

Jadongang Memorial Football Tournament, 2017

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Imphal, Sept 28: The 11th edition "Jadongang Memorial Football Tournament, 2017" organized by the Zeliangrong Football Association (ZFA) will commence from 8th November next at THAU Sports Complex, Thangmeiband, Imphal West.

For this year tournament, the Winner Team will be awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh with Trophy, Runner-up Team with Rs. 50,000/- and Third Place Winner Team with Rs. 25,000/- along with a Trophy each. Other Group and Individual awards consist of "Best Disciplined Team, Best Parade Team, Best Player, Best Keeper and Highest Scorer". A cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 5000/- along with cup will be awarded for Group and Individual player(s). All Zeliangrong village Youth clubs are entitled to sponsor not more than one team for the tournament. Entry Form will be issue from 30th September, 2017. Any Zeliangrong village youth Clubs willing to participate in the tournament can download the Entry Form & Rules and Regulations (RR) from facebook group: Zeliangrong Football Association (ZFA) or visit on www.facebook/groups/ZFA2017. For further detail information can contact its Head Office, Kakhulung, Paona Bazar, Imphal or Hony. Gen. Secy, ZFA @ "DIGIX CYBER", Majorkhul, Imphal at office hours between 10:30 am to 4:30 pm except on Sunday and Holidays. The Entry Form Fee is Rs. 500/- and the Registration Fee is Rs. 3000/- and the last date of form submission is on or before 30th October, 2017.

Police continues to seize liquors; sales openly seen at the venue of World Tourism Day



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Imphal, Sept 28: Seen here in the left is the liquors openly on sale at the World Tourism Day venue held yesterday at Phayeng. The other at the right is the seized liquors by team of Pallel police. The police are continuing its drive on liquors and the Govt. is letting free sales of liquors on state sponsored festival.



Fail drainage system roots of flash flood in Keishamthong AC

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Imphal, Sept 28: Failed drainage system in the Imphal valley at almost all places particularly in greater Imphal area is the root of the flash flood. In a survey conducted by Imphal Times reporters, it has been found that almost all drain which were not even a year old were not functioning. At some of the lane existence of drainage system is negligible as houses constructed at the roadside left no room for the

drain. The first place Imphal Times went to take a close watch is Ahanthem Leikai in Keishamthong Model constituency. Drains at each side of the road has nearly a feet wide drain which is not suitable to carry stagnant water due to heavy rain. A 2 hour non-stop rains make the lane of Ahanthem Leikai more like a stream as water flows on the road. Former Consellor of IMC, Ahanthem Romakanta was seen trying to drain away the water but

he was left with no choice as private construction have already narrowed the drain. The second visit was in front of the keishamthong Model School of keishamthong Elangbam Leikai. The front road of the Model School was always flooded creating much inconvenience to both the students and the teachers. Earlier before last election, drainage on the side of the MI road was constructed from Wahengbam Leikai till Pishum Thong area. As the drain failed to work even

after the construction it was again demolished and a new drain was constructed. Source said that amount for construction of the earlier failed drain has been withdrawn from the PDA by the contractor executing the work. At the time when the new drain was constructing, it was stop for time being midway due to the general election. And after the general election the work for construction of the drain begins again and the

government is now 6 months old and many of the constructions are left unfinished till today. As the drain fails to carry the water the road are flooded. Recent black topping will once more be filled by many potholes due to the flood water. (another waste of money) At Takhelleikai area too authority fails to show any concern for the drainage system. People always faced hardship in hours of non-stop rain.

EC disqualifies Jharkhand CM

New Delhi, Sept 28: Election Commission, EC, has disqualified former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda from contesting polls for three years for failing to properly file election expenses. The EC's order, under the Representation of People Act, came into effect yesterday. The matter is related to 2009 Lok Sabha elections when Mr. Koda successfully contested the election from Singhbhum in Jharkhand. He did not submit the details of election expenditures in a proper manner. Taking cognizance of media reports, the Commission issued notices to the leader and also referred the matter to Income Tax Department to probe into the expenses. In its report, Mr. Koda had shown an expenditure of around 19 lakh rupees in an improper manner. Later, Income Tax Department in its report said that the former Chief Minister had submitted false declaration to the District Election Officer, Chaibasa as he had spent over nine crore rupees during the Lok Sabha polls.

Recent flood devastated Indigenous Deity temple at Serou

Rabi Takhellambam
Thoubal, Sept.28: Temple of the Indigenous deity (Malam Ema Nunghong Sidabi) located at Serou in Sngnu Assembly Constituency of Kakching district has been severely devastated during the recent flood. The temple is an important place for Meitei indigenous religion believers and every full moon day of Meitei lunar month Wakching 1000s came for blessing of the Meitei deity. Talking to Imphal Times Mr. Donbabu, a localite who has been looking after for the welfare of the temple elaborated on the significance of deity. The temple is believed to be doorway between the Gods and Human, he said. The recent flood has cause severe devastation in and around the temple. Many worthless manuscript kept in the temple has also been destroyed. The full moon day Meitei Lunar Month Wakching falls on January 2,



2018. Donbabu said that may pilgrims from across the state will come to the temple for offering prayer to the deity as usual. He said if the temple could not renovate before that specific day many will be disappointed. He requested the concern government authority to extend some help in the interest of the Meitei indigenous religion believers. The temple is being looked after by a religious body called Poirrei Apokpa Marup, however, as the body is now bankrupt, they are not in the position to renovate the temple. The temple is about 6 km from the main Serou Market. The visit of pilgrims also enhanced economic condition of the people inhabiting in and around temple site.

Monsang Tribe Union Constitution released

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Imphal, Sept 28: Sirti Upa Puh (SUR) (Monsang Tribe Union) today officially released 2nd revised edition of the Union's Constitution officially during its 5th general assembly held today at SUR community hall Japhao in Chandel. The Constitution was released officially by Th. Oliver Monsang, Advisor of SUR. The 2nd revised edition of SUR constitution was printed into book from during the

leadership of Mr. Ng. Benithan, President SUR under the Revised Constitution Committee headed by Convenor Ng. Vincent, Chairman, Monsang Language and Literature Society (MLLS). The first SUR Constitution was edited during the leadership of late Upa Ng. Manglemechao Monsang as president and late Upa Ts. Phamjir Monsang as General Secretary of Monsang Tribe Union in 1980.

PWFM team reaches Bangladesh to join Birth Anniversary of Hijam Irabot

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Imphal, Sept. 28: A team of Patriotic Writers' Forum Manipur (PWFM) today reached Bangladesh to join the Birth Anniversary of Hijam Irabot which is scheduled to hold Bhanubil, in Bangladesh, where the statue of Hijam Irabot is erected.

The Manipur team was given warm reception by a team of Integrated Manipuri Association led by its president Khoiron Indrajit at the Border. The team of Patriotic Writers' Forum Manipur includes Patron Member of the Forum Dr. S. Manaoton and Secretary Rakesh Naorem.

NIA summons JK MLA Rashid for questioning

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New Delhi, Sept 28: Jammu and Kashmir independent MLA Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Rashid Engineer, has been summoned by the NIA for questioning in a case related to funding of terror activities in the Valley. Officials in Srinagar said, Rashid, MLA from Lagate in North Kashmir has been called for questioning on 3rd October. He is the first mainstream politician to be summoned by the National Investigation Agency in the case. His name had cropped up during the interrogation of businessman Zahoor Watali, who was arrested by the NIA for allegedly supplying money to terror groups and separatists in the Valley. The NIA had registered a case on 30th of May against separatist and secessionist leaders who have allegedly been conniving with active militants of proscribed terrorist organisations including Hizbul Mujahideen, Dukhtarana-e-Millat and Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Bangladesh prepares Island for rehabilitation of the Rohingya

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Dhaka, Sep 28: Bhashan Char, An Island of Bangladesh is being turned into a rehabilitation centre for Rohingya refugees, with delegations of high-ups from the government and experts from government and non-government organisations visiting the area every day. People living on Hatiya Island and along the coastal belt of Noakhali district, however, are in panic after learning about the development. But local public representatives and administration, when contacted, said there was nothing to worry about. According to them, activities and surveillance of the police, the coastguard and the navy will increase once the Rohingya are rehabilitated. Ayesha Ferdous, lawmaker from Noakhali 6 (Hatiya) constituency, said: "Through arranging employment after providing them with counselling, the Rohingya will be helped return to a normal life. There is nothing to worry about." Aiming at protecting Bhashan Char from river erosion or floods, many of its low-lying areas have already

been filled with sand and the height of the ground raised in several spots. Moreover, some helipads and pontoons, among other infrastructures, have been constructed. Roads are also being constructed in order to facilitate internal communication on the island. Bhashan Char, also known as Thengar Char, is located in Hatiya upazila of Noakhali, in the estuary of the Meghna river. Under ideal weather conditions, it takes about 90 minutes to go to Hatiya Island from Noakhali in the mainland, from where a speedboat takes 30 minutes to get to the Char. Deputy Inspector General Manir-uz-Zaman of Chittagong range said: "Patrolling by the police, the coastguard and the navy will intensify in Bhashan Char if the Rohingya are rehabilitated there. The island and river (Meghna) will become much safer then." When asked, Chittagong's Divisional Commissioner Abdul Mannan: "We are doing experiments to get a clear idea about how liveable Bhashan Char is or if it would be vulnerable to climate change. Nonetheless,



these are all still in the primary stage." Captain Aminul Islam Khan of Bangladesh Navy, also the in-charge of Bhashan Char Rohingya Rehabilitation Project, said the Char would be a modern refugee camp. "All kind of facilities including educational institutions, hospitals, recreational centres and playgrounds will be here. Rohingya refugees will be brought in here in phases," he said. In the first spate, as many as 120,000 Rohingya people would be rehabilitated and the navy want to start the

project soon, he further said. But, the navy did not clarify how long it could take to bring in the Rohingya there. The Navy has recently been given the responsibility to develop 13,000 acres of land on Bhashan Char to create temporary accommodation for up to 70,000 Rohingya refugees within the next two years. Finance Division officials said the estimated Tk1,000 crore project will be funded entirely by the government and will include the major challenge of damming the char to protect it from regular flooding by seawater. The government in February had announced its plans to rehabilitate the refugees who began arriving from Myanmar in October 2016, drawing some criticism internationally. The recent influx of the Rohingya fleeing the ongoing spate of brutal persecution by Myanmar army in Rakhine state prompted Bangladesh government to activate its navy for the project. A UN estimate says the continuing exodus starting on August 25 saw around 480,000 Rohingya people enter into Bangladesh until Tuesday.