

Taking 'Hau' Music from India to the Rest of the World

Courtesy - Half Step Rock Bangalore, June 19,

King of Naga Folk Blues – Guru Rewben Mashangva's first 'Hau' Music Album is underway for an international production and launch by Half Step Rock. The debut English album titled 'Life is Beautiful' will comprise of eight to ten original tracks, written and composed by The Guru Rewben.

Hailing from Ukhrul, Manipur and with over 25 years of experience, Guru Rewben is famous for his tribal tunes and being the flag bearer of Tangkhul folk music, from India. He uses the guitar, a Mazui (native mouth organ), a four-hole Naga flute called Yangkahui, the Tingteilla (folk fiddle) and a rare cow bell percussion to produce a unique unmatched folk blues sound. Speaking on the occasion



Ajay Chanam, Half Step Rock's founder and leading independent artist from India said, "Hau Music will finally represent a genre unique to the North Eastern states of India, essentially local tribal sound and instruments integrated with various western genres. People do not listen to Bollywood music here, and that is good in a sense for us as it makes our task of reviving

a mainline music industry disassociated from movies, easier. Hau Music has immense potential as the region is inhabited by over 200 major tribes, each one with their unique dialect, sound and inclination towards a specific western genre. Guru Rewben, for example, is Tangkhul Naga folk sound married with blues. We see endless potential here."

Pre Recruitment Training to Join Army

CCpur, June 19,

As part of an effort towards nation building and providing a common platform to youths, the Career Counselling Cell has been established at Tuibong Post of 25 Assam Rifles with the objective of disseminating awareness regarding various government related employment avenues and schemes especially the Army Recruitment Rally scheduled to be held in October 2018 at Churachandpur district. Offline registrations and screening of aspirants is being carried out based on their educational merit and qualifications and Medicals. The candidates affiliated with the Tuibong Post Career Counselling Cell would be registered for the Army Recruitment Rally once registration begins from August 16 to September 30, and they would also be provided free coaching thereafter.

Interested Candidates can come to the Counselling Cell along with required documents. For more details and enquiry pls Contact the Fwg: 1. Major Narinder Sharma (Post Cdr) 7085249200 2. Dealing Clerk 8731093142

Intl yoga Day

Imphal, June 20,

Bharat Swabhimam (Trust) Mahila and Yuva Bharat Patanjali Yog Samiti and Kisan Sava Imphal West district is observing International Day of Yoga tomorrow at Flash Mandop Complex Wahengbam leikai near Hotel bheigo at 6 am.

Barak valley returns normalcy

Jirbam, June 19,

Life in flood-affected Barak valley of Assam is gradually returning to normalcy with restoration of Rail and Ferry services.

Normal train running on Silchar-Guwahati and Agartala-Guwahati route started today while ferry services in Barak River restored on Tuesday. However, logged waterborne problems in some areas are still a matter of concern. State Forest and Environment Minister Parimal Shukla Vaidya is visiting relief camps regularly.

National & International News

Agriculture budget doubled to help double farm income by 2022, says PM Modi

Agency New Delhi, June 9,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said his government has doubled the budget for agriculture to Rs 2.12 lakh crore to achieve its objective of doubling farm income by 2022. Interacting with farmers from over 600 districts via video conferencing, Modi said the four cornerstones of the government policy for raising farm income are cutting input cost, fair price for the crop, preventing the produce from rotting and creating alternate sources of income. He said the budget for the agriculture sector has been doubled to Rs 2.12 lakh crore during first four years of his government compared to the previous five years of the UPA regime.

The budget for 2018-19 fiscal has taken steps to provide farmers a price equivalent to 150 per cent of their cost of production, he said. "We are working towards ensuring that the income of our hardworking farmers doubles by 2022. For that we are facilitating proper assistance wherever required. We have faith in the farmers of India," he said. Modi said the country is not just witnessing record foodgrain production but milk, fruit and vegetable output too are at all-time highs. In 2017-18, 280 million tonnes of foodgrains were produced as compared to an average of 250 million tonnes between 2010 and 2014. Pulses production has increased 10.5 per cent. "Our effort is to provide farmers assistance at all stage

of agriculture — at the time of sowing, after sowing and at the time of harvesting," he said, adding the policy interventions are being planned to help farmers first from seeds to markets. First, soil health cards are being provided to help farmers better understand soil nutrient status of his/her holding and advice them on the dosage of fertilisers. Thereafter, loans are being made available to farmers to help them procure good quality seeds, he said, adding neem coating of urea has ensured that black-marketing of the crop nutrient is stopped and farmers get it without any problem. To ensure farmers get the right price for their crops, online platform e-NAM has been started to eliminate middlemen.

Sports

Assam Rifles Organizes Pre Yoga Capsule



PRO-IGAR(S) Imphal, June 20,

Units of IGAR (South) organised various activities as a prelude to the upcoming International Day of Yoga yesterday.

Activities conducted by 9 Sector Assam Rifles saw a participation of 700 persons including troops and civilians who attended the events at various locations.

Lectures highlighting the importance of a holistic approach to a healthy lifestyle, how yoga plays an important role in maintaining a balance between physical and mental fitness, benefits of Yoga in reducing stress and preventing lifestyle diseases were conducted. Under the supervision of trained yoga instructors, the participants performed various breathing

exercises and Yoga Asanas as per the Common Yoga Protocol.

No of workshops were conducted by 10 Sector Assam Rifles at Ukhrul and Kamjong. The School children heartily participated in the event organized as a precursor to the 4th International Day of Yoga. The events was organized with an aim to enhance the awareness among the students and encourage them towards good health, fitness and discipline. Various forms of yoga exercises were taught to the students during the workshop.

26 Sector Assam Rifles conducted Yoga session prior to 4th International Yoga Day at Chelep Camp (SoO camp of KNO), St Peter School (Tengnoupal) and Company Operating Base Shaibol. The

event was aimed to popularize Yoga and also to spread awareness about the benefits of Yoga among the cadres of SoO gps, students and locals. A lecture was also conducted in which it was explained that Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline based on an extremely subtle science which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body.

Yoga sessions were organized by trained instructors of Assam Rifles who explained and demonstrated the correct postures for various Asanas while explaining their benefits. A positive, well relaxed and de-stressed body and mind is the most significant benefit of Yoga which in turn assists us to face day to day challenges in more organized, calm and composed way.

U.S. quits U.N. human rights body, citing bias vs. Israel, alarming critics

Agency United Nation, June 20,

The United States withdrew from a "hypocritical and self-serving" United Nations Human Rights Council on Tuesday over what it called chronic bias against Israel and a lack of reform, a move activists warned would make advancing human rights globally even more difficult.

Standing with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at the State Department, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley slammed Russia, China, Cuba and Egypt for thwarting U.S. efforts to reform the council. She also criticized countries which shared U.S. values and encouraged Washington to remain, but "were unwilling to seriously challenge the status quo."

Washington's withdrawal is the latest U.S. rejection of multilateral engagement after it pulled out of the Paris climate agreement and the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. It also comes as the United States faces intense criticism for detaining children separated from their immigrant parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. U.N. human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini on Monday called on Washington to halt its "unconscionable" policy.

"Look at the council membership, and you see an appalling disrespect for the most basic rights," said Haley, citing Venezuela, China, Cuba and Democratic Republic of Congo. She did not mention Saudi Arabia, which rights groups pushed to be suspended in 2016 over killings of civilians in the Yemen war. Among reforms the United States had pushed for was to make it easier to kick out member

states with egregious rights records. Currently a two-thirds majority vote by the 193-member U.N. General Assembly is needed to suspend a member state.

Haley also said the "disproportionate focus and unending hostility toward Israel is clear proof that the council is motivated by political bias, not by human rights." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed the U.S. decision.

The United States has long shielded its ally Israel at the United Nations. In citing what it says is bias against Israel, the administration of President Donald Trump could further fuel Palestinian arguments that Washington cannot be a neutral mediator as it prepares to roll out a Middle East peace plan. Washington also relocated its embassy to Jerusalem after recognizing it as the capital of Israel, reversing decades of U.S. policy.

The United States is half-way through a three-year term on the 47-member Geneva-based body and the Trump administration had long threatened to quit if it was not overhauled.

"MISGUIDED POLICY" Rights groups have criticized the Trump administration for not making human rights a priority in its foreign policy. Critics say this sends a message that the administration turns a blind eye to human rights abuses in some parts of the world.

"Given the state of human rights in today's world, the U.S. should be stepping up, not stepping back," Zeid said after Haley announced the U.S. withdrawal. Reuters reported last week that talks on reforming the council had failed to meet Washington's demands, suggesting the Trump administration would quit.

"The Human Rights Council enables abuses by absolving wrongdoers through silence and falsely condemning those that committed no offense," Pompeo said. Diplomats have said the U.S. withdrawal could bolster countries such as Cuba, Russia, Egypt and Pakistan, which resist what they see as U.N. interference in sovereign issues.

Haley said the withdrawal "is not a retreat from our human rights commitments."

Twelve rights and aid groups, including Human Rights First, Save the Children and CARE, warned Pompeo the U.S. withdrawal would "make it more difficult to advance human rights priorities and aid victims of abuse around the world." Jamil Dakwar, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Human Rights Program, said Trump's "misguided policy of isolationism only harms American interests."

The EU said Washington's decision "risks undermining the role of the U.S. as a champion and supporter of democracy on the world stage." British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said it was regrettable and that the council was the "best tool the international community has to address impunity."

FIRST MEMBER TO WITHDRAW

The Human Rights Council meets three times a year to examine human rights violations worldwide. It has mandated independent investigators to look at situations including Syria, North Korea, Myanmar and South Sudan. Its resolutions are not legally binding but carry moral authority.

When the Council was created in 2006, U.S. President George W. Bush's administration shunned the body.

Under President Barack Obama the United States was elected for a maximum two consecutive terms on the council by the U.N. General Assembly. After a year off, Washington was re-elected in 2016 for its current third term. U.N. officials said the United States would be the first member to withdraw from the council.

Haley said a year ago that Washington was reviewing its membership. The body has a permanent standing agenda item on suspected violations committed by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territories that Washington wanted removed.

The council last month voted to probe killings in Gaza and accused Israel of using excessive force. The United States and Australia cast the only "no" votes.

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