

Media is a bridge between Govt. and people - Bishwajit

IT News
Imphal, Sept. 16: Information and Public relation Minister Th. Bishwajit today said that media is the bridge between the people and government and all people working in the field should work with sincerity. Speaking on the 43th Foundation Day of All Manipur Working Journalist Th. Biswajit said that roles of journalist are very important. He said pointing the wrongs of the government is the duty of the media and the government will try correct base of the report in media. he also appealed the journalist to follow ethics and to deliver correct useful



information to the public. The Information Minister also assured to take up every possible measure for the welfare of the media fraternity.

Law Minister L. Jayantakumar who also attended the foundation day as guest of honour appealed the media fraternity to be aware of the legal perspectives while doing report. He said freedom of speech provided by the constitution should be well utilised and should not be misused for personnel gain. On the other hand the Law Minister said that he will organise legal awareness programme for the journalist if the journalists desired so with the help of the Manipur State Legal Aid Clinic.

MLA Sapam Ranjan also recalls on the roles of media in the society. Wangkhemcha Shyamjai, President of AMWJU urged the government to speed up the promised welfare programme for the journalist of the state. On the occasion veteran journalists, former office bearers of AMWJU were honoured.

IPR Minister Bishwajit lite up Lamp for AMWJU Foundation Day by removing his shoes

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Imphal, Sept. 16: At what could be termed as one of the rarest scene seen in today's Manipur society, Information and Public Relation Minister Thongam Bishwajit was seen lighting up the lamp of 43rd AMWJU's Foundation by removing his shoes.

"During our school days at Ram Lal Paul High School, we use to remove our shoes while entering to the head Master's room as a mark of respect, the same habit allowed me to get admission at St. Anthony College Shillong in early 90s", said a senior Journalist attending the function.



He said we Manipuri put off our shoes in public places to show our respect but with the changing of times hardly VVIPs or VIPs are seen taking of their shoes while lighting up lamps for any occasion. Minister Bishwajit's attitude today impressed some of the journalists who attended

today's function. "Its like reviving our rich cultural heritage", said another journalist to this reporter.

Book set ablaze

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Imphal, Sept 16: Members of Kangle Salai Apunba Lup (KSAL), today burn Monorama Book Year Book in protest demonstration at the southern gate of DM College, Imphal for publishing an article which reciprocates the history and culture of Manipur.

Yeumkhabam Meerenkhomba, President of KSAL said that time has come for all the people in the state to stand united and fight against any misinterpretation of our culture, tradition and history.

The interpretation that the traditional Laiharaoba dance of Meitei came from the Raas Leela dance, in the Monorama Yearbook 2017 is baseless and the association strongly condemn, he added. Meerenkhomba alleged that our beautiful Lai Haraoba Dance or the Khamba Thoibi Dance has been linked with Hindu gods and goddesses Krishna, Radha, Mahadeva, Parvati on page number 885 printed and published by Malaya Manorama Press Kottayam.

The Raas dance was introduced in Manipur during the reign of King Bheigyachandra (1763-1796). However, the invented Rasa dance has been linked to King Loyumba who reigned in Manipur from 1074 to 1122 in the Manorama Year Book, he added.

Meerenkhomba further said that our own culture and tradition cannot be defamed in such a way in the whole world. The Rasa dance is never mentioned in the chronicle or the historical book relating to Khamba and Thoibi, he added.

Mention may be that KSAL had already asked the publisher to change the wrong history and re-edit, through English papers within September 15, but there has no any reaction or apology from the publisher.

With the burning of the copies of Manorama Year Book 2017, KSAL has also banned the book from further publishing.

Discipline and determination is the key to success: L Jayantakumar

IT News
Chandel, Sept.16: Health Minister L. Jayantakumar today appealed sports persons to maintain discipline and determination saying that the two is the key to success not only for players but also for all the people who are in any field. Speaking on the occasion of Reception ceremony of all Lifters and Official of National Championship held during the year 2017 in connection with Teachers' Day celebration organised by the Panganba Body Building and Power Lifting Training Center at Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai Community Hall, L. Jayantakumar said that

however successful a person is if fails to maintain discipline, the beginning of his crumbling begin.

Sports Minister Letpao haokip was also supposed to attend the reception ceremony however as he has been on some important official visit at some villages of the state he relayed his good wishes through the Education Minister and apologises the organisers over his failure to attend the function. Letpao also extended all possible help for the Lifters through Education Minister L. Jayantakumar.

The function was also attended by E. Dolendro, E. Ibochouba, Ng. Thoiba,

Secretary AMPA, N. Sivasdas Leagal Advisor N. Shivadas and N. Kumar Meitei President AMPA as dignitaries on the dais.

L. Jayantakumar further said that he all extend all possible help to the Panganba Body Building and Power Lifting Training Center in getting a place for training.

He also said that even though our children are gifted with talents, lack of proper international standard equipments sometimes discourage them.

"This government is trying all it can to groom sports persons at International level", Jayantakumar said.

NHM Employees Demand Regularisation of Contractual Staff

IT News
Chandel, Sept.16: A sit-in protest was staged today demanding regularisation of the contractual staff of National Health Mission, Manipur and formation of human resource policy for the staff at DC Lamkhai, Chandel today.

Non-regularise staff of Chandel district initiated the protest under the aegis of District All Manipur National Health Mission Employees Welfare Association (AMNEWA). Speaking to media

persons, Miss Premi Member AMNEWA said that a total of 2265 staff were recruited in NHM on contract basis and they have been discharging duty since 2006.

He pointed out that contractual staff of NHM in other States have been regularised. He also reiterated that the association had submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister, Health and Family Welfare Minister and other concerned authority on July 28 last pressing the demand.

The Government has not

given any positive response till date prompting the association to stage the sit-in protest, she said.

Placards reading "We are qualified enough to be regularised", "Why other Departments but not NHM?", "We deserve to be regularised", "We demand a dedicated Mission Director from IAS cadre", "We have crossed upper age limit for Government jobs", "Sustain NHM staff IMR, MMR", "Why is Government neglecting NHM staff" etc were displayed at the protest site.

Technical issues on GST discussed

AIR
New Delhi, Sept 16: The Group of Ministers working on resolving IT related issues pertaining to GST have appealed to the tax payers not to wait till last date to file their returns.

The Group headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi to look into the technical issues faced by GST Network after its first meeting informed media persons in Begaluru today that GoM will meet every 15 days and resolve 80 per cent of the glitches by 30th of next month. He informed that 85 lakh dealers in the country have registered under GST and a time frame is fixed to resolve procedural issues in filing GST returns. The group of Ministers has consulted IT solution

vendors, tax consultants and experts, commercial tax officials, bankers and big companies to flag the issues coming in the way of smooth filing of GST returns.

A single portal created for the purpose is collecting data of 85 lakh dealers registered under GST. This is a huge task and portal is designed to handle this. However, GoM headed by Mr. Modi has said crowding will aggravate the issues and hence the dealers must not wait till the last date. He has informed that 47 lakh dealers had filed 3B summary returns in July and in August over 3 lakh dealers have filed summary returns.

Besides, Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia, GSTN Chairman Ajay Bhushan

Pandey and GSTN CEO Prakash Kumar attended the meet. The GST Council, the highest decision-making body of the new Goods and Services Tax regime, had on last Saturday decided to form a five-member panel to look into the technical glitches facing GST Network.

GSTN is the information technology backbone and portal for real-time taxpayer registration, migration, and tax return filing under GST. Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac, Chhattisgarh Minister of Commercial Taxes Amar Agrawal, Karnataka Agriculture Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and Telangana Finance Minister Etela Rajender are other members of the GoM.

Kangleipak Calendar Board appeals to register Calendar before publication

IT News
Imphal, Sept 16: Kangleipak Calendar Board today appealed all authority who are willing to publish calendar to register at the Board office. It also appeals other registered body publishing Calendar to collect information for publication of exact date from the office. The Board said that Calendar which are not registered in the Board will not be considered as legal as there are possibility of misleading the public when it comes to celebration of traditional festival. The information are collected from the Positional Astronomy Center of the India government and taking reference to the data the Board decided the festival date in a scientific way to avoid confusion among the people. The Board also appealed the state government authority to discuss with the members before publishing holiday or festival list.

Holy Cross Catholic Church Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

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Chandel, Sept.16: Holy Cross Catholic Church celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on Saturday at Mongsang Pantha in Chandel. Various events were organised to mark the occasion. Mongsang Pantha Village was established in the year 1952 the Church celebrated its 60 years of embracing Christianity under the theme "Rejoice in God's Glory". The celebration was graced by Rev. Dominic Lumon, DD, ARCHBISHOP Imphal, Ts. Shelvi Monsang, President Manipur Catholic

Women Organization (MCWO) and Fr. Louis Pallikunnel, Vicar General Aschbishop's House Imphal attended as the event Chief Guest, Guest of honour and function President.

A souvenir in commemoration of Holy Cross Catholic Church diamond jubilee was released by Dr Fr. Louis Pallikunnel, Vicar General Aschbishop's House. A jubilant feast marked the occasion.

Village chiefs, Church leaders, Women's Organization and Youths of its Village attended as the function.

India hits back at OIC for raking up Kashmir issue at UN

New Delhi, Sept. 16: India has hit back at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, OIC, for raking up the Kashmir issue at the UN, saying the grouping has no 'locus standi', the right or capacity, to comment on New Delhi's internal affairs. In a strong reaction to a statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC at the UN, India advised the organisation to refrain from making such references in future. India's

Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva said, India notes with utmost regret that the OIC statement contains factually incorrect and misleading references to Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral and inseparable part of India. Speaking on behalf of the OIC, Pakistan had criticized India on the Kashmir issue. The OIC is a 57-nation grouping which claims to be the collected voice of Muslims across the world.