

## World Blood Donors' day observed



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RIMS Blood Donors' Community, RIMSSU and Blood Transfusion Department held a Blood Donation Camp as a part of the World Blood Donors' Day. Altogether 132, 97 male and 35 female donors donated

blood, mostly medical students, doctors and staff of RIMS. In the afternoon, an observance function was held and 14 donors, who have donated more than 10 times, were felicitated. Seen in the picture is Dr. Ak Brogen, Head of Dept. of the Community Medicine RIMS donating blood on the occasion.

## Bank passbook lost

I, the undersigned Wahengbam Monika Devi, C/O Ngaepam Malemnganba Meeteei of Uyompok Mamang Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur, have lost my Bank Saving Account Pass Book of the State Bank of India, Porompat Branch on the way between my home to Khurai, Imphal East on June 12, 2018.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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## Assam pay tribute to freedom fighter martyr Kushal Konwar



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Fitting tribute was paid to the freedom fighter, martyr Kushal Konwar. On this day in 1943, Konwar was hanged to death. Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal will pay tribute to him in a programme at Golaghat. State Governor Professor Jagdish Mukhi will release a book written by Bhupen Goswami in Guwahati this evening on this occasion.

By Our Correspondent  
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## State government sanctions relief of Rs 3.2 crores for flood;

Water Resource minister appeals public to stay calm

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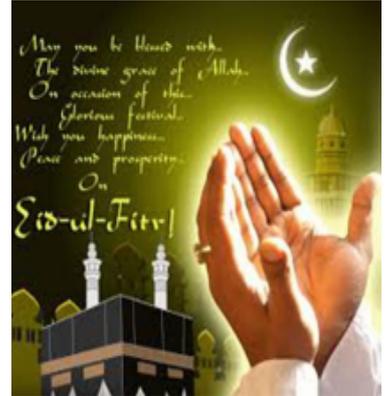
Chief Minister N Biren Singh reviewed flood situation in a high level meeting held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, Additional Chief Secretary (Relief and Disaster Management), Additional Chief Secretary (CAF & PD), DCs of four valley districts, Joint Secretary (PHED), Commissioner (Power), Commissioner (Water Resources), PWD Chief Engineer, WR Department Chief Engineer, MSPDCL Managing Director and other high ranking state government officials attended the meeting. Addressing a press conference after the meeting today evening at his residence, Water Resources Minister Letpao Haokip said that the government has released an immediate relief assistance of Rs 3.2 crores for the areas reeling under flash flood. The estimates of the damage done by the flood so far, he added, is that around twelve thousand

houses belonging to 150 villages have been affected. The Minister further added that for those lives that have been lost in this flood, the government has also announced an ex-gratia of Rs five lakhs each to the victims' families. He also said the government has been doing his best with all the available resources of various departments to combat flood and to provide relief to the affected persons. He said that the increase in the rainfall density this year comparing to the previous year is a major reason for the flood. Letpao said that relief camps have been set up in Imphal West (38 camps), Imphal East (34 camps) and Bishnupur (4 camps). In these camps, potable drinking water is being supplied by the PHED and basic food materials provided by CAF and PD. Moreover, officials and staff of the Health Directorate have been proving medical assistances and medicines and any affected person can get their needs.

To address the issue effectively and to receive complaints, the Water Resources Department has opened a 24\*7 helpline called Central Flood Control Room and its phone number is 03852451550. And the contact number for the Chief Engineer's office is 8131940147. Addressing about the issue of power cut in some affected areas, minister Letpao said that the cut is being done intentionally as to avoid unwanted incidents in low-lying areas and any complaints regarding this can be made to the contact numbers provided above. He added that the Veterinary Department has also been providing fodder and veterinary medicines to the owners of affected areas. Later, the Water Resources minister appealed the general public not to panic and to remain composed as the government has been doing its best to help the public and to prevent such floods in future. He also requested the public to support and co-operate to the steps taken up by the government and his department.

## 'Id-Ul-Azha', or the feast of sacrifice

By- N. Mangi Devi



ID-UL-AZHA, or the Feast of sacrifice is called also yaum-un-Nahr, Qurban-i-Id, Qurban Bayram Baqr-i-Id (the Cow Festival) and the Great Feast, and is held on the tenth day of the month Zul-Hijja. This festival has become part of the Meccan pilgrimage, of which it is the concluding scene. This feast, however, is the great Muhammadan festival, which is observed, wherever Islam exists.

There is a very remarkable Hadis, related by Ayesha, who states that Muhammad said "Man hath not done anything on the 'Id-ul-Azha' more pleasing to God than spilling blood; for verily the animal sacrificed will come, on the day of resurrection, with its horns, its hair, and its hoofs, and will make the scales of his (good) actions heavy. Verify its blood reacheth the acceptance of God, before it falleth upon the ground, therefore be joyful in it. The animal sacrificed must be without blemish and of full age; but it may be either a goat, a sheep, a cow, or a camel.

According to the commentator Jalal-ud-din Syuty, the sacrifice was instituted in commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail! The following is the account given by Muhammadan writers:- "When Ibrahim (the peace of God be upon him) founded Mecca, the Lord desired him to a prepare a feast for him. Upon Ibrahim's (the friend of (God) requesting to know what He would have on the occasion, the Lord replied, Offer up the son Ismail. Agreeably to God's command he took Ismail to the K'aba to sacrifice him, and having laid him down, he made several ineffectual strokes on his throat with a knife or which Ismail observed, "your eyes being uncovered, it is through pity and compassion for me you allow the knife to miss: it would be better if you blindfolded yourself with the end of your turban and then sacrificed me." Ibrahim acted upon his son's suggestion and having repeated the words Bismillahi Allah Hoo Akhar (i.e. "in the name of the great God") he drew the knife across his son's neck. In the meanwhile, however, Gabriel had substituted a broad-tailed sheep for the youth Ismail and Ibrahim unfolding his eyes observed to his surprise the sheep slain and his son standing behind him. The sacrifice, as it is now performed on the 'Id-ul-Azha', is as follows:- The people assemble for prayer at the "Idgah as on the 'Id-ul-Fitr"; after prayers the people return to their houses. The head of the family then takes a sheep (or a cow or camel) to the entrance of his house and sacrifices it, by repeating the words, "In the name of the great God," and cutting its throat. The flesh of the animal is then divided, two-thirds being kept by the family, and one-third being given to the poor in the name of God.

'ID-UL-FITR (lit, "the feast of breaking the fast"), is called also the feast of Ramadan, the Feast of Alms) and the Minor Festival. It is held on the first day of the month of Shawwal, which is the day after the close of the Ramadan fast. On this day, before going to the place of prayer, the Sadaqa or propitiatory offerings, are made to the poor in the name of God. The offerings having been made, the people assemble either in the Jama-i-Masjid (i.e., the principle mosque) or proceed to the "Idgah which is a special place of worship on festivals. The worship commences with two raka at prayers, after which the Imam takes his place on the second step of the minbar (pulpit) and recites the Khuthah, concluding with a prayer for the king. After this is ended, he offers up a munajat or supplication for the people for the remission of sins, the recovery of the sick, increase of rain, abundance of corn, preservation from misfortune and freedom from debt. He then descends to the ground and makes further supplication for the people, the congregation saying Amirz at the end of each supplication. At the close of the service the members of the congregation salute and embrace each other and offer mutual congratulations and then return to their homes and spend the rest of the day in feasting and merriment.

## Programme for Teachers Workshop held

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District Council Administration, Chandel organised a Workshop for Teachers of Chandel, Tegnoupal, Machi, Khengjoi, and Moreh Blocks in Chandel District under Autonomous District Council (ADC) Chandel at Monsang Pantha Community Hall today. Lhukhosei Zou Chairman, Autonomous District Council, Chandel, Tongsin Willingson, Executive Member (EDN & PHED) Autonomous District Council, Chandel, Th.Joy Lamkang, Vice Chairman ADC Chandel and Sh.Mangleim Monsang, Member ADC Chandel graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, Functional President and Guest of honours respectively. During the Workshop, Resource Persons Dr.Christina Mahainim Asst.Professor, Dept. of English United College, Chandel spoke on the topic "Emergence of Teachers Declining Roles in the System of Education its Impact to the



Students" and Th.Brojen Singh, Headmaster (State Awardee) Wabagai Tera Urak Govt. High School deliberated on "Lack of Moral Responsibility with Special Reference to Govt. Teachers its Outcome and Social Impact to the Stakeholders". Besides more than 500 Teachers under Chandel Autonomous District Council, Mr.Ng.Esha John Inspector of School-II, Ms.K.Ginie Deputy Inspector of Schools, Ms.T.Shangranmoi Assistant Inspector of School and

Ms.M.Medun Assistant Inspector of School also attended the workshop. Meanwhile, Autonomous District Council Chandel Organised a Programme for Headmasters Workshop at Monsang Pantha Community Hall Yesterday. Tongsin Willingson, Executive Member (EDN & PHED) Autonomous District Council, Chandel and Ms.Daryal Juli Anal, MCS Chief Executive Officer, ADC Chandel graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Guest

of honour respectively. During the Workshop, Resource Persons Ms.KL.Warson Anal, Principal Chakpikarong Govt. Higher Secondary School spoke on the topic "Prospect of Quality Management in Educational Administration and Planning of School". Deputy Inspector of Schools Ms.Renie Wanglar, Mr.L.Yampu Baite and Assistant Inspector of Schools Mr.Kh.Standhope and Ms.Mina Nula also attended the workshop.

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Mehbooba Mufti, Union home minister Rajnath Singh, former State chief minister Omar Abdullah, Editors Guild of India, Press Club of India, Indian Women's Press Corps, Press Club of Jammu with many other individuals and organizations. "As everyone in Muslim world was waiting for Eid after the end of holy Ramadan month, Shujaat's killing is so painful. We urge the authority to leave no stone unturned to punish the perpetrators," said a

statement issued by JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria adding that the media fraternity across the country must stand united to raise voices for justice to the brave heart. India earlier witnessed the suspected murder of three scribes. Navin Nischal and Vijay Singh of Bihar were hit by a vehicle in the evening hours of 25 March, where both of them died on their way to the hospital. Next morning,



Madhya Pradesh based journalist Sandeep Sharma was deliberately mowed down by a truck. The year 2017 reported the killing of 12 journalists in the country including two casualties in Tripura.