

## NPO calls 24 hours general strike over frequent transfer of officers

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Naga Peoples' Organisation (NPO) and other district frontal bodies have called 24 hour total shut down in Senapati district on June 27 starting from 6 am to 6 am to the next day. A press statement by the NPO said that the total shut is being called to demonstrate their displeasures against the Government of Manipur for frequent transfer and posting

of the officers in the district such as DC, SP HOD etc. which is being a regular trend and detrimental to peace and development in the district. The statement further said that the most recent transfer of SP M Pradip Singh, IPS after 4 months and was replaced by Hopson Sapam MPS as in-charged SP of the district. The NPO said that Senapati was without a full fledged SP since August 2017 to January 2018. The NPO statement also

added that Senapati being adistrict neighbouring other state is prone to law and order problems. The state should not act without the rhymes and reasons and wantonly transfer the officers at their whims like tossing of volley balls or chess pawns to edge political mileage. The statement said that education institute, Electrivity, Water supply, medical, Media and paramilitary will be exempted during the total shut down.

## Trinamool Congress backlashes the BJP led state govt

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Taking serious note of the ongoing agitation by the employees bodies demanding implantation of 7 pay which have entered 86 days, the Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee today said that the ongoing employees strike has hampered taking up of various developmental works in the state. The party demand

immediate solution to the demand of the employees. On the other hand the Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee while appreciating the new regulation to ban plastic used has said that the ban will be another failure as there are no alternative to the plastic plan by the government. The party also lambast the government over the failure to control flood due to failure of proper drainage system and others. " 2/3 days of

rains flood Imphal, this is a signed of failed administration" the statement said. The Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee also demanded devolution of power to the local self government like the Panchayat and other local bodies. The party also criticise the government for not detailing on the budget for the implementation of the "Go to Village" and "Go to Hill" mission.

## Drug addiction spurs poverty & poses a challenge to national security: President

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President Ram Nath Kovind has said drug addiction spurs poverty and poses a challenge to the national security as well as development and public welfare goals. Presenting the National Awards for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in New

Delhi, Mr Kovind said, alcohol consumption is the door towards destruction. He said, illicit drug use is a serious concern as it poses significant health challenges. He said, problem of drugs addiction and alcoholism negatively impact the individual, family and society in multiple domains such as health, culture, development and politics. The President said, misuse of illegal drugs is creating

health challenges especially for the young generation and school going children. He stated that the problem of drug abuse can be solved by awareness, prevention, incentives, and support efforts. Mr Kovind said, Parents, teachers, doctors, voluntary organizations should be associated in the medical and rehabilitation efforts. The President said that increase in drug trafficking

and drug abuse in the border areas is associated with issues of terrorism and political unrest. He said, there is a need to be more vigilant in border States like Punjab and Manipur. Speaking on the occasion, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot said, in the last four years four lakh 50 thousand people across the country have been deaddicted from drugs.

## HRNM observes 'Global day of Action' against drug abuse

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The protection of rights of people who use drugs and the related advocacy activities in the state was commemorated at the 'Global day of Action' held today at the Manipur Press Club in Imphal organised by the Harm Reduction Network-Manipur (HRNM) on the theme 'Support Don't Punish'. Speaking on the occasion the Manipur AIDS Control Society (MACS) Project Director Radhabindoo stated that social organizations and youth began taking a role when the Manipur State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) began addressing the drugs and AIDS problem in the state systematically. The MACS directors did not depend on others, the director said and drugs prevention to deal with injecting and other users was one aspect while the drugs procurement chain was the other.

and cited the works of Oja Suramani for 29 years in the state and social worker Iboyaima who started a students movement on drugs. He also cited Prof. MC Arun's comment earlier in the day about conflict with gunmen in the state involving students working in the area at that time and how the slogan 'No to drugs' was coined by the professor. Abhiram also stated that the MSACS had given the statistics of 107 drug users left in the state along with 108 women sex workers who had HIV - that was 9.4 percent only.

This he claimed was due to the advocacy of workers like Oja Chidamani who 10 years back proposed a policy on drugs in the state and addressed the problem of drugs procurement in border areas also. The MSACS coordinated in various departments of the state government for the same, he said, and also informed that the man for harm reduction in Asia is from the state, adding that family discords could be solved by prevention and that a day should be announced for that every month. Drug users now want OSD and harm reduction

is working, he said. Forcible jail terms and other related problems faced by drug users because of the authorities is not part of the fight against drugs. Hijam Rajesh of the Harm Reduction Manipur Centre said. The state chief minister Biren was also becoming informed and that 1.5 Trillion dollars were being spent internationally on fighting drugs, he said. The meeting was attended by various medias and meira paibi organizations and a group photo was taken at the end of the meeting.



## Intl. Drug Trafficking day at RIMS and Nambol

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Nambol Police & Cleopatra Fitness Centre Nambol also observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse And Illicit Trafficking at Nambol Bazar. A blood donation camp was also organised in connection with the day. Around 100 persons donated the blood. On the other hand, Community Medicine Department, RIMS in collaboration with Indian Medical Association, Manipur State and

Thoubal Greater Centurion, as a part of the observance of "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking", conducted interaction sessions with the students and parents at IRE College of Teachers' Education, Wangjing and IRDEO, Wangbal, Thoubal. A team led by Prof. Brodson Singh Akoijam had discussion on ill effects of drug and inhalants use, how to recognize children using them and how to approach these children.

## Assam Rifles saves snake bite victims

IGAR (S)  
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Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under aegis of HQ IGAR (South) saved the life of a snake bite victim on 25 Jun 2018. Shri Somjai aged 32 years, resident of Wangoi, Imphal West District was

bitten by snake and was immediately rushed to the unit hospital. The victim was readily attended by the medical team under the Regimental Medical Officer. The timely action of Assam Rifles not only saved precious human life but also reinforced good faith among the locals.



International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking at JNIMS Auditorium

## India is one of the most investor-friendly economies in the world: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said India is one of the most investor-friendly economies in the world because investors look for growth and macro-economic stability adding that investors want political stability and a supportive regulatory framework to ensure protection of their investment. Prime Minister was speaking at the third annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, AIIB, in Mumbai today. Prime Minister said Global confidence in India's economy is rising adding that our foreign exchange reserves of more than 400 billion US dollars provide us adequate cushion. He added from the point of a foreign investor, India counts as an extremely low risk political economy where we have simplified rules and regulations for businesses and undertaken bold reforms. Prime

Minister Modi further said the Indian story of economic resurgence closely mirrors that of many other parts of Asia. Prime Minister also said that we are now living through what many term as the 'Asian Century'. At the end of his address, Prime Minister urged that AIIB to look into potential investment opportunities in India in several sectors including renewable energy, agriculture and logistic (infrastructural) development. Later, Prime Minister is scheduled to meet business leaders and captains of industry, for a discussion on issues including economic growth, infrastructure development, policy initiatives, investment, innovation and job creation. Prime Minister will also address a BJP event that aims to express gratitude towards those who fought against the Emergency in 1975 and dwell upon conserving the democratic values.

India has become the main engine of world growth being the most investment friendly country with a GDP growth rate of 7.4 per cent in the current fiscal year and growing global confidence in India's economy, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. He was speaking at the inaugural of third annual meeting of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank— AIIB in Mumbai today. Highlighting the strengths of the Indian economy in size and scale and the efforts taken by the government to reform and streamline the vital process on the path of development, the Prime Minister said that India's story of economic resurgence mirrors that of many Asian countries which need large investments in infrastructure for inclusive growth and betterment of lives in this region. As developing countries facing similar challenges the 87 member nations have made remarkable beginning

by investing over four billion US dollars within last two years, he said. AIIB has already made an impact on the lives of billions of people and can play a central role in helping various sectors like agriculture, energy, water supply, sanitation, environment and logistics, he said. Though AIIB focuses on Asia it also supports infrastructural finance requirements in other countries, he said. In his welcome speech Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said the inspired leadership of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has steered the policies of the multilateral banks towards poverty alleviation and emulating the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi by gently shaking the world through its infrastructure funding initiatives in Asia and elsewhere. Established two years ago the Bank annual meeting is attended by about 3000 delegates from 87 countries.

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