

Need To Initiate Mass Awareness Campaign To Inculcate Habit Of Reading :Deputy Chief Minister

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Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh has said that mass awareness campaign to inculcate habit of reading is highly needed in today's society. It will nurture peace and development. He was speaking at the inaugural function of 27th Imphal Book Fair, 2018 held yesterday at Thangmeiband Athletic Union (THAU) Ground in Imphal.

Deputy Chief Minister said, being the most valuable resource, human resource has to be developed at the top level where every section of society can enjoy the benefit of knowledge in their lives. He said, to achieve this target, education has to be developed at the best level. Stating that habit of reading is a good companion, Joykumar Singh further said that irrespective of stages



or ages we all have to read books of different types which can enhance our knowledge and understanding. By reading books on ancient culture, literature or science etc. we can communicate the valuable knowledge and minds of those days. Therefore, to enhance the level of knowledge and understanding, habit of reading has to be inculcated

with us. Social awareness campaigns on the importance of reading books have to be initiated so that people can be attracted in this direction. Book fair not only give the chance of buying books in concessional rates but also give the chance to meet writers, publishers and book lovers. Such fairs will definitely help to cater all possible help to the book

lovers and masses, he added.

Revenue Minister Karam Shyam while speaking at the inaugural function strongly advocated the need to implement Manipur Library Act at the earliest to strengthen the movement of library in the state. He said, a separate directorate has to be opened for this purpose and if so the movement of library will enhance in the

society. He also urged people especially the younger generation to introspect how the habit of reading books can be revived at all. Shyam expressed confidence that organising such book fairs will help to strengthen the movement of library and also to ignite the young minds to quest for knowledge which is beneficial to social peace and development.

Commissioner of Art & Culture M. Lakshmikumhar Singh also spoke on the importance of having good habit of reading books among masses. Altogether 70 book fairs from within and outside the state are participating in the ten days fair which are being organised by State Central Library, Department of Art & Culture in collaboration with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. (DIPR)

RPL Certificate Distribution Ceremony under PMKVY at Tharpu, West Sikkim District, Sikkim - regarding.



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Under PMKVY, special focus is given to RPL by recognizing prior competencies of the assessed candidates and provides a certificate and monetary reward on successful completion of assessments. RPL is an important step towards getting formal acceptance and respect for informally acquired knowledge and skills. Recognition brings respect, increases productivity, creates options for growth through RPL. It is a platform to provide recognition to the informal learning or learning through work to get equal acceptance as the formal levels of education. Chanu Creations, Thangmeiband, Imphal has trained RPL-PMKVY skill training to 79 weavers in West Sikkim District on the job role "Two Shaft Handloom Weaver" from 17th to 18th

June, 2018 as Project Implementing Agency (PIA) under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). The assessment of the trainees was held on 19th June, 2018 by India Skills Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi assigned by Textile Sector Skill Council (TSC). Today the 15th December 2018, the certificate distribution ceremony for the certified RPL trainees of West Sikkim District was held at Tharpu, West Sikkim. Altogether 79 trainees of West Sikkim were awarded RPL certificates at the event. The programme was attended by Shri Jagatkumar Limbu Panchayat Member Tharpu Busty, West Sikkim, Shri W. Joyshankar Luwang Project Manager Chanu Creations, Shri Uday Hang Limbu Social Worker and Shri Prakash Rai Social Worker were grace the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of

Honours respectively. The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youths to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. RPL also shows them a path to bridge their current knowledge and skill levels to reach a competency level or go for higher skills for professional growth. The small loom industry has been making all possible efforts to not only provide livelihood but also promote the traditional products. By giving women skills and new opportunities, we can unlock their full potential and enable every woman to find a new meaningful place in society. It is truly gratifying that the efforts of Chanu Creations bring smiles to thousands of women weavers in the region and moving towards the fruitfulness tomorrow's generation with a new identity.

Moltuk Battalion Ensures Smooth Conduct Of "Go To Village

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Continuing with its objective of providing aid to civil authorities, Moltuk Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) helped the civil administration of Chandel district in organising the "Go To Village" programme in village Molcham. The Battalion provided security cover in such a insurgency hotbed as well as administrative and logistic support so that the local government can discharge their duties. The programme was attended by Mr Letpao Haokip, Cabinet Minister Water Resource, Youth affairs and Sports, Manipur, Kamel Angam Romanus, SP Chandel, Mr N Shokhngam Baite, SDM Khengjoi Sub Division



alongwith other district officials. The programme gave a platform for the civil administration to interact with the locals and hear out their grievances. Such events will go a long way in improving the lives of these border area villages. During the event, the Battalion, as part of Op Sadbhavna, distributed 05 Solar lights worth over Rs 3 lacs to village Molcham. The district administration

acknowledged the contribution of the Battalion in bettering the lives of the locals by virtue of its numerous initiatives like recruitment training for youths, medical camps etc and thanked the Battalion for its support. The battalion assured the locals that it would continue to fight for the cause of the locals and also continue to work towards making their lives better.

Moreh Battalion Spends A Day At Orphanage

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Moreh Battalion of 26 sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) organised a day out with the children at the Jehovah's Home, Ward no 9, Moreh. The Company Commander interacted with the kids

and the children were thrilled to receive warm affection from Assam Rifles. Children were happy with the quality time spent and love and affection shared by the Assam Rifles jawans. The kids requested that Assam Rifles must continue to visit them frequently as they feel safe and protected in their presence.

Chandel Go To Village

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In continuation of the State Governments Go to village mission, today a GTV camp was successfully conducted at Molcham Village ground, Chandel District.

Today's GTV was conducted under the supervision of nodal officer, SDC, Khengjoi. Md. Hefajuddin. Today's GTV camp covers a total of 10 villages in and around at Molcham Village, Khengjoi Sub-division, namely New Samtal, Lajang

Power Minister Th.Biswajit Inaugurates 33/11 Kv Sub-Station At Kasom Khullen

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Power Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh today inaugurated a 33/11 Kv sub-station at Kasom Khullen in Kamjong District. Addressing the formal inaugural function, Biswajit said that the inauguration of the sub-station was in line with the present government's aim to provide quality power supply to all households. The power sub-station, he said, will now make provision of quality and uninterrupted power supply in the surrounding areas possible. Stating that the present government under Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is development based, he said that 17 sub-stations have already been inaugurated and handed over to the people in the short period. Further in his speech, the Minister said that the power sector has improved much in the State. He continued that the Manipur State Power

Company Ltd. (MSPCL) and Manipur State Power Distribution Company Ltd. (MSPDCL) are ready to ensure there is no shortage of power in the State and to meet any demand for power supply including for setting up of industries. He said that conforming to the target of Saubhagya Scheme which is to provide power connection to all households in the country by December 2018, the State will be able to declare that power connection has been provided to 1.04 lakh households in the State by next week. Adding that households are identified based on the Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 data, the Minister further said that the two companies will provide power to all household by 2018 end. He further lauded the two companies Manipur State Power Company Limited and Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited and their Managing Directors for their tireless

effort to improve the power sector in the State. The Minister said that improvement of the left out one and half km road portion from Kasom Village to the local Police Station can be included in next year's work programme, only if there is no demand for land compensation from the locals. Biswajit also assured to discuss the issue of proper functioning of a bank in the area with the concern authorities. He also assured to include the SDO Kasom to Namlu road which is around 35-40 km in the next financial year under the Central Road Fund. The Minister who also holds the Work portfolio said that the present government has plans to construct elevated highways, foot bridges in Imphal, ring road, improvement of Tengnoupal to Sansad Road etc. MSPCL MD N. Sarat Singh appealed to consumers to pay their electricity bills. He

said that since the erstwhile Electricity Department was unbundled into two state owned companies with effect from 1st February 2014, the companies are receiving only limited grant in aid from the government and are majorly dependent on the consumer bills. The inaugural function was also attended by Phungyar A/C MLA K. Leishiyao and Chingai A/C Khasim Vashum and MSPDCL MD L. Priyokumar Singh, DC Kamjong Zuringla Kengou, ADC members, among others. Other highlights of the day also include dances performances by cultural dance troupes. Meanwhile, as part of the inaugural function, Shri Biswajit also handed over 1000 LED bulbs to the village to be distributed to the poorer households and further urged the village authority to identify the poor households. The Sub-station is constructed with State funding at a project cost of

Rs.10.42 crore. It includes stringing of 41 km long 33kV Single Circuit line from Thoubal 33kV substation on Steel Tubular Poles with ACSR (Raccoun) Conductor with 2x2.5 MVA transformer capacity. It has three numbers 33 kV bays at Kasom Khullen and one 33 kV sending end bay at 33 kV Substation, Thoubal. According to an official note, villages in Kamjong district which may benefit in terms of power supply are Kasom Khullen, Kasom Khunou, Mawai, Khunthak, Tarong, Nambasi, Nambasi Khunou, Kasung, Bungdung, Khonglo, Mongthou, Kankhumb, Phungechong, Makan, Wangli, Bungpun, Polyang, Lairam Khullen, Lairam Khunou, Chongdang, Chingsou, Itam, Khoriok Khunou, Mollen, Khamlang, Kangoi, Ashang Khullen, Kulbung, K. Ashang Khullen, Mounthouram, Hungpai, Khamlang.

Assam Rifles Conducts Ex-Servicemen Rally At Kakching



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To honour & commemorate the sacrifice and selfless service to nation by the ex-servicemen, Kakching Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles organised a mega Ex-Servicemen rally at Kakching on 15 Dec 18. The event was attended by an approximate strength of 90 Ex-Servicemen, their dependents, and Veer Naaris hailing from area of Kakching district. The rally was conducted to provide a platform for registration of grievances and for their immediate redressal. Issues related to pension, health care, re-employment among many others was taken

up at the event. The mega rally had a pension anomalies cell, bank cell, Aadhar cell, medical camp and dental camp. In the medical camp free diagnosis and distribution of medicine alongwith medical consultation was provided to the Veterans and Veer Naaris. On the occasion officers of Kakching Bn and HQ 28 Sector Assam Rifles interacted with the Ex-Servicemen and briefed them about various welfare schemes. The Veer Naaris, War Veterans and Ex-Servicemen were felicitated during the event by the Chief Guest Brig Neelash Bhanot, SM. Speaking on the occasion, the

Chief Guest stated that the Ex-Servicemen remain a part of the security forces and are an extremely important constituent of the society. Even though they have completed their service yet they continue to work for our country relentlessly. He further added that taking care of veterans and Veer Naaris and attending to their problems will always remain a priority for Assam Rifles. The event culminated with an astounding musical display by Assam Rifles pipe band and serving of sumptuous food to the august gathering. The Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naaris extended their heartfelt gratitude to Assam Rifles for organizing the grand event in their honour.