

# Chief Minister reviews activities of Forest & Environment and Labour & Employment Departments

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The Chief Minister has instructed the authority concerned to constitute a committee to develop an effective strategy to check rampant expansion of human habitation and encroachment on reserved forest areas in Langol hill range.

He was speaking at a review meeting of Forest and Environment Department, Loktak Development Authority (LDA) and Labour and Employment Department held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Stating that human habitation is about to reach the top of Langol hill range, N. Biren Singh asked the officials to find out an effective mechanism to check illegal encroachments on reserved forest areas.

On the other hand, the Chief Minister expressed happiness that awareness

among people of hill districts about environment protection and ecological balance has increased in the past few years. He said that call for the protection of Amur Falcon migratory birds in Tamenglong District was well responded by the local people, and it was a good sign.

The Chief Minister also instructed the officials concerned to speed up works regarding expansion of Manipur Zoological Garden. As Zoos play important part in attraction of tourists and visitors to the State, the present complex of the Manipur Zoological Garden should be upgraded expanded with the acquisition of the required land, he added.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) K. Angami and Director of Environment Director Dr. Y. Nabachandra presented

a detailed account of the activities of the Department of Forest and Environment through Powerpoint Presentations at the meeting.

Forest Department collected Rs. 984.668 lakh as revenue from April to October this year. As per the Forests Report - 2017 of the country, the total forest area of Manipur is 17418 sq. km. It means that 78.01% of the total geographical area of the State is covered with forests. The total Reserved Forest area of the State is 1467 sq. km. while protected forests area is 4171 sq. km. and Unclassed Forests area is 11780 sq. km.

Ecological parks are being constructed at different parts of the State under the aegis of the Directorate of Environment, Government of Manipur. The Directorate has submitted a Rs. 100 crore

DPR for rejuvenation of Nambul River to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The Directorate had also surveyed the present status of complexes of all the *Umang Laits* (Selvon Deities) of the State.

Loktak Development Authority (LDA) Project Director Shri L. Bhagat in his presentation said that works being taken up by LDA under State Plan of 2017-18 fiscal year include Phumdi removal, improvement of Yangoi river and improvement of drainage system in the eastern side of the lake etc. LDA is also extending support to the Bishnupur District Administration in the implementation of Loktak Livelihood Mission, a brainchild of Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh.

Deputy Labour Commissioner K. Bono presented Powerpoint

Presentation about the activities of the Labour Department. He said that the main function of the Department is to provide care, protection, welfare, social security of the working population in the State by enforcing 25 different Labour Laws and various labour welfare schemes.

The Chief Minister directed the officials concerned of the Labour and Employment Department to prepare a comprehensive report of requirement of manpower and equipment of all the ITIs of the State for seeking support from the Centre.

Chief Secretary Dr. Suresh Babu, Additional Chief Secretary (Forest & Environment/Labour & Employment) Dr. Suhel Akhtar, Principal Secretary (Finance) Rakesh Ranjan and other high ranking officials were also present at the meeting.

# Spreading Christmas Cheer In Remote Areas By Chassad Battalion



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Chassad Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a number of activities to spread happiness during Christmas in Kamjong district. Activities included sports events, medical camps, church program, assistance to orphanage and distribution of cakes and sweets to school children and vill youth. Sports items including

volleyballs, volleyball nets and footballs were presented to the children and youth as a token of friendship. It received overwhelming response from the locals as they were delighted by this gesture of Assam Rifles especially during the momentous occasion of Christmas.

Medical Camps were organised at remote villages of Grihang and Aishi, in which over 200 persons were treated by the team of doctors and paramedical staff of

Chassad Battalion. The activities were organized to extend all possible help and spread cheer to the remote villages of Kamjong district where requisite facilities and infrastructure are not available due to the remoteness of the location. The villagers appreciated the initiative taken by the Assam Rifles and expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the help extended by Chassad Battalion.

# Assam Rifles helps rehabilitate burn victim

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22 year old Soraisam Pushpa had no idea that her life would take a completely different turn in the autumn of 2015 when she fell prey to domestic violence. She found her room being put to flames due to which she suffered 70% severe burn injuries. Pushpa had a miraculous escape from the fire incident after she was rescued by neighbours and rushed to RIMS. She was admitted for almost eight months in RIMS recovering from her burn injuries. The RIMS doctors not only saved her life, but the plastic surgeons reconstructed her face almost to normal. Fearful yet confident of overcoming her woes, Pushpa fought all odds to live a dignified life and tried her hand at odd jobs



including working in a brick kiln. However, she was mocked both in her society and workplace because of her burn marks resulting in social isolation. Facing social

isolation, Pushpa lost confidence and preferred to stay indoors. Assam Rifles learnt about Pushpa's tragic story from staff of MBC church and decided to assist and help

her. It was also learnt that Pushpa had interest in embroidery and had done a course in stitching. Taking a note of the same, Tuliha Battalion under the directions of Brig Amit

Kabthiyal, SM, DIG 9 Sector Assam Rifles presented her a sewing machine on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Tuliha Battalion Headquarter. An emotional Pushpa stated, "I have received a gift for the first time since the fire incident. I am grateful to Assam Rifles and Tuliha Battalion for such a lovely gift." Pushpa wants to start her work by stitching phaneks and bed covers. By starting her tailoring work, she not only wants to earn steadily, but also wants to get her dignity back in her village. Tuliha Battalion also provided her food supplements and items of daily essentials.

Though this initiative of Assam Rifles is a small step, but it is in the right direction to help rehabilitate victims of social and domestic violence.

# Assam Rifles Organises Medical Camp At Molphibung Village

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In an endeavor to reach out to local population and render all possible help while performing its operational role in Counter Insurgency Environment, Moltuk Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the

aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a medical camp at Molphibung village which is one of the most remote areas of Manipur State on 27 Dec 2018. The medical camp was organised to provide the locals medical attention at their doorsteps and it

witnessed huge participation. A total of 62 men, 83 women and 65 children were provided medical checkup and medicines by the Regimental Medical Officer. The locals appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles in organizing the medical camp.

# Workshop on Basic Life Support held

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The Department of Periodontology, Dental College, RIMS, Imphal in association with Indian Dental Association (IDA), Manipur State Branch conducted a workshop on "Basic Life Support" on 27<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2018 at Mini Auditorium, RIMS,

Imphal. The workshop was attended by 200 Dentists from all over Manipur. The faculty of the workshop was Dr. Bishwajeet Elangbam. A mass CPR training of all the participants was the main highlight of the workshop.

Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director, RIMS, Imphal on his inaugural speech

appreciated conducting such workshops will benefit not only the Dentists but also the people of Manipur in providing emergency care in accidents. The inaugural function was attended by Prof. Praveen Reddy, Principal, Dental College, RIMS, Imphal, faculty members and students.

# Significance of the folklore should be made aware to the people: Education Minister

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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam today stated that each and every study or research should be aimed towards bringing positivity and unity in the society. He was speaking at the inauguration of 2-Day National Seminar on 'The Dynamics of Indian Folklore' in commemoration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Indian Folklore Congress (IFC).

Quoting the definition of folklore from the Souvenir released today, the Minister said that 'folklore is the treasure of knowledge and wisdom', the key to a progress society. He said that it is important that the significance of the folklore should be made widely known to the people to serve the purpose of organising the seminar. The national seminar is organized by



the Dhanamanjuri College of Arts and Dhanamanjuri University in collaboration with the Indian Folklore Congress (IFC) at Central Hall of D. M. College of Science. Thokchom Radheshyam said that life is the best school for learning and experience is the best teacher. He said that folk literature is the repository of practices, traditions, customs, and proverbs, among others passed

down from generation to generation. He said that the past defines the present, the present groom tomorrow - the future. It is therefore important to know these beliefs to be able to apply for the betterment of the present and the future. On the proposal of opening a separate Department for the study of Folklore, he said that the proposal will be considered after

discussions with the experts and officials. Highlighting the issues of folklore, President IFC, Prof. Jawaharlal Handoo said that the preservation of folklore is the need of hour. It is highly required that the folklore is preserved and the knowledge inscribed in the folklore be disseminated. He added that there is need to embrace the folklore to construct the culture and

traditions instilled in the folklore which is now slowly fading. He defined that the folklore is one's own treasure of knowledge of culture and tradition, and understanding the folklore is very much necessary to understand one's own culture and tradition.

Vice - President IFC, Prof. M. Mani Meitei said that the seminar will be able to draw the attention of the Government on demand for opening up a separate Department for the study of the Folklore. He said that the folklore is an important discipline richly available in the world with diverse genre and is yet to be explored.

Vice - Chancellor, Dhanamanjuri University, H. Deleep Singh, Principals of different colleges, Professors, Folklorist, research scholars and students attended the function.

# Tanongsak, Rituparna Das guides North Eastern Warriors to their first win in Vodafone PBL4

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Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk showed nerves of steel to get the better of Mumbai Rockets trump, Anders Antonsen, in three games to help North Eastern Warriors their first win in the fourth edition of Vodafone Premier Badminton League at the Gachibowli stadium here on Thursday.

The North Eastern Warriors, who had lost their opening tie against Ahmedabad Smash Masters 1-4, needed a win to get their campaign on track and it was the mixed doubles combination of Liao Min Chun and Kim Ha Na which got them rolling. Liao and Kim gave little opportunity to Kim Gi Jung and Pia Zebadiah of putting up a fight with a perfect game plan to win 15-

6,15-13. This meant that a lot depended on whether Tanongsak could upset Rockets' trump to put his team on the road to victory. The Thailand shuttler began strong and used his smash-tap routine to great effect against Antonsen to clinch the opening game. However, the Dane changed tactics in the second and engaged his opponent in longer rallies and forced the left-handed Tanongsak into committing unforced errors and force a decider.

Antonsen looked more comfortable in the first half of the third game and changed ends with a one-point advantage. But this is when Tanongsak managed to change gear and found a way to break the Dane's defence to win 15-9, 10-15, 15-11.

Former national champion

Rituparna Das then wrapped up the tie for North Eastern Warriors but not before Shreyanshi Pardeshi giving her a scare. Das, who had upset Kristy Gilmour in their earlier encounter, was listed as the team trump and knew that she had to clinch the match to end any chance of a Rockets fightback.

Though she started strong, Pardeshi fought back well, chasing every shuttle and forcing Das to go for some expansive shots to find a winner and pocketed the opening game.

But the experience of Das made the difference from the second game onward, as the 22-year-old used her supple wrists and better understanding of the conditions to win the match 12-15, 15-10, 15-12 and give her team an unassailable 4-(-1) lead in the tie.