

## 33rd SASA Sports Meet-2018 begins at Larong

**Chandel, Feb. 3:** The much awaited Sulam Area Sporting Association 33rd Sports Meet-2018 was opened with a bang by Lhukhosei Zou Chairman ADC Chandel at Larong Khullen Public ground in Chandel District on 3rd February, 2018, in the presence of a 1000 strong audience comprising of clubs, sports officials, sports lovers and residents of the neighbourhood. The Chief Guest of the 33rd Sports Meet-2018, Lhukhosei Zou also hoisted the flag of SASA. Th.Joy Lamkang Vice-Chairman ADC Chandel, Ts.Willingson Executive Member PHED ADC Chandel, Nula Wangam Member ADC Chandel, D.Kawar Special Contractor and Ss. Mohring Ex.ADC Member Chandel, were the other dignitaries who graced and spoke the big day of SASA as Guests of Honour, while Ts.Kanlun Anal Executive Member Agri & Horticulture ADC Chandel warmed the event as Function President. To add to the solemnity and festivity of the auspicious occasion, a cultural programme of Larong Cultural Troops were Present in. The SASA Meet kick-off involving 12 teams will begin tomorrow, the 4th Feb, 2018. The edgy spectators are itching to see the first goal netted.

## Global shapers

Global Shapers Community Imphal Hub is organising a three days youth festival 'Imphal Jamboree' for at the trade and expo center, Lamboikhongnangkhong from 3rd Feb to 6th Feb'18 at 10 am. Sonam Wangchuk, the engineer, innovator and education reformist, founding director of the Ladakh (SEC MOL), is attending as a key speaker

# NAB, Police intensifies drives against psychotropic substances; drugs, heroin and illegal vehicles and gun recovered from Lilong area

## IT News

**Imphal, Feb 3:** In response to the Chief Minister's called for fight against drugs and illegal activities in the state, state police and Narcotic and Border Affairs (NAB) have intensified drive against drugs at various places of the state. In a joint drive led by K. Meghachandra, SP Thoubal district, Shinghajiit, SP Kakching and W. Babu Singh SP, NAB, conducted at Lilong Leishakhong, Lilong haoreibi Awang Leikai and Lilong Yangbi Leikai from around 4.30 am to 9.30 am today, the team recovered 77 Codeine Bottles (psychotropic drugs) from the possession of a person

identified as Md. Sheikh Safir Ahmad, a resident of Lilong Leihakhong. On further search operation by the combine team, 2 grams of heroin powders along with one Barrel Gun were also recovered from the possession of another person whose name is yet to be identified. Surprisingly the joint team also intercepted 3 four wheelers and 8 two wheelers vehicles which do not have proper valid documents from the area. All the seized vehicles and the drugs along with those persons arrested were paraded before media today at

Lilong Police Station.

Talking to reporters, W. Basu, SP NAB said that the anti drug drive was successful due to support and cooperation by the All Lilong Anti Drug Drive Association. He said the police along with the NAB intensified the drive against drug as the present government led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had openly declare to make the state free from drugs. 2 separate cases has been registered with the Lilong police station in connection with today's seizures, he added and assured to continue such drive at various places of the state.



## Nemcha Kipgen launches Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana in Manipur

## DIPR

**Imphal, Feb.3:** Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen today launched the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), a maternity benefits scheme for all Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers (PW&LM), through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) at the Office Chamber of the Minister at New Secretariat, Babupara. It is a centrally sponsored scheme with 10 percent state share. The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for this scheme will be operational through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS), a web-based online software application developed and implemented by the Office of Controller General of Accounts (CGA). With an aim to timely transfer of benefit to the citizen by bringing efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability in the Government system, Minister Nemcha informed that as the scheme are launched through DBT, it will directly reach the right beneficiaries through individual's bank accounts electronically, tiers involved in



fund flow will be minimised, delay in payment of fund to the beneficiaries will be reduced and will also curb fund misappropriation and duplication. She further stated that the eligible beneficiaries under PMMVY programme get a total amount of Rs. 5,000 in three instalments- Rs. 1000 will be received in the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment after first anti natal check-up when pregnancy is registered, Rs. 2000 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment at the last trimester and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment, Rs. 2000 will be

received after 1<sup>st</sup> immunisation. The PMMVY programme is restricted to only the first born child per woman. In case of miscarriage/ till birth, the beneficiary would be eligible to claim the remaining instalment (s) in event of any future pregnancy. The scheme excludes to any woman in regular employment with the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force, Nemcha added.

## Minister Letpao Haokip provide relief materials

**Imphal, Feb. 3:** Minister (IFCD & YAS) Letpao Haokip today visited Ms. Manggaiching w/o (L) Lam En Thang of Sugu Zoveng whose house was gutted in an unfortunate incident on the midnight of February 1, 2018. The minister handed over relief materials consisting of 3 bags of rice, 1 bag each of potato and dal, 1 water container, Blankets and

utensils to the victims family. Letpao empathetically stated that the victim will be compensated from Disaster Management fund of the district and one housing scheme from PMAY-G. The minister was accompanied by DC, Chandel, Krishna Kumar, SDO Khengjoi, N. Shokhongam Baite, SDO, Chakpikarong, David Rangkung and SDPO, Sugu, Romendro.

## 7-Days crafts exhibition of border villages of Manipur

## DIPR

**Imphal, Feb. 3:** Directorate of Handlooms & Textiles is inviting applications on plain paper from interested Craftsperson of the Border villages located in the outlying border of Manipur to participate in the 7-Days Crafts Exhibition of Border Villages of Manipur from 13-19 March, 2018. In a press release issued by Director, Handloom & Textiles, Government of Manipur says that the Exhibition to be held

at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi, Imphal East, Manipur, is organise under the aegis of Manipur Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation (MHDC) Limited. Participants will be provided free Stall, TA and free Accommodation with maximum participants per stall. The stalls will be allotted on first come first serve basis and the last date of submission of application is February 20, 2018.

# Governor speech on the first day of the 4th Session of 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly

**Imphal, Feb 3:** Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla highlighted achievements and issues of the State administration on the first day of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Eleventh Manipur Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Najma Heptulla said that the vibrant diversity and proud traditions of the State inspires all, to continuously work towards a shared vision of collective prosperity and inclusive development for the people of Manipur. Continuous efforts are made to remove the emotional and developmental gaps between various communities of the state.

She stated that the Government is committed for an all-round, inclusive and harmonious development in the State. Aiming towards a citizen-centric and corruption-free administration, "Meeyamgi Numit" and "Hill Leaders' Day" were introduced to carry out regular and structured interaction with the public. In the same spirit of transparency and good governance, "The Vigilance Department" has been reorganized as "Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department" to tackle corruption cases and Anti-Corruption Cell set up to monitor and track such cases, she added. Stating improvement in the law and order situation and

security environment of the whole State, she said that the State has been bandh and blockade free since the new government assumed office. Security along the border areas, especially Moreh and Behang has been strengthened and Special Forces deployed in the border areas to curb cross border movement of insurgent groups and illegal migration from across the border.

The Governor also said that the government has kept its door open for negotiation with insurgency groups to bring them back into the mainstream. About 75 (seventy-five) cadres of different insurgent groups surrendered this year and the allowances of the surrendered militants will be enhanced to help in their rehabilitation.

In her address, the Governor stated that the govt. is giving strong emphasis for development of people in hill areas. Construction of Women Markets at Ukhrul, Chandel, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, Senapati, Kangpokpi and Jiribam has been launched which will be completed soon. Efforts are also on to provide accommodation to doctors and teachers posted in the remote hill areas. During the year, seventy seven thousand (77,000) pre

and post matric scholarships were provided to tribal students. Construction of 5 (five) 100 bedded OBC hostels is going on with additional two Eklavya Model Residential Schools at Kamjong and Churachandpur being taken up for tribal students. Construction of ST boys and Girls Hostel has also been taken up in Noney, Chandel and Ukhrul.

The Governor further stated that the government has specially launched "Chief Minister's Laiyeng Shen" - a health programme for widows where Rs. 15,000/- each will be given to selected beneficiaries. Remedial coaching programme - "Chief Minister's Lairik Yengminnasi" for minority students for English, Maths and Science is also being implemented.

The Governor also stated that the Govt. has enacted legislation to regulate the establishment and management of private schools and private coaching centres. Three Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas at Poi in Ukhrul; Langol in Chandel and New Mandau in Tamenglong to High Schools were recently upgraded and will develop Model schools in 5 districts at a cost of Rupees twenty crore each in the coming years. To ensure 24x7 electricity supply, 4 (four) new 132/

33kV sub-stations at Thoubal, Elangkhampokpi, Chandel and Hundung and seven (7) new 33/11kV sub-stations at Hengle, Oinamlong, Ukhrul Khunja, Gelnel, Chakpikarong, Phungyar and Mao were commissioned and dedicated to the people. In addition, 3 (three) 132/33kV sub-stations at Thanlon, Moreh and Tipaimukh and 3 (three) 33/11kV sub-stations at Kasom-Khullen, Nungbi-Khullen, and Mayangkhang will be completed soon. Work has begun to upgrade Substation at Imphal and for extending the 400 kV D/C line from Silchar. 23 number of 33/11 kV stations will be installed at various locations in the next year to strengthen the transmission system.

The Govt. is focused towards development of orchard farms in hill districts and setting up of one cold storage in each district head quarter. Five (5) Rural Markets and two (2) Integrated Pack Houses at Khongampat, Wabagai, Pangaltabi, Kwasiphai, Nambol and Kangmang were constructed. Efforts are also being made under "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region" to popularise the "Chak-hao" in the national and international markets.

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