

Rs. 100 crore sanctioned for action plan to check floods in NE

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Imphal, Sept. 8: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the Central Government has sanctioned Rs 100 crore to study the causes of frequent floods in the North East region and prepare an Action Plan to check it. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the Convention on Climate Change – Manipur State Action Plan on Climate Change, 2013, organised by Centre for Social Development (CSD) at 1st MR Banquet Hall today. The Chief Minister said that during a recent review meeting on the recent flash floods, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi informed the Chief Ministers of the North East States about sanctioning of the said amount. Biren said that North East region is home to around 280



ethnic communities speaking around 170 dialects. N. Biren said that people are talking about protecting the indigenous population of the region, whereas it seems that they take less interest in protecting the indigenous properties – the rich floras and faunas of the region. Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a long-term plan to tackle climate change and global warming, Shri N. Biren contended that Shri Jwala and Housing for All Schemes are part of it. He contended that the Government should be practical in its approach and it needs to provide replacements of the

traditional way of living and livelihood to the people. N. Biren said that free LPG connections are being provided to BPL families under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana so that deforestation for fire-woods can be checked. Likewise, the Government is also helping people to own concrete houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Housing for All scheme), he added. Stating that mere shouting of environment protection slogans without being practical would lead to nowhere, the Chief Minister said that efforts are being made to convert garbage

into fuel to replace charcoal as well. Maintaining that people must be aware that heavy rainfall and flash floods had started wreaking havoc in the hills as well apart from valley areas, N. Biren reminded the gathering that natural calamities never spare anybody on the basis of religion and community. As such, the humankind should join hands as one family to take up necessary measures in advance to avoid natural calamities, he observed. PHE Minister Losii Dikho and Environmentalist and BJP Spokesperson Shri RK Ranjan also attended the function as guest of honour and president respectively. In his speech, Losii Dikho opined that people should begin environment protection from personal levels. Mere holding of functions and conventions without dedication and conviction in this regard would not serve any purpose, he added. Speaking at the occasion, RK Ranjan said that all the development plans of the Government should be prepared taking the possible impacts on environment into consideration. North East region is not only known as the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot but also as a confluence of species migrants because numerous species from Indo-Malaysian, Chinese and Indian regions had migrated to the North East. As such, people of the North East should do whatever possible to protect this rich bio-diversity resource for a sustainable living, he opined. Delegates from all the eight North East States also took part in the convention.

Formulation of policy for children, a welcome step: Chief Justice

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Imphal, Sept. 8: Formulation of policy for children in the state is indeed a welcome step towards the welfare of the children and to mould them to the right path during this formative phase of one's life. This was stated by Chief Justice, Manipur High Court, Shri. N. Kotiswar Singh while delivering a speech as Chief Guest at the 'One Day Consultation on the Formulation of Manipur State Policy for Children-2017' held today at Sangai Conference Hall, Hotel Imphal. The event was organised by Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) in collaboration with Social Welfare Department and Child Rights & You. Considering the alarming rate of crimes and abuse against children in the state, Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Smt Nemcha Kipgen gracing the occasion as President, stated that the formulation and development of Manipur State Policy for Children, 2017 is the need of the hour. She believes that it will provide a safe and



positive environment for children in our State. The Minister draws the attention of all the stakeholders to comply with all relevant local legislations, administrations and other measures on child rights and welfare to protect and ensure child rights, and to provide what is in best interest of the child, since keeping children safe and secured is everyone's responsibility. "All of us have the responsibility to do all that we can to mould our children for their lives as productive citizens in the future," she added. She asserted that children, who occupy an essential part

of every population, are the most vulnerable section of society. They suffer from one form of abuse or the other every day. As the future of a nation utterly depends on the level of care provided to its children, children's rights should be made one of the main mandated priorities of everyone and be committed to their welfare and protection. Commissioner, Social Welfare Shri H. Deleep Singh, Chairperson, MCPCR Shri S. Saratkumar Sharma, Director, Social Welfare, Smt. Jacintha Lazarus and General Manager, Development Support, CRY Smt. Mahua Chatterjee graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.

Stop atrocities on Rohingya, Bangladesh Buddhists urge Myanmar

By: Siam Sarower Jamil Dhaka, Sep 8: Buddhist community in Bangladesh Friday called upon the Myanmar government to stop ongoing atrocities on Rohingya Muslims in northern Rakhine state. Bangladesh United Buddhists' Forum came up with the call during a human chain formed in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka this morning. The forum also expressed concern over the Buddhists' security for allegedly spreading rumours in social media against the minority community people in Bangladesh. "I call upon the Myanmar government and its people to deal with the ongoing matter in non-violent way," said the forum's Chief Convener Ashokh Barua. He alleged that some vested groups are spreading rumours in social media blaming Buddhists over the attacks on Rohingya Muslims. "Many of our peace-loving Buddhists feel insecure for such revengeful attitude of few people," he observed. The forum will submit a memorandum to Myanmar embassy in Dhaka on September 10 and also send a copy to the local office of the United Nations. President Dr Ashim Ranjan Barua and its women chapter executive president Prof Tripti Rani Barua among others spoke at the occasion.

SALAI launches project to monitor developmental project; signs agreement with three World class companies

IT News
Imphal, Sept 8: Manipur based private company SALAI Infotech Pvt.Ltd is all set to launch a joint venture with two World class major companies on an online project management and elevation system which can monitor all project operations under various departments. An Agreement was signed between the three companies- SALAI Infotech Pvt.Ltd, KAINOS Business Solutions Pvt.Ltd and SUMATO Global Tech Pvt.Ltd today at the Office of SALAI at Sagolband Tera Loukrakpam leikai here in Imphal. The agreement was inked between Mr. Augustine, Managing Director KAINOS Business Solution, Mr. Taimnoy Goswami of the SUMATO Global Tech. Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Narengbam Samarjit, Chairman SALAI



Infotech Pvt.Ltd. Speaking to the media person vice chairman of the Salai Infotech Pvt.Ltd said that the project if implemented would speed up the works in any government department and institutions making room for timely redressal of grievances by providing effective implementation of works and policies with tracking tools in itself. There will be computerize database of wok progress

report with financial information organized and programmed in such a way that it produces regular reports on operations for every level of management. The need and importance of such management information system (MIS) which is highly sophisticated and user friendly, could be understood from the fact that in the absence of latest and accurate information the growth and smooth functioning state of

North eastern states to play Ranji Trophy next year

By Kushan Sarkar New Delhi, Sep 8 (PTI) The Committee of Administrators (COA) today assured that all six north eastern states will be playing Ranji Trophy as individual units next season with BCCI GM (Game Development), Ratnakar Shetty, given charge of their smooth integration. The six states Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh met Vinod Rai for one and a half hour with plea of taking part as a combined unit this season.

However, they were assured that by next season they would be part of Ranji Trophy while they will play as separate states in the age group categories (U-16, U-19 And U-23) from this season onwards. "Mr Rai told us that since Ranji Trophy is starting from October 6, it will be difficult to play this season. However we will be playing as individual states from next season. After all these years, this is the first time we have got complete assurance. Prof Shetty will look into implementation part," north east convener Naba Bhattacharjee told PTI today after the meeting. The good news is that COA has decided that U-16 National Championship (Vino Mankad) and U-23 (CK Nayudu Trophy) will have a specific North East Zone. "The U-16 and U-23 BCCI tournaments are held zone wise. While Assam and Tripura continue to play in East Zone, a dedicated North East Zone will be created. The top two from the zone will qualify for the knock outs," Bhattacharjee added. The only problem is Cooch Behar Trophy (U19), whose

scheduled has been already chalked out. "The COA said that technical committee chairman Sourav Ganguly will take a call in this regard," he further added. It was learnt that when the units requested for disbursement of annual grants, Rai instructed them to file an affidavit signed by their presidents that at least 80 percent recommendations of Lodha Panel is adhered to. "We told COA that you don't need to disburse huge amounts to new units like us but enough funds to run the show," he added. It was also learnt that Assam Cricket Association (ACA) has taken a bank loan of Rs 6 crore for organisation of the T20 international match between Australia and India at its newly constructed stadium in Barsapara. The ACA currently doesn't get BCCI grants as there has been adverse reports of financial discrepancies found in its audited accounts. "We are taking a bank loan of Rs 6 crore and CM of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal has been assured help on behalf of the state government," said ACA Secretary Pradip Buragohain.

SARGAM to celebrate Silver Jubilee

IT News
Imphal, Sept 8: Music band SARGAM is celebrating Silver Jubilee Foundation Day on September 11, 2017 at the community Hall of Young Progressive and Athletic Club (YPAC) Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai at 3.30 pm. SARGAM is a performing cum

Musical Institute established by group of talented musician of the state. Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, Arts and Culture Minister L. Jyantakumar and Director Arts and Culture Sushila will be attending the Silver Jubilee celebration as dignitaries.