

# Chanu Creations organised RPL-PMKVY certificate distribution ceremony for certified trainees of North Sikkim District at Tingvong, Sikkim - regarding

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PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana) comes under the scheme of "Skill India" which was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15th July 2015. It is a flagship scheme of the Government of India implemented through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). This scheme aims to provide aptitude to the Indian youth towards major skills and raise the standard of working and the efficiency to complete the job. Training is imparted in accordance with National Skills



Qualification Framework (NSQF) with strict monitoring guidelines enforced by NSDC. Under PMKVY, special focus is given to RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) 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. Chanu Creations, Imphal, Manipur has been trained RPL training to 150 weavers in North Sikkim

District on the job role "Two Shaft Handloom Weaver" under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) as Project Implementing Agency (PIA). It shows the trainees a path to bridge their current knowledge and skill levels to reach a competency level or go for higher skills for professional growth. Today the 20th December 2018, the certificate distribution ceremony for the certified RPL trainees of North Sikkim District was held in Tingvong, North Sikkim. The event was attended by Passang Doma Lepcha Ex-Panchayat Dzong North Sikkim District, Smt. Chirori Indira (National Awardee 2015, Nari Shakti Puraskar Awardee 2017, DMA All India Women Entrepreneur Awardee 2017 & Vasundhara Hall of Fame Awardee 2018, Women Transforming India Awardee 2018) Proprietor/CEO Chanu Creations, Onkit Lepcha Social worker, Shri W. Joysankar Luwang, Project Manager Chanu Creations, Shri Prakash Rai and Jorden Lepcha (Social Workers) were grace the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honours respectively.

## Scheduled Tribe Students Denied Entry in Own College

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Manipur Scheduled Tribe students were today denied entry in the college they are studying for nearly last 3 years now. The college management shut the main doors of the college and did not allow the tribal students belonging to Manipur to

appear in the exams. These students took admission, under Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) scheme funded by central Govt. of India, during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are pursuing various graduate and postgraduate level courses in the Vidya Jyoti College in the state

of Punjab. As per the students the Department of Tribal Hills & Affairs, Govt. of M a n i p u r, Imphal released nearly the full scholarship amount to the students who applied in the year 2014-15 but later on release 20% of the fees sitting the reason of Fee Fixation.

## Students outside the college main gate in Derabassi, Punjab

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Mr. CT Thotshem, President of Manipuri Students Union, said that there are more than 100 students from Manipur studying in this college whose future is now at stake due to the non-payment of scholarship fees by the state government. He said that earlier the college gave several notices to submit the college fees but now they want us to clear the dues else we won't be allowed to appear in the exams. Mr. Thotshem added that our union and the college management has

sent several request letters and reminders to the Director of Department of Tribal Hills & Affairs, Govt. of Manipur but nothing has been done so far. We even approached the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in Delhi in the month of October and submitted a student representation but haven't got any response from the Director so far. The central government has started these kinds of schemes for the upliftment of the tribal students who want to avail higher education at recognized institutions within India but these tribal students

from Manipur are struggling to get what they are entitled to. This is a very crucial time for the students as the exams are going on but instead of shaping up their future they are busy drafting letters and knocking government doors with a hope to get their scholarships and subsequently an entry to the examination hall. Students are now approaching the Chief Minister for help otherwise they are left with no other option to take extreme step with their lives.

## Manipur Achieves Target Of Saubhagya Scheme

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The target for electrification of households under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) in Manipur has been successfully achieved as per the data report of the REC (Rural Electrification Corporation). As per the data uploaded in REC portal, a total of 1.02 lakh

households in nine divisions of the State as approved by the REC under the Ministry of Power, as on Oct 2017 were electrified under the scheme. The Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - 'SAUBHAGYA' was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25th September 2017. In Manipur, the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA)

was launched by the Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R.K. Singh and Chief Minister of Manipur Shri N. Biren Singh. The scheme provides free electricity connections to the willing beneficiary households identified using Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 data. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC), a Navratna CPSE

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## Long Weekend Alert. Banks To Be Closed For 3 Days Starting Today

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A bank strike has been called by the top body of the officers of public sector banks across the country today. The banks are demanding immediate revision of salaries and are opposing the merger of state-owned banks. The strike call given by the All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC) is expected to hit banking operations across the country. However, it would be business as usual for private sector banks as they are not part of the strike.

Most of the banks have already informed their customers about the strike and its impact on banking operations. The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body of the top nine bank unions, has also decided to observe a strike on December 26 against the proposed merger of Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank. Services at ATMs are expected to be normal during today's bank strike, but are likely to be affected on December 26 since more bank unions will be involved, news agency IANS reported. Banks would be closed for most part of the extended Christmas weekend because of the two days of strike and other holidays including Saturday, Sunday and

Tuesday (Christmas). Between Friday and Wednesday, most bank branches will be open only for a day, on Monday. The bank unions feel that the mergers of these three banks will lead to job cuts and allow private sector banks to dominate the industry. All India Bank Officers' Confederation joint general secretary Ravinder Gupta said, "We have demanded wage revision based on the minimum wages formula without linking to profits or paying capacity." As of now, only a few banks have written to the Indian Banks' Association for negotiating salaries of

officers only up to Scale III, said Charanjit, a senior member of the Canara Bank Officers' Association. Differences in demands by banks will result in a huge cut in the funds meant for various components of the pay slip of employees, Mr Gupta said. **Dates on which bank services will be hit:**  
**December 21:** Bank officers' union strike  
**December 22:** Fourth Saturday Off  
**December 23:** Sunday Weekly Off  
**December 25:** Christmas holiday  
**December 26:** Strike by United Forum of Bank Unions

## US Defence Secretary resigns, cites differences with Trump

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US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis has resigned from his post citing policy differences with President Donald Trump. In his resignation letter sent to the President yesterday, Mr Mattis hinted at his differences with him as a reason for stepping down. Announcing that the Defence Secretary will be retiring at the end of

February next year, Mr. Trump tweeted that General Mattis was a great help in getting allies and other countries to pay their share of military obligations. The news of General Mattis' departure comes a day after Mr Trump announced all US troops would be withdrawn from Syria. Defending his decision, Trump had tweeted that the US does not want to be the policeman of the West Asia

## India, China hold first People-to-People Exchanges meeting

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External Affairs Minister Sushma and her Chinese counterpart Wang Yi will co-chair the first-ever meeting of India-China High-Level Mechanism on Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges in New

Delhi today. India and China had decided to set up people to people mechanism during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in China

## PM Modi to address annual conference of DGPs, IGPs in Gujarat

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the annual conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of

Police at Kevadia colony of Narmada district today. The venue for the conference is a Tent city set up nearer to the Statue of Unity. This police conference is

an annual event in which top police officers from all over the country share and discuss security related issues. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had inaugurated the conference yesterday. AIR correspondent reports that cross-border terrorism and attempts to radicalise youth top the agenda of the conference. Mr. Modi will also address the BJP women workers and leaders meet tomorrow at Adalaj village near Gandhinagar, before leaving for Delhi.

## CBI arrests Suman Chattopadhyay in chit fund scam

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The CBI arrested senior journalist Suman Chattopadhyay in Kolkata yesterday for his alleged involvement in chit fund scam in West

Bengal. Investigations revealed that funds collected illegally by the ponzi company I-Core Group were allegedly diverted into the accounts of Chattopadhyay and the media company where he is the director.

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## Village Authority in the Hill Areas of Manipur of Manipur: A Case Study of Hmar Villages in Pherjawl District

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The new administrative changes introduced since 1947 onwards have brought about significant changes in the traditional administrative system of the Hmars and the authority structure inside it. Under the Manipur Hill People's (Administration) Regulation of 1947, all the members of the Village Authority were nominated according to the prevailing custom. However, under the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 1956, this custom was axed to a large extent. Under the Act of 1956, the chief got exemption from the election to the Village Council as he was made the ex-officio Chairman of the Village Authority. But for other members, they

are to be elected by the villagers on the basis of adult suffrage. The election of other members of the Village Authority resulted in increased significance of the other members of the Village Authority. The village chief now cannot be expected to have as much power and control over the Village Authority members as they used to have earlier over the Village Council. Another significant change brought about by the new developments is that though there is no specific provision in the Act for the discontinuation of payment of the traditional chief's share like busung, sadar, khuozui, etc., people in most of the of the Hmar villages in this District have stopped such

payment to the chief. Now-a-days all the members of the Village Authority are like unpaid servants of the Government functioning in the traditional way. They could no longer enjoy the privileges which they enjoyed earlier. Because of their weak position they are unable to perform their work effectively. This has created many problems while trying to secure proper administration, proper maintenance and utilization of the village resources. **CONCLUSION:** The Village Authorities in the Hmar villages of Pherjawl District continue to perform numerous role in the village like distribution of land for jhum cultivation, maintenance of law and

order, administration of justice, implementation of various Development Programs of the Government, etc despite changes brought about by new developments. It is the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act of 1956 which has brought certain changes in the old system. Many other Acts/Amendments have been passed from time to time by the government but due to opposition from the tribal leaders it could not be implemented. Thus, it is the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act which has brought changes in the old system. This Act provided that the chief would remain as the Ex-officio Chairman of the Village Authority but other members are not to be selected by the Chief but

to be elected by the villagers. This has reduced the power of the chief to control the other members of the Village Authority. Besides, the Chief no longer enjoy many of the privileges which he used to enjoy earlier. The members of the Village Authority are now unpaid servants in the village. The need of the hour is to revitalize the existing institution of Village Authority. For example, giving Constitutional Status and remuneration to the Village Authority like that of the Panchayati Raj Institution and Municipality would be an option. To conclude, Village Authority would be given more powers and funds which would enable them to formulate policies and programs for the welfare of the people in the village.