

Manipur State still lacks transparency- RTI Activist

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Human Rights and RTI Activist Wahengbam Joykumar Singh has asserted that Manipur State still lacks transparency. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkul, Imphal here on Thursday, Joykumar said no response has been given for the RTI he had sent to Ukhrul DC seeking detail information for the compensation sanction to the Mapithel Dam Affected Villagers (families), till date. He said, he had filed the RTI on December 21 of 2015 to the SPIO/DC, Ukhrul seeking information on 7 points under Section -6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. However, the case was disposed without giving out the details information of the filed RTI stating the reason as due to threats from third party, he added. So far no corrupted persons have been given befitting punishment by the law of the land in connection with corruption charges, what is the main reason behind?" Joykumar

question. Joykumar said, countless number of complains have been file against those corrupted persons, however, no charge sheet has been taken up to punish those responsible of the corruption cases in the state. Since, no punishment has been awarded to these corrupted persons, they continue to do corruption intentionally as in Manipur State they can do whatever they want due to no transparency, he added. Questioning, when will Manipur become a transparency and corruption free state, Joykumar said, disposing information of a file RTI in the name of threats is against the RTI Act, these threats is not given to the RTI filer but to the one who is trying to hide and execute works in hidden and these threats should be face by the government or the concern department, not the RTI complainants. Seeking the details information for the RTI he had sent to Ukhrul DC at the earliest, Joykumar said, the information commission needs to work sincerely with transparency.

Assam Rifles organises free medical camp for girls



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Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a free Medical Camp for girls at Chaopok Ipham, Lilong on 30 November 2018. A dedicated medical team under the Unit Medical Officer provided medical assistance to over 260 girls in the camp. Various medical facilities were provided to the attendees which included screening of lifestyle diseases, routine health check up alongwith free dental checkup. A dispensary was established as part of the

Camp to distribute free medicines and nutritional supplements. Alongwith the Medical Camp a lecture was also conducted to generate awareness on various age related issues faced by adolescent girls. A comprehensive health talk on menstruation and hygiene was also conducted by the medical team. The people of the area were extremely appreciative of the Assam Rifles for their sincere endeavour and requested for more such camps in the near future for the benefit of the entire community.

Assam Rifles Apprehendes UG

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Mantripukhari Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South), in a joint operation with Imphal East Police Commandos apprehended a cadre of

proscribed group PREPAK from general area Kongpal, Khurai. The suspected cadre had joined the proscribed group in the year 2015. The apprehended individual was handed over to Porampat Police Station for further legal action.

Curtains down on Manipur Sangai Festival, 2018



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The 10-day annual Manipur Sangai Festival, 2018 organised by the State Government with a vision to promote tourism sector in the State came to an end with a glittering function held at Bhagyachandra Open Air Theatre (BOAT) yesterday. Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh graced the closing function as the chief guest and president respectively.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Heptulla said that tourism is considered the fastest growing sector in today's development scenario anywhere in the world. Stating that tourism has become the economic lifeline of many countries without much natural resources, she opined that it has successfully transformed the economic landscape of these countries and helped in maintaining a vibrant economy. Tourism in the State also deserves due attention, she said while adding that tourism infrastructure such as accommodation, road and transport are prerequisites for attracting the tourists and these need to be engaged on priority particularly in the hill districts.

The Governor further opined that the issue of accommodation would automatically be addressed if there is a rise in tourists and for this, investment would be forthcoming. What a tourist needs is not a five star hotel but a basic clean, hygienic and affordable accommodation, she said. The concerned agencies of the State Government should inspect the hotels and other places of stay regularly to ensure that they are maintained at a minimum standard of hygiene and cleanliness, the Governor added.

Paying guest system needs to be encouraged as Manipur now has many private buildings which easily meet the standard. For this, training of the owners of these buildings needs to be carried out and inspection done regularly, she said.

Further, the civic authorities and the people should make Manipur a much cleaner State, particularly the roads and other public places, the Governor added. Stating that a number of places in the hill districts of the State can be developed into popular hill stations, Dr. Heptulla said that under the Act East Policy, steady increase in the tourism infrastructure like hotels and road and transport and specific initiatives taken up by the State Government like the Manipur Sangai Festival, things have started looking up in the tourism sector.

Speaking on the occasion, N. Biren Singh said that people of both the hill and valley districts extended equal co-operation to the Government in organising the 10-day festival this year. He said that the Manipur Cherry Blossom cum Flower Festival organised at Mao in Senapati District became a part of the Manipur Sangai Festival from this year onwards. Princess of Thailand and US Ambassador to India attended the festival for the first time this year, he said while adding that Sumo wrestling events was organised in the North East region for the first time during the festival. N. Biren Singh said that the Princess of Thailand was impressed on having glimpses of the historic antique items showcased at Kangla Museum. Stating that the Thai Princess' visit to the State was very positive, N. Biren Singh said that the Princess expressed her willingness to take up some joint venture activities with the State. Regarding the arrest of some trekkers of Manipur Mountaineering and Trekking Association (MMTA), who went trekking to Dzuko, by Nagaland Police, the Chief Minister informed the gathering that he had talked to Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio regarding the incident. Public Health Engineering Minister Losii Dikho was sent to Kohima to meet the authorities concerned of the neighbouring State, the Chief Minister said that the matter had now

been resolved and all the arrested trekkers would be released. The Chief Minister also said that he had assured the 15th Finance Commission members that the new State Government would do the needful to reach the Government benefits and funds to the targeted people at the grassroots level. He opined that the 'Go to Hill' and the 'Go to Village' missions of the new State Government are the significant steps towards this end.

Stating that many deserved people and households are unable to get benefits under Government's noble schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - Ayushman Bharat and National Food Security Act (NFSA) due to faulty collection of data during Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) compilation, N. Biren Singh said that he had instructed the Chief Secretary to constitute an enquiry committee to probe the reason for such irregularities.

Informing that some people had opined that the State Government has been giving too much emphasis to organising many festivals, the Chief Minister opined that festivals in different districts are organised to inculcate the sense of competition and hard work among farmers. Ginger, pineapple and orange productions had increased manifold after organising Ginger Festival, Pineapple Festival and Orange Festival, he observed. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar, Manipur Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker K. Robindro, Ministers, MLAs, high ranking civil, police and military officers and large number of people also attended the closing function. The Chief Minister feted officials of different Government Departments, agencies and private companies for extending support and co-operation in successfully organising the biggest tourism festival of the State at the function. Colourful cultural programmes were also presented at the function.

Assam Rifles Organises Security Meet

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Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a security coordination meeting at Andro Company Operating Base. The security forum was attended by various village headmen, ward councilors, youth club members, Meria Paibis in the areas of responsibility of the Company Operating Base.

The meeting was aimed to discuss all the security aspects and necessary measures to be undertaken by locals in coordination with Assam Rifles. The Battalion provided this platform to the villagers to discuss their perspective of security situation in the



area and to encourage them to come up with suggestions to further enhance synergy between the Security Forces and the local populace. The locals accentuated on the need of conduct of such security meetings on a regular basis as it offers them an opportunity for

mutual interaction with the Assam Rifles and achieve a sense of belongingness so as to collectively accomplish all goals to bring peace and harmony in the area. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

Friendly Volleyball match between Indian Army and Myanmar Army at Tamu, Myanmar

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In furtherance of strengthening the friendly ties with Myanmar a friendly volleyball match between Indian Army and Myanmar Army was conducted on the sidelines of Indo Myanmar Post Level Meeting (IMPLM) under the aegis of Headquarters 26 Sector Assam Rifles on 30 November 2018. This friendly match was held as part of Indo-Myanmar Sports Exchange in Myanmar for the year 2018-19. The aim of the Friendly Match was to instill and strengthen a spirit of healthy and friendly relations between Indian Army and Myanmar Army. The match was conducted at Indoor Volleyball Court, Tamu (Myanmar) on 30

November 2018 from 1000 hours to 1045 hours. The Indian Army and Myanmar Army players were divided into two teams ie Team A and Team B for the friendly match. The IMPLM delegation of Indian Army and Myanmar Army attended this event. The team members of both the teams were introduced to the Commandants of Indian Army and Myanmar Army and wished good luck at the onset on the match. The match was of three sets. It was a well contested match played with sportsmanship and both the teams gave a tough fight to each other. Team A were the eventual winners, winning the second and third sets with a score of 25-27, 27-22, 27-24. The Commandant, 11 Assam Rifles and Commanding

Officer, 50 Light Infantry Regiment met the players of both teams and congratulated them for their outstanding performance. The match culminated with prize distribution by Colonel R S Rawat, Commandant 11 Assam Rifles and Lieutenant Colonel Tin Tun Lin, Commanding Officer, 50 Light Infantry Regiment. The event concluded with tea and snacks for all participants and the spectators. This was the third time ever that a sports competition, ie friendly volleyball match was played between teams of Indian Army and Myanmar Army. Such events develop camaraderie and trust which further strengthens the friendly relations.

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND&PS)(FTC), MANIPUR
AT CHEIRAP COURT COMPLEX

ANNEXURE-1

Schedule 1 VIII, Form No. 100
High Court Criminal Process No. 4

CASE NO. :- SPECIAL TRIAL NO. 135 OF 2018
FIR NO. 17(9)2002 NAB-PS
U/S21(ii)(c) ND & PS Act.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED

(Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

1) Name, Description and address of the accused :

A. Babu Madraji (32yrs) S/o (L) Annamulei Madraji of Moreh Ward No. 3 P.S. Moreh, Chandel District, Manipur:

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Shri Shri A. Babu Madraji has committed the offence punishable Under Section 21(ii)(c) ND & PS Act (FIR No. 17(9)2002 NAB-PS) and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon stating the Shri A. Babu Madraji cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shri A. Babu Madraji has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.

2) Name of the accused:
Shri A. Babu Madraji

Police station is thereby made that the said Shri A. Babu Madraji is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the 29th day of Novmeber, 2018.

3) Place : Imphal

Sd/-
(W. Tonen Meitei)
Special Judge (ND & PS)(FTC),
Manipur