

AR seizes WY Tablets



IT News

Imphal, Jan 8: 12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) recovered 4000 numbers of WY worth Rs. 20 lakhs. On 05 Jan 2018 based on specific information at around 1445 hours one Silver coloured Maruti Van bearing Regd No ML 05J 3551 moving from Moreh to Imphal was stopped for checking at PVCP, Khudengthabi. During checking of vehicle and the Individual 4000 numbers of WY tablets were recovered. The individual is identified as Md Abas Khan, aged 25 years s/o Md Raasan, r/o Samburkhong, Lilong, Thoubal District. Recovered items alongwith apprehendee handed over to Moreh Police Station.

CSOs of Nagaland demands settlement of NSCN –IM issue before state assembly election

Kohima, Jan 8: When source with the Election Commission of India says that the election scheduled for Nagaland along with Tripura and Meghalaya is likely to be announced on January 12, various civil society organizations in Nagaland want settlement of the NSCN-IM issue before the election. In a separate appeals and representations to the

including the Nagaland Tribes Council, Gaon Bura Federation of Nagaland, Central Nagaland Tribes Council, Rengma Hoho and ACAUT have unanimously called for a solution and settlement to the Indo Naga political issue before conducting elections in the State. In a separate appeals and representations to the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the civil societies called for the deferment of polls in favour of a political solution saying that an election in the state at this juncture would jeopardize the ongoing Naga political talks. While ACAUT has demanded for President's Rule in lieu of election, the GB Federation has warned that Elections at

this point in time would bring negative elements which will disrupt the political decorum including the present peace process. Meanwhile Rengma Hoho has appealed to all the tribal Hohos and Naga civil societies, including the religious organizations to come out openly demanding for solution before election.

Students stage protest demanding justice to Pravish Chanam

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Thoubal, Jan.8: Students of various schools located at Khangabok area today form human chain at the road side of NH-102 demanding justice for Pravish Chanam who was found death in a suspicious manner at Noida after he was found missing in September 8 last year. Chanam was cremated without informing the family members even though a missing report had been filed at Noida Police station and relatives and friends were searching his whereabouts. Khangabok Development & Students Union (KDasU), Khangabok and People Action for Social Change jointly organized today's protest.



Secretary of KDSU Kiran, while terming the incident as unfortunate said that the protest is being staged to deliver justice to the deceased 22 years old student who is

suspected to have been killed in connection with organ transplantation. While demanding to hand over the

case to CBI, Kiran urged the Chief Minister of Manipur to understand the sentiments of the people of the state.

Prog. on Gender and Criminal Justice System Reform

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Imphal, Jan 8: A one day Sensitization program on Gender and Criminal Justice System Reform was held at Kongpal Iranpham Community Hall, Imphal East on 7th January 2018. The Program was jointly organised by Oriental Youth Organisation Kongpal, Women Action for Development and United NGO's Mission Manipur Imphal East, where more than 150 participants were attended. Latmayum Sevananda Advocate Guhati High Court one of the resource person said that the cases of crime against women and Children is increasing day by day but Justice delivery System to the victim is low. For speedy justice of the victims the role of police is very important in our society he added. Sevananda further said that the general people (Public) should know the role of police and support the police during investigation for speedy justice of the victim. Radhapiyari Convenor, Women Committee United NGO's Mission, Manipur Imphal west also delivered speech on Protection of Women from Domestic violence act. She expressed that early marriage is one of the root cause of domestic Violence in the State as per her experience she added. Sobita Mangsatbam Secretary Women Action for Development & Convenor Women Committee United NGO's Mission Manipur lamented that everyone has

experience the cases of crime against women and Children through local newspaper and radio in every nook and corner of the state. The case of rape, rape and murder is becoming one of the burning issues in the state. She further said that 57 women lost their precious lives in the year 2017. It is need of the hour to take ownership of the issue by the local bodies specially the Youth club, Panchayat, Meira paibi etc to prevent crime against women and children in the state.

Khetrimayum Janama Singh Retired S.P.Govt of Manipur, Khetrimayum Tama Devi, Zilla Parishad Top Naoria, M. Dinachandra, Pradhan Top Naoria, Th. Surchandra President Oriental Youth Organisation, Mr. Mangsatbam RadhaKanta ward Member Top Naoria, Shri. Mukta Rajkumari, Pradhan, Khurai Khaidem Leikai (GP) and Pangambam Asita ward Member, Top Naoria respectively participated as presidium members.

Rhizome Festival to preserve medicinal plant at Tekcham

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Thoubal, Jan.8: With a mission to save the 'Rhizome'- an endangered medicinal plant available in the state, the Rural Auxiliary For People's Action (RAPA), Landing in association with the Directorate of AYUSH Manipur is organizing the first Rhizome festival from January 17 to January 19 at Ningtam Ingkhol located at Tekcham Maning Ching in Thoubal district. The festival is being sponsored by the Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation. Even as the name of the festival is Rhizome festival, the organizers main aim to

organized the festival is to protect and preserved the various indigenous medicinal plants of various variety available in the state. This was stated by the Secretary of RAPA, Laishram Subhashchandra while speaking to media persons at Ningtam Ingkhol, the location where the festival is set to organized.

"Entry will be free, and various stalls will be open to showcase the indigenous plants which have medicinal values", said Sabashchandra. The organizers are also planning cultural programme during the festival to attract visitors.

Radheshyam distributed labour cards and opened the tailoring and cutting training centre at Heirok

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Thoubal, Jan. 8: Labour and Employment Minister Thokchom Radheshyam, distributed Labour Cards to the registered labours at Heirok Higher Secondary School, Heirok and also opened the Four Months Tailoring and Cutting Training Centre at Salungpham Kangyambem Panchayat Ghar on Sunday. Highlighting the idea on the opening of the Four Months Tailoring and Cutting Training Centre, the Minister said that the training is provided so that the women folk could become financially independent. In Manipur there are about eight to nine lakhs students only in government school and requires at least two - two pants and shirt which is being imported from outside the

state. Once the training of the tailoring and cutting training centre is completed then these school uniforms can be made by the women who are part of this class. If this project becomes reality, he said an employee would be able to earn minimum eight to ten thousand per month, he

added. The women being selected for training belongs to the family living under below poverty line whose spouses hold the labour cards. He explained the training programme is being organised targeting those who are willing to work but does not have regular job, a proper work shed and

financial support. While distributing the labour cards, the Minister highlighted the benefits that a labourer could obtain through the card. The labour card holders can take the advantage in terms of providing education to their children, monetary help in terms of illness and in time of demise. He said money will be deposited in phase wise to the respective accounts that are entitled for such benefit. Later Th. Radheshyam Inaugurated two waiting sheds at Bengi and another at Langmeithet Langjing Leirak which are constructed under MLA Local Area Development Fund in the presence of the locals. The labour cards were also distributed at the Ukhangshang Mamang Leikai.



SC to reconsider, review Section 377 of IPC which is used to de-criminalize homosexuality

Agency

New Delhi, Jan 8: The Supreme Court has decided to reconsider the constitutional validity of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code today. Section 377 is used to de-criminalize homosexuality. Three-judge bench of Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra and comprising of Justice AM Khanwilkar and Justice DY Chandrachud decided to re-examine the top court's earlier order upholding section 377 of the Indian Penal Code. "Our earlier order needs to be reconsidered," said Justice Misra on Monday.

The petition in the present case was moved by five people who belong to the gay community, agency report says. They have argued that they are affected by the judgment and since the Supreme Court has itself declared the Right to Privacy a Fundamental Right, they cannot be denied their right to sexual privacy. They said that they live in fear of the police because of their natural sexual preferences. The petitioners also argued that most nations have decriminalised homosexuality and India should not lag behind on the issue.

The petition requires the Supreme Court to reconsider

its 2013 judgment in *Suresh Kumar Kaushal versus Naz Foundation* which upheld the legalities of Section 377. The judgment had struck down the Delhi High Court judgment de-criminalising homosexuality. The court said that the confines of law cannot trample on right to life and liberty, people who exercise their choice should not live in fear, according to NDTV. While referring the matter to a larger bench the court observed "what is natural to one may not be natural to others". The court has also asked the Centre for its stance on the issue. This makes matters interesting as none of the political parties have stuck their head out on homosexuality, said CNN-News18. The right-wing BJP will now have to make clear its stance on the issue.

Further, since a law has been challenged in the present case, the court said that it would be appropriate to form a constitution bench to look into the matter, according to CNN-News18. It is expected that the matter will be heard along with the curative petitions in the Naz Foundation case and the case should come up for hearing after four weeks, though a concrete date has not yet been decided.

DAMMS releases calendar

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Imphal, Jan 8: Delhi Association of Manipuri Muslim students lunched the DAMMS calendar of 2018 as a tribute to Janab (L.) Alimuddin, the first chief minister and visionary leader of Manipur state, for his remarkable contribution towards the development of Manipur. The launch event was presided by the President of DAMMS, Ch. Kheiruddin Shah, and SM Farooque Abdullah And Syed Wakimul Ali as chief guest and Guest of honor respectively in the presence of seniors, students and well wishers of DAMMS from across the Delhi at DU park, North campus Delhi University. Featuring the visionary work

of the late Alimuddin, the President, in his speech draw the attention from all the stakeholders of Manipuri society to acknowledge the developmental initiative taken up by this departed leader. He also request to all Manipuris to have a copy of the said calendar to appraise the leader as well as a warm support for DAMMS. He further thanks all the sponsors for their contribution in the publication of this calendar. With special note of thanks and appreciation to all the attendees for making this program successful, he signed off his speech.

The program was followed by a group discussion on the themes of the calendar. And program was timely sign off with Dua.

SSB personnel open fire, 1 killed

PTI

Mahrajganj (UP), Jan 8: Aman was killed after being shot at by SSB personnel in Nautanwa along the Indo-Nepal border here, police said today. The incident took place yesterday evening when SSB personnel saw one Kamlesh coming from Nepal side and stopped him leading to arguments with him and locals, who came out in his support.

Soon after a jawan opened fire injuring him, Deputy Commandant, SSB, Dileep Kumar Jha said, adding he was rushed to a hospital, where he died during treatment. The nationality of Kamlesh was not immediately clear. Three SSB personnel were also injured in the clash with villagers, Jha said. A heavy police force has been deployed in the area.