

## Cleanliness is not limited to any person or place : Governor

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**Imphal, Sept. 29:** Cleanliness is not limited to any person or place, it is the responsibility of everyone to keep themselves clean as well as their surroundings to make India a clean India in the real sense. This was stated by Manipur Governor of Dr. Najma Heptullah at the inaugural function of the Swachh Bharat Week at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Regional Campus, Makhan, Manipur in Kangpokpi District. The celebration of Swachh Bharat Week was begun from 25<sup>th</sup> September will conclude on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.

Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Governor said that during the week long programme, a series of activities will focus on a number of subjects and the organisers deserve commendation for choosing some pressing issues for deliberation. She further said that Swachh Bharat Mission, a clean India campaign is the responsibility of all of us. It is a mass movement launched by the Government of India under the leadership of our Prime Minister to make India, a Clean India by 2019. It was the dream of the Father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi for the people to maintain swachhta for a healthy and prosperous life. Unfortunately, it has not been so effective before because of the lack of



awareness and cooperation of the people, lack of supervision of concerned Departments, lack of accountability of the concerned people, lack of dedication and sincerity among the Government machineries.

The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014, the 145<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, popularly known as Babu and it is aimed to be completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2019, the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Babu. Cleanliness is holiness and this mission is intended to cover all the rural and urban areas for maintaining cleanliness all over the

country.

One important component of the Swachh Bharat Mission campaign is elimination of open defecation in the country. Manipur is well advanced on this front and large parts of the State have been declared as open defecation free. A huge positive of open defecation free is that it can keep the people healthy and check crime against women in the rural areas. Further, maintenance of cleanliness and hygiene in India would bring great opportunities in the country to enhance its economic status by improving tourism as well as keeping the citizens healthy and happy. Cleanliness

would keep everyone happy and healthy in all respects physically, mentally, socially and intellectually by reducing the chance of diseases. The State Government has taken up various activities during the Swachh Bharat campaign to keep our environment clean. The Governor was impressed by the initiative taken by the University to celebrate Swachh Bharat and hope it will continue on regular basis. The efforts will keep the campus clean and green by strengthening the existing forest cover and also by developing new green cover in the campus.

Later, Governor planted a tree which was also attended by faculty and students of the University. The celebration of Swachh Bharat Week was graced by Prof. N. Rajmuhon Singh, Vice President, BEENET, Manipur & Dean, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Manipur University as President, Prof. Sarungbam Birendra Singh, Director, National Institute of Technology, Manipur as Guest of Honour in presence of Prof. Ramjeevan Singh Thakur, Director, IGNTU-RCM. The celebration was organised by Eco-Club, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, Manipur in collaboration with Biodiversity, Ecology and Environment Network, Manipur

## State cabinet would adopt the Manipur state policy for children 2017 soon: CM



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**Imphal, Sept 29:** To ensure that all children live in a child friendly, protective environment, their rights are secured in the state, Chief Minister said that the State Government would discuss and adopt "The Manipur State Policy for Children 2017" in the State Cabinet soon. This was stated by him at the 8<sup>th</sup> State Level Children's Cultural Meet 2017 held at Jubilee Hall, RIMS, Imphal West. The programme was organised under the theme "Save us from Drugs and Child Traffickers, if not today, there will be no tomorrow" by Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) and Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of Manipur (MCPCCR) in partnership with Child Rights and You (CRY).

Speaking as the Chief Guest of the function, N. Biren Singh cautioned people of the State that human trafficking in the name of religion is rampant in various parts of the region.

Many a times, the traffickers promised the families of the victims for providing better education, employment outside the State, he added. Chief Minister appealed the CSOs, village leaders and people to remain vigilant and alert to stop human trafficking and child abuse in the State. He further said that it is our responsibility and make sure that our children are safe in and outside the State.

Stating that children are the future of the Nation, Chief Minister appealed the MACR, MCPCCR, NGOs and CSOs to work collectively for the protection of child rights violation such as child trafficking, drug abuse etc. in the State. The true human service is to help the poorest of the poor by providing basic amenities so that their living conditions could be improved which would finally help in bringing growth and development in the State, he added.

Speaking about the government initiatives of the differently-abled persons of the State, N. Biren Singh stated that the government is set to introduce new welfare benefit schemes such as provide employment, loans, and monthly stipends to the differently-abled persons soon. Under the new scheme, skilled differently-abled

persons would be provided loans at subsidized interest rates to help start their own business, secondly vehicles would be provided to those who are working in government/non-government sector and thirdly the scheme would also have a provision to provide monthly pension/stipends to fully disabled persons.

Chief Minister mentioned that we must strive for transparent governance, employment generation and act practically to bring positive change in the society. We must ensure that social and economic equality is achieved to bring inclusive growth and development in the State, he added. Shri N. Biren Singh urged the people of the state to work with transparency, honesty and sincerity. Chief Minister asserted that after 70 years of Independence, millions of people are living with no proper drinking water supply and electricity in their households.

Chief Minister announced that he would visit Tamenglong district soon and likely to inaugurate the 50 bedded hospital, to lay foundation stone for the construction of Ima market, water supply scheme under NLCPR etc. Seeking support of the people for a clean Manipur, he informed that a three day mass cleanliness campaign 'Clean Manipur' would be observed from 30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 in support of Swachh Bharat campaign.

Speaking as Guest of Honour of the function, Minister for Social Welfare and Co-operation Smt. Nemcha Kipgen stated that children comprise around 40 percent of the total population so a progressive nation cannot be achieved without having

healthy children and we cannot claim a well protected nation when your children are insecure and unsafe. Children should not be misused in inappropriate ways such as protest, demonstrations for achieving vested political gains which will deeply affect their education, wholesome growth, physical and mental well being, she added.

Mentioning that drop out children are the prospective targets of child traffickers and abusers, Social Welfare Minister stated that bringing the children into formal schools is very important. Stating that minor girls and children are largely affected by child or women trafficking in the state, Smt. Nemcha Kipgen urged the CSOs, NGOs, public to work collectively and be united for protection of the vulnerable children. To protect child trafficking and abuse, Minister said that Village Level Child Protection Committees would be formed under the ICDS scheme of Social Welfare Department soon.

On the occasion, MACR's Child Rights awards were conferred to SP of Tengnoupur District, Dr. S. Ibomcha, Sub-Inspector and in-charge Anti-Human Trafficking Unit Y. Kheda, Senior Reporter of Imphal Free Press Leivon Jimmy and Reporter of People's Chronicle S. Bigyan.

Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly Shri Y. Khemchand, Chairperson of Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCCR), Shri S. Sharatkumar Sharma, Convener of MACR and member of MCPCCR Shri Montu Ahanthem and children from various districts attended the function.

## Defence Minister Sitharaman reaches Srinagar on 2 day tour of J&K

**New Delhi, Sept 29:** Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman arrived in Srinagar on a two day tour of Jammu and Kashmir to review the preparedness of the armed forces and security in the hinterlands.

AIR correspondent quoting defence spokesman said that Ms. Sitharaman will visit forward posts along Line of Control in north Kashmir areas. She would also assess the overall security situation in the State.

Defence Minister will also review anti-militancy operations with senior army commanders in Srinagar.

She will visit forward posts along Line of Actual Control (LAC) neighboring China in Ladakh region. She will also visit world's highest battlefield Siachen Glacier at an altitude of 5400 metres tomorrow and will have a discussion with soldiers there. This would be her first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after assuming the charge as Defence Minister.

## Positivity capacitates youths to brace problems: Th. Radheshyam

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**Imphal, Sept. 29:** Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam Singh said that positivity and eagerness to support the people even with facing problems can craft the youths to a capable solution provider. Thus to become a motivator, a mentor to serve right to and for the people, one should always be constructive avoiding negative advances or approaches.

The Minister was speaking

at the 17<sup>th</sup> Joint Tribal Students Union - Annual Fresher's Meet under the theme 'Remember now thy creator on the day of thy youth' at the Tribal Research Institute, Chingmeirong. The fresher's meet organised was for the tribal students who newly got admitted to the eleventh class after clearing the tenth examination.

He told the students that it is their turning point to act to become successful in life.

The secret for every successful personality lies in the best utilisation of time by them, he said. Time is the most valuable thing in life and its right management is the key to success. He urged the students present at the meet to make the best use of the 24 (twenty - four) hour to become what they dream of and want to achieve and to face any circumstances with positivity, absorbing maximum, learning the best one could.

## Royal Riders ride for brotherhood

IT News

**Imphal, Sept 29:** Royal Riders Manipur, a group of Royal Enfield riders today kicked off its "Nagaland Parem Medical Camp Ride" from DM College road near THAU ground. Fifty-one riders on 30 bullet left Imphal to conduct a free medical camp at Tenning in Parem district of Nagaland. The camp will be conducted tomorrow in association with Nagaland Motor Cycle Club, Royal Enfield riders of Nagaland.

Zit Saikhom, general secretary, Royal Riders Manipur said, "The mission is build brotherhood between the Manipur and Nagaland

people.

Royal Riders Manipur which was established with the motive of serving the humankind travelling in different parts of Manipur and North east, had travelled in the interior parts of the state and other parts of NE, and conducted environment awareness campaigns and medical camps among others. With no sponsors, contributed fund from the pockets of the members of the Manipur Enfield riders' club has been contributing humanity services to many in various occasions, which are appreciated by the people of the state.

## Min Biswajit Calls

**Imphal, Sept 29 :** State Administrative Reforms and Training Minister Shri Thongam Biswajit Singh has called upon the fresh Manipur Civil Services/ Manipur Police Service/ Manipur Secretariat Service/ Junior Manipur Civil Services/ Election Officer to utilised their acquired knowledge to the best level while performing their newly assigned duties.

The Minister was speaking at the closing function of the foundation training course of the newly recruited MCS/ MPS/MSS/Jr.MCS/EO. The function was held at the State Academy of Training, Takyelpat. Minister Biswajit said the young officers should be hard working and to serve the people with dedication.

## GST revenue collections in August at Rs 90,669 cr

**New Delhi, Sep 26:** Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collections in August stood at 90,669 crore rupees. Out of this, CGST revenue is 14,402 crore rupees, SGST 21,067 crore, IGST 47,377 crore and Compensation Cess is 7,823 crore rupees. This figure of GST revenue collection is upto 25<sup>th</sup> of September. According to an official release, the figure, however,

do not include the GST to be paid by 10.24 lakh assesses, who have opted for the composition scheme. Additionally, there are still a number of assesses who have not filed their return either for July or August-2017. The Finance Ministry also released the revised data of GST collection for July which is to the tune of 94,063 crore rupees.