

Phed Minister kicks off The 1st Conference Cum Sports Meet

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Senapati, Jan. 9: L. Dikho, Minister PHED, Printing and Stationery kicked off the 1st Sports Week of Khongdei Circle Youth and Students' Organisation at Khongdei Khuman village. The Sports cum Conference shall continue till 11 January. M.L. Markson, Chairman, R.K. Thotrei, EM, Maikho Alex, MDC and P. Veini, MDC of ADC's Senapati were the Guest of honour of the function.

Speaking at the Chief Guest's Address, Shri L. Dikho stated, Sports is a good avenue for leadership development of the youth. He further appealed the upcoming youths of the area to work hard and compete the contemporaries. He also exhorted the youth to specialize in the particular discipline of sport according to one's trait and talent. He assured to sponsor financial support upto 5 UPSC aspirant for a year from the Khongdei Circle.

10 unit villages participated in the Conference cum Sports' week.

Hill leaders' day, Meeyamgi Numit helpful in understanding people's woes: CM

IT News

Imphal, Jan. 10: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that he has been able to identify the actual grievances of the masses and understand their wishes through his constant interactions with different sections of the public on Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyamgi Numit.

This has helped the Government in resolving the problems faced by the people and fulfil their needs up to a large extent, he added.

The Chief Minister was speaking to media persons on the sideline of the first Hill Leaders' Day of this year at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Formulation of different social security schemes and its subsequent implementation were also the outcomes of these two days, he said, while informing the media persons that the Government had extended help to many differently-abled persons, widows, helpless patients, elderly persons, educated youths, poor and needy people, who came to meet him on these two days.

Stating that Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyamgi Numit had reduced the gap between the people and the Government, N. Biren vowed to continue meeting the public on these two days this year as well.

Regarding the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra



Modi in March this year, the Chief Minister said that though official confirmation is yet to be received, Prime Minister's visit to the State is almost certain as the BJP-led State Government's first anniversary celebration falls on March 15.

Modi would also open the 105th Indian Science Congress which will begin from March 16, the Chief Minister said, while adding that the Prime Minister is also likely to inaugurate mega projects like Thoubal Dam, Dolaitabi Project, Civil Secretariat Complex and Women's Markets of hill districts apart from laying the foundation stone of National Sports University during his visit.

Responding to a query, the Chief Minister said that the State Budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 would give thrust to key areas like employment through skill development, connectivity (including internet and media, road, railways and air services), education, health, fisheries, agriculture and horticulture etc.

N. Biren further said that a joint meeting of all the Government Departments regarding the upcoming State Budget had already been conducted a few days back. He also said that the State Government had also taken up special measures to submit utilization certificates (UCs) on time and remove the problem

of last minute rush at financial year end.

Stating that the State would have its own helicopter soon, the Chief Minister informed that it would be procured under 85:25 cost sharing with the Union Home Ministry.

On the first Hill Leaders' Day of the year today, the Chief Minister looked into 180 complaints and met around 600 people.

N. Biren Singh expressed pleasure that number of differently-abled persons, patients and helpless elderly persons, who came to meet him on Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyamgi Numit, had come down considerably with the introduction of special social security schemes for them.

Today as well, after hearing the grievances of a group of organic farmers from Singda, the Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to do the needful to construct a market shed at the village as soon as possible.

On the other hand, acting on a request of orange growers from a village in Ukhrul district, the Chief Minister also instructed the officials of Horticulture Department to conduct spot visit to take up steps for large scale orange production and detect possible plant diseases.

One Day Awareness Programme on POCSCO Act and JJ Act

IT News

Thoubal, Jan. 10: The Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) today organized a one day block level awareness programme on POCSCO Act, JJ Act and RTE Act at Sugnu Makha Leikai Community hall in Kakching District.

Sunitibala Ningthoujam Chairperson Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR), M.Nanao Councillor Sugnu Municipal Council Ward no.2, Kh. Rajlakshmi Member MCPCR, Athokpam Romendro SDPO Sugnu Police Station and Social Worker Kh. Sarat graced the program as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively.

Programme officer of MCPCR Sumel Yumnam, Members of MCPCR Gabriela Golmei, K. Predip Kumar, Ch. Nabachandra and Montu Abanthen attended as the resource person of the Technical Session.

Topics like "Overview on POCSCO Act", "Role of media in the implementation of child rights acts and law", "Overview on JJ Act", "Roles and responsibilities of MCPCR" and "overview on RTE Act" were deliberated by the resource person.

The programme was participated by club members, women and students of Sugnu areas.

Sarita elected women boxers' representative in BFI EC



Source PTI

New Delhi, Jan 10: Former world and Asian champion L. Sarita Devi was today elected representative of women boxers in the national federation's Executive Council.

Sarita, who won a bronze medal at the Asian Championships last year, was voted in by 22 of the 31 team captains at the election conducted during the ongoing National Championships in Rohtak. She beat Railways Sports Promotion Board's Seema Punia, the lone candidate up against her in the polls.

"I would be aiming to raise the problems faced by women boxers because I have practical experience of how

things work," the Manipuri, who is a four-time Asian champion, told PTI.

"I decided to contest the polls two days ago because as a senior boxer, I thought it is important that I give voice to girls and their issues," she added.

Sarita joins former Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Manoj Kumar as a boxers' representative in the executive council. Manoj was elected to the position in 2016 during the national championships in Guwahati.

"I am thankful to the fellow boxers who have voted for me and I would try to ensure that their issues are addressed in the best way possible," she said.

KVK Thoubal Scientific Advisory Committee meeting held

IT News

Thoubal, Jan. 10: The 13th Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of KVK Thoubal was organized at Conference hall of KVK Thoubal today under the Chairmanship of Director of Agriculture, Manipur.

Ph. Rajendra Singh Director Agriculture, Dr. Arunkumar Principal Scientist ATARI Umiam, Dr. Meghachandra Singh Joint Director I/c ICAR Lamphel, Khaidem Mohendra Singh Adl. Director Dept. of Agriculture/Sr. Scientist and Head KVK Thoubal grace the function as Presidium Members respectively.

Sr. Scientist & Head of

Bishnupur, Imphal West, Imphal East District and Officials of various departments of the district including Horticulture, Agriculture, Sericulture, fisheries, veterinary, industry, Social Welfare and Representative from Male & Female Farmers also attended the meeting.

The programme started with the welcome address and followed by action taken report based on the recommendation of the last SAC meeting.

The meeting deliberated on various plans and actions to be taken up by the KVK in the district.

JNU student missing

Source PTI

New Delhi, Jan 10: A 26-year-old student, pursuing PhD at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) here, has gone missing from the campus, the police said.

Mukul Jain, enrolled in Life Sciences course, has been missing since January 8, they said.

A missing report was registered in the evening of January 8. It is suspected that he was having some problems in his relationship, said a senior police officer from the South-west District.

Till now, no foul play has been suspected, they added.

Najeeb Ahmed, also a JNU student, went missing from the Mahi-Mandvi hostel of the university on October 15, 2016 following a scuffle with some other students, allegedly affiliated to the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the previous night.

Over a month after the incident, his mother moved the Delhi High Court, seeking directions to the police to trace her son.

The high court on May 16 last year handed over to the CBI the investigation into the disappearance of Najeeb, a student of M.Sc in Biotechnology.

Drying up of Yongchak hits farmers

Senapati, Jan 10: Drying up of Yongchak (Tree beans) on a large scale at Ngamju and neighbouring villages in Senapati has worried hundreds of farmers.

Yongchak farmers told The Herald Today that premature death of tree beans has been happening since 2010 and getting worst since 2014 creating fear among farmers and loss of family income. T. Shangpo from Ngamju village pointed out that Yongchak, a cash crop has now become the main source of family income. With suitable climatic condition and fertility of land, Yongchak from Ngamju are healthier with better taste and has high market demand at Imphal, Kachai in Ukhrul and Senapati. Almost all the villagers now grow not less than 30 to 40 Yongchak trees as it helps them support their children's education and meet other daily requirements.

He further said he has planted about 500 trees and expecting a good harvest this year valuing not less than Rs. Lakhs. However, 70 percent of fruits bearing trees have already dried up. Beside, other farmers doing Yongchak plantation on a large scale have also been badly affected, he said. On being asked whether the villagers are getting any support from the government on Yongchak plantation, K.V. Longni, a retired Govt teacher and Yongchak farmer,

said villagers took up plantation, without any assistance from Government, be it supply of saplings, training or financial help.

He also said that trees started drying up from the top with leaves turning yellow during flowering season from the month of September till December when fruits are too young to be reaped. Villagers couldn't ascertain the cause of death of trees. As every household cultivates Yongchak, the villagers have decided to organise Yongchak festival in the near

future but failed due to wide-spread withering of trees, he lamented.

He therefore wished the concerned department take up a proper survey and find out the cause of withering of Yongchak tree and assist the villagers for a sustainable livelihood through Yongchak.

Robinson, another farmer also shared how Yongchak sale has made some farmers rich apart from supporting their children's education and family basic needs. As climatic condition is suitable

at Ngamju, Yongchak trees bear plenty of fruits. 5 years ago, L. Paul has bought a plot of land at Senapati District Headquarter with the money he got from sale of fruits from two big trees planted in front of his house. While, D. Lah has also bought another plot of land at Senapati town with the help of four fruits bearing trees yielding him Rs. 80,000 some years back, Robinson added.

Ngamju village with 346 households under Purl Block is 64 Kms away from Senapati District headquarter.

Awareness on protection of Wild Life held

IT news

Imphal, Jan. 10: A one day awareness workshop on the topic "Manipur police on conservation of Sangai (Rucervus Eldi Eldi) in Manipur" was held at the 1st IB guest house hall at Keibul Lamjao National Park today.

The programme was jointly organised by Wild Life District of India and Manipur Forest Department. Around 30 prominent personnel of Keibul Lamjao Police Station attended the workshop.

Nirmala Chanu, ACF (Park and sanctuary), P. Sanker, DSP and W. Ibomcha OC Keibul Lamjao PS were the chief guest, guest of honour respectively at the function.

Resource persons at the workshop namely Dr. Chongloi Tuboi, p r o j e c t



Scientist of WII and Nirmala Chanu used slide shows and other props to explain to the participant the peril of wild life, particularly Sangai which inhabitate at Keibul Lamjao and also the threat posed on wild life from humans.

Nirmala Chanu said police personnel had been

contributing in the conservation of wild life in addition to the effort of staff forest department. The personal of Keibul Lamjao PS which is located in the vicinity of the national park is playing a big part in the conservation of wild life in an around the park.