

Kargil Vijay Diwas: Building unity is the principle of the government: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the ideology of the present government is to build unity among various communities and to fight collectively against any evil. This was stated by him at the 'Observance of Kargil Vijay Diwas' held at Banquet Hall of 1st Manipur Rifles Battalion, Imphal today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that all the communities living in the State viz. Naga, Kuki, Meitei, Meitei Pangal etc. should show the oneness to protect the territory and integrity of the State as they have done in the past. He mentioned that a delegation team led by him had urged the Centre not to disintegrate Manipur which have been a home for various communities since time immemorial. He also cautioned that there are certain people who are trying to hurt the sentiments of other communities living in the State.

Chief Minister mentioned that recently, in the All Political Parties Meeting, it was unanimously resolved that a special Assembly Session, if required, would be convened



anytime to protect the unity and integrity of the State. At such times, he asked the people to refrain from taking political advantage over the issue. He highlighted that there are scores of people who are still struggling to live a life in the State. He said that it is our bounden duty to think about the welfare and development of those people. We must think on how bands or general strikes affect a poor family living in the State. Let us try to uplift the lives of the people at grassroots, he added. He appealed the people of the State to give a chance to the present government to serve the State to bring an inclusive development in the State.

Mentioning about various discontents of the people, Chief Minister said that the State government had tried its level best to find an amicable solution of an issue at the earliest. However, if the situation is beyond the State's purview, the State government is pressuring the Centre to fix the problems. So we shouldn't harass the public in order to get some demand. Chief Minister stated that the demand of the MUTA and MUSU is genuine. The State government has conveyed their demands to the Centre and to take up proper action over the issue so that academic atmosphere can be restored, he added. He believed that a positive outcome would surely be

there at the earliest. Speaking about the potential of the educated youths of the State, Chief Minister said that the State government has already started 'Start-Up' Policy to encourage the entrepreneurship skills of the youths in the State. In the "Go to Village" mission, out of 2007 villages of the State, above 800 villages have been covered in such a short period. The GTV has been able to deliver various government services at the doorsteps of the people, he added.

On the occasion, Chief Minister spoke elaborately on the essence and relevance of observing the Kargil Vijay Diwas in the country. He mentioned that the Kargil War had shown the world that Pakistan had illegally invaded the soil of India. On the occasion, he recalled those Manipur born soldiers who laid their lives for the country in the Kargil War. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Jyokumar Singh, Minister for CAF&PD Karam Shyam, Minister for Tribal Affairs and Hills N. Kayasii, Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP and other top civil and police officials attended the function.

District Administration, Senapati also observed Kargil Vijay Diwas at DRDA Conference hall, Senapati today. Deputy Commissioner along with SDOs and DLOs and office staffs pay homage

to the martyrs of Kargil War. While speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Senapati Shri Kh. Lalmani Singh said that the Kargil Vijay Diwas is a day set aside not only to pay homage to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the Country during the Kargil War but also to reaffirm our patriotism and our loyalty to protect and defend the country.

SDO Paomata, Shri Adahrii Maheo said that the Day is important for all of us as citizens of the country. Kargil was is not only the fight to protect our country against enemies but also a fight for the idea of the country, i.e. India- that no one can intrude and destroy the sanctity and unity of the country irrespective of caste, creed, religion and states. It was called Operation Vijay and hence the name Kargil Vijay Diwas. SDO further stated that we should remember this victory that if we are united as a country, we can accomplish anything. And it is our pride and honour and privilege to be able to pay homage to the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country and us.

The programme ended with a candle lit vigil and minute of silence being observed in memory of the martyred soldiers in the Kargil war. District Administration, Chandel also observed the today at DRDA Hall, Chandel to pay homage to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country in Kargil War 1999. SP, Chandel Shri Kamei Angam Romanus, CO 8th MR Shri S. Somorjit Singh, ADC/ADM, Chandel Dr. A. Chinglenkhomba Meitei and CEO, ADC Chandel Ms. DY Julie Anal graced the observance.

170426 schools receive approval for self defence training for girl students (Classes IX to XII) during last 3 years

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The Government has been promoting self defence training to girls under the erstwhile centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). Self-defence training is imparted to enhance safety and security of girls inside and outside of the school and to inculcate confidence amongst girls to deal with any emergency situation. The Central Government has launched an integrated scheme, for school education named as Samagra Shiksha w.e.f 2018-19, which subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored schemes of school education i.e Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education (CSSTE). Under Samagra Shiksha scheme there is provision for self defence training for girls @ Rs. 9000 per school for schools having girls students in classes VI to XII.

Mysterious disease kills cattle in Senapati district



Courtesy: The Herald Today
Senapati, July 26,

Around 19 cattle have died of a mysterious disease at Thingba Khunou village, Senapati Dist Manipur on July 26, said reliable source. The death of the cattle in Mysterious way came to light when owners went to take them out for grazing from a

place where cattle are kept in the morning. They saw some cattle lying dead and found the disease is quickly spreading among cattle in the village.

Source said villagers need immediate intervention of concerned department before spreading further that may cause huge lost to poor farmers.

JEE (Main) and NEET exam to be conducted twice a year

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In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2017-18, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 10.11.2017 approved creation of National Testing Agency (NTA) as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization to conduct entrance examinations for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). NTA will conduct, *inter-alia*, JEE (MAIN) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-UG twice a year in order to give adequate opportunity to candidates to bring out their best.

All the entrance examinations will be computer based, for which a network of test practice centres, especially for the aspirants from rural areas will be established so that they have ample opportunity to acquaint themselves with the computer based tests.

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NSUC expresses shock to the condition of Chandel district Hospital

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Naga Students' Union Chandel (NSUC) has expressed shocked and anguish over the dilapidated condition of newly constructed district hospital Chandel.

In a statement the Union said that the roof top of the hospital in a pathetic condition that water leaks to the patients wards below resulting flooding of the wards.

"The toilet and bathrooms are unusable because of absence of proper drainage", the statement said adding that in many places of the building,

cracks and peeling are noticed due to lack of quality maintenance during construction.

The Union questions on how the contractor of the building got away with such below par construction.

The district hospital was inaugurated by the Chief Minister this year with high expectations to deliver best facilities, but on seeing the present condition of the hospital building the people are disappointed. The Union condemned the concerned authority for failure and laxity attitude to monitor the building to its pinnacle completion

TB patient's platform launched

By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, July 26,

With an aim to track and monitor tuberculosis patients in real time, a technology platform supported through a software interface for health administrators, medical officers and health workers named Swasthya was launched by the State health department. Launching the project, the director of Assam health services Dr R Bhuyan informed that the initiative would help in tracking dropouts among presumptive TB patients (people having symptoms of TB) referred by health care providers to the designated microscopy centers.

Swasthya has been jointly developed by the State Tuberculosis Cell and Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati and it will be implemented in Kamrup (m) and Nalbari district in a pilot mode. Dr NJ Das, the State program officer of revised national TB control program,

informed that identification of presumptive TB cases through mobile application is first of its kind in India. Principal investigator of Swasthya, Dr Keyur Sorathia disclosed that this application could be used by health providers from their mobile phones to record information of patients. Another associate professor of IIT Guwahati, Dr Pratul Kalita asserted that once phone numbers of the people having symptoms are recorded, it would be easier to motivate them to go health centres with audio messages. Nava Thakuria, secretary Guwahati Press Club, Kaliash Kartik, joint secretary to Assam finance department were also present on the occasion. Four city based scribes namely Sivashis Thakur, Sanjoy Ray, Bhabesh Medhi and Utpal Bhawagati were also felicitated by the State TB cell in the meeting for their pragmatic role on spreading public awareness over the menace of tuberculosis.

Centre assures to provide all immediate relief to the states affected by floods and drought

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The Centre has assured to provide all immediate relief to the states affected by floods and drought. Replying to a debate in the Lok Sabha yesterday, on the recent flood and drought situation in various parts of the country, Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijju said, no state has been discriminated in terms of funds. He said, for Kerala where rain has created havoc, an inter-ministerial team will visit the state this week to access the situation and the government will do the needful after the team files a report.

The Minister said, 4 teams of NDRF are stationed in the state and Army and Navy have been kept in standby. He said, 21 states and union territories have been affected by rain and drought and everyone will get

the due assistance. He said disaster management is a priority for the Narendra Modi led Government and in the last four years there is a quantum jump in the assistance given to states.

Intervening in the discussion, Minister of State for Agriculture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said, so far 30 per cent area has received more than average rainfall, 47 per cent area average rainfall and 23 per cent area has received less than average rainfall. He said last week of this month is expected to receive good rainfall.

The Minister expressed hope that the country will be able to achieve the food grain target if monsoon remains as per expectation. He also said, 10 crore farmers have got compensation and over 26 thousand crore rupees have been disbursed under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Remuneration of sports coaches doubled to Rs 2 lakh: Govt

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The government has increased the cap on the remuneration of coaches in various sports disciplines from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh.

Responding to supplementaries during Question Hour, Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore said it has been decided to increase the cap of remuneration by 100 per cent

as the present cap of Rs one lakh was found to be impractical as foreign coaches were charging much more.

He also said the cash incentive of medal winning players would be distributed among the grassroots, intermediate and apex level coach.

So far, the amount was only given to the apex coach, ignoring the contribution of others who spotted and nurtured the talent at various levels.