by winning the silver medal while Vadodara's Manush claimed the bronze in the Junior Boys' Singles category. They then combined to win another silver for India in the Junior Boys Doubles.

- Manav stars with two individual silver as well  
- Manush, Archana claim a silver and bronze each

Bengaluru's Archana too showed her mettle as she raced to the silver in the Junior Girls' Singles and a bronze in the Girls' Doubles with Serbia's Dragana Vignjevic. Manav, the top seed at the championship, went down fighting to USA's Sharon Alguetti in an epic final to miss out on the gold in the Singles. He did well to recover from a two-game deficit to take the match all the way into the seventh. But he failed to drive home the momentum and lost 3-4 (7-11, 10-12, 11-6, 12-14, 11-8, 11-8, 7-11). Manav was in his elements in the

doubles too, in the company of Manush Shah. But the Canadian-Romania duo of Jeremy Hazin and Paul Mladin proved to be a notch better than the Indian pair, winning 3-2 (11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-13, 12-10). In the Junior Girls' category, top seeded Archana put up a valiant battle but couldn't get the better of Serbia's Sabina Surjan. She lost 3-4 (11-9, 4-11, 7-11, 13-11, 11-3, 7-11, 8-11). She and her local partner Dragana Vignjevic lost to the German pair of Sophia Klee and Yuki Tsutsumi 2-3 (5-11, 11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 5-11).

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017: Asian giants Japan eye winning start against Honduras

PTI Guwahati: Asian giants Japan will eye a positive start when they lock horns with Honduras in the FIFA U-17 World Cup on Sunday.

The Japanese, who have reached the quarter-finals in 1993, when they hosted the tournament as debutants, will take it one match at a time and are not thinking beyond their tournament opener at the moment. In the 2011 edition, they created a flutter by topping a group that included world football heavyweights Argentina, France and Jamaica on their way to the quarterfinals.

Japan enter the tournament after playing quite a few friendlies and an intense preparatory phase. They will gain from the fact that they have a very seasoned coach in Yoshiro Moriyama, a former Japan

defender who has vast experience playing and coaching in the J-League. The Asian nation secured a ticket to India by virtue of an impressive performance in the 2016 AFC Under-16 championship.

Without an iota of doubt, the player to watch out for is striker Takefusa Kubo. Dubbed as the Japanese Messi, he is the youngest player to score in the J-League and represented Japan at the FIFA U-20 World Cup in May this year.

Another forward, Cerozo Osaka, also has the skills to make an impression.

The South American nation, Honduras have managed to regularly qualify for the tournament since 2007. They were knocked out of the first two editions but managed to reach the quarterfinals

in 2013 in the UAE. In between, they missed the 2011 edition and failed to register a single win in the last edition in Chile two years ago.

In the qualification race, Honduras finished second behind Costa Rica in the Central American zone qualifiers to reach the CONCACAF U-17 Championship.

At the CONCACAF U-17 Championship 2017, they were in Group A with hosts Panama, Curacao and Haiti.

Although they went down 2-4 to Panama, victories against Curacao and Haiti paved the way for qualification to the classification round.

They were defeated 0-3 by USA in their final game but a 7-1 drubbing of Cuba confirmed their entry in the tournament proper.

Gunman kills two guards at Saudi royal palace

AFP Riyadh, Oct. 8: A gunman shot dead two Saudi guards and wounded three others at the gate of the royal palace in the Red Sea city of Jeddah, the interior ministry said.

Royal guards killed the gunman, identified by the ministry as a 28-year-old Saudi national armed with a Kalashnikov and three grenades. “An outpost of the royal guard came under fire by a person who got out of a Hyundai car,” the ministry said in a statement

yesterday carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

“He was immediately dealt with and his cowardly act also resulted in the martyrdom” of two royal guards, it added.

The US embassy in Saudi Arabia had earlier cautioned its citizens over reports of the attack.

“Due to the possibility of ongoing police activity, American citizens are advised to exercise caution when travelling through the area,” the embassy said in a brief statement. The warning comes after the Saudi

police raided hideouts of a “terror” cell linked to the Islamic State group this week, killing two people and arresting five others, according to the national security agency.

The State Security Agency said police raided three hideouts in the capital Riyadh and exchanged gunfire at one of them, the SPA news agency reported on Thursday.

Since late 2014, IS has claimed a series of bombings and shootings against Shiites and security forces in the Sunni-majority kingdom.