

Pawan Chhetri from Jorhat becomes 9th Garnier Men Mega Mister North East



From our correspondent
Guwahati, June 30,

In the presence of around 1000 spectators from all across the northeastern region, **Pawan Chhetri from Jorhat, Assam** became the 9th Garnier Men Mega Mister North East 2018 at the ITA Cultural Complex, Machkhowa on Friday evening. Besides, **Mitrayan de Sarkar from Agartala, Tripura** and **Hirok Jyoti Kalita from Tezpur, Assam** became the 1st and 2nd runners up respectively. Mega Mister North East is the biggest manhunt of northeast India, which has been conceptualized by leading fashion entrepreneur **Abhijit Singha**, has been produced by **Mega Entertainment**. The grand finale of the 9th edition witnessed the participation of 48 contestants, who travelled to Guwahati for almost a week of activities which included grooming and training sessions conducted by **Contestant Directors Piyush Sharma and Dipankar Buragohain**. This was followed by rehearsals, leading up to the Grand Finale of the biggest manhunt of North East India. The pageant has been supported by **Title Sponsor Garnier Men**, supported by **Assam State Biodiversity Board, Hospitality Partner Radisson Blu, Fragrance Partner Axe and Education Partner IITF College**.

Jorhat-born Pawan Chhetri is a fitness trainer at Jorhat. A graduate from CKB Commerce College, 21-year-old Pawan thanked everyone for the support and said that the title will enable him to live up his dreams. "I heard about this manhunt from one of the ex-winners and thought about trying out my luck here. I just wanted to take back some

wonderful memories and great experience. I never expected to become the winner of this contest. Thanks to **Abhijit sir, Mega Entertainment and the judges for thinking me worthy of this title**," said Pawan. Pawan's mother is a beautician and it was through her support and trust that Pawan made it to the contest. His father is an air force official, stationed at Jorhat.

First Runner's up **Mitrayan De Sarkar**, who hails from **Agartala**, said that he was happy that his hard work was appreciated by the panel of judges. **Mitrayan** is a freelance voice over artist and a filmmaker. He has studied electrical engineering and his mother is a retired government employee.

Hirok Jyoti Kalita, who is a fitness trainer based at Tezpur, was the second Runner's up at the 9th Garnier Men Mega Mister North East 2018. "I am speechless! I was greatly inspired by the 2013 winner **Piyush Sharma**. Ever since he won, I wanted to participate in this event and hence, I started preparing myself for this contest. I am so glad that my hard work finally paid off," he said. **Hirok's** father is a retired police officer and his mother is a homemaker.

9th Garnier Men Mega Mister North East **Pawan Chhetri** has won a prize package worth approximately Rs. 5,00,000, including a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000, gift hampers from Garnier Men, the official sash and trophy of Garnier Men Mega Mister North East 2018, a round trip to Dubai, an international destination photoshoot, fitness counselling and membership at Chisel Dighalipukhuri for a year, gift hamper from Rang De Basanti Urban Dhaba, portfolio shoot by leading fashion

photographer **Rahul Biswas**, public relations and reputation management for the reigning term from **Life's Purple** and digital celebrity management from **One & Zero - The Marketing Trend**. Additionally, he will also get a scholarship for a 3-years bachelor's degree course in **Media & Entertainment** at **ITFT, Chandigarh** and a 6-months **Aviation & Hospitality** course from **TRIG Empowering Institute, Guwahati**.

The three winners will be offered professional representation by **Mega Entertainment**, a professional grooming session, which would guide them further on how to carry themselves forward in the professional sphere. Besides, the winners also get the opportunity to walk the ramp in various national and international shows.

The judges who sealed the fate of this year's winners included: **Mega Miss North East 2013 Juhi Gogoi**, **Mega Mister North East 2015 Babul Boro**, **Fashion & Lifestyle Promoter Monika Devi**, **Hotelier and entrepreneur Bobby Singh**, and **Mega Miss North East 2016 Meriya Priyadarshini Subba**.

The pageant organizers were also judged for a series of sub-awards. **Rakesh Okram** from **Manipur** was awarded **Radisson Blue Mister Hospitality**; **Mithun Debbarma** from **Tripura** won the **Chisel Dighalipukhuri Best Physique** title; **Debashish Sonowal Borah** from **Assam** was given the **Assam State Biodiversity Board Mister Eco** award; **Runtu Rabha** from **Assam** won the **Garnier Men Ultimate Fighter** award; and the first runner up of the contest **Mitrayan De Sarkar** from **Tripura** won the **AXE Find Your Magic** subtitle.

Sikkim tribals approach DoNER Minister for reservation in State Assembly

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Gangtok, June 30,

Sikkim tribals, represented by **Sikkim Limboo-Tamang Apex Committee**, today approached **Union Minister for Development of Northeast (DoNER)**, **Dr Jitendra Singh**, requesting him to take up with the Government of India, the issue of reservation of seats for them in the State Assembly.

In a meeting, the delegation led by **Shri C B Subba**, former **Speaker Sikkim Legislative Assembly** and **Chairman of the Committee**, it was submitted before the Minister that the Government of India may take necessary steps for the reservation of seats in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for **Limboo and Tamang Scheduled Tribes** of the State under **Article 332** read with **Article 371 F(f)** of the Constitution of India. They also requested that the appropriate decision may be taken at the earliest so that the provision of reserved seats may be available before the upcoming Assembly elections in the State next year.

The members of the delegation also handed over to the **DoNER Minister**, a copy of the letter written by **Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Pawan Chamling**, recommending the provision to provide seats to the **Limboo and Tamang tribes** of the State under **Article 332** of the Constitution.

In a separate memorandum submitted to **Dr Jitendra**

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Singh, the members of the delegation argued that the said tribal community in the State of Sikkim nurses a sense of deprivation of their political and fundamental rights, ever since they had been declared as **Scheduled Tribes** in 2003 under **article 342** of the Constitution. They requested that the issue be taken up early so that they do not have to suffer further injustice or sense of discrimination.

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Dr Jitendra Singh gave a patient hearing to the points raised by the delegation. He said, since the matter pertains primarily to the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs** and to the other concerned Ministries, he would forward this memorandum accordingly and also take up the issue with the concerned Ministries.

Three days residential training on Planting Technology of Fruit Plants under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan concluded



IT News
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Three days residential training programme on **Planting Technology of Fruit Plants** under **Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan** was concluded today at **ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Lamphelpat**. The keynote address on **Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan** was given by **Dr. Deepak Singh, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK Chandel**. The programme was attended by **Dr. N. Prakash, Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam**; **Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director, CAU, Imphal and Honey Chara, District Officer, Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Chandel**. The training was organized by **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chandel** in collaboration with **Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Chandel** and sponsored by **MIDH, Government of Manipur**. The three days residential

training programme was conducted for the farmers of villages included in the **Aspirational District** under **Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan**. The resource persons during the training were **Dr. Susheel Kumar, Scientist (Plant Pathology)**; **Dr. SS Roy, Scientist (Horticulture)**; **Dr. Arati Ningombam, Scientist (Entomology) of ICAR RC for NEH Region, Manipur Centre**; **Chandramani Singh, SMS (Horticulture), KVK Churachanpur**; **L. Kanta Singh, SMS (Agril Engg.), KVK Imphal West**; **Dr. Sonamani Singh, ACTO (Agril. Engg.)** and **Dr. Y. Prabhavati Devi, ACTO (Home Science), of KVK Chandel**; **G.P. Kabui, Retired CTO (Horticulture), KVK Imphal West** and **K. Joy Chandra Singh, Sr. Faculty, ICM - Lamphel**. Altogether 30 farmers from **Chandel Christian, Lambung, New Somtal, Sajiktampak, Lambung, Japhou and Chakpikarong** participated the programme.

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BFI announces team for 2018 Asian Games

New Delhi, June 29,

After a rigorous selection committee meeting and trials in three categories, the **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** announced the list of 10 boxers who will represent the **Indian squad** at the **2018 Asian Games Jakarta**, here on Friday. **Driving force** behind the men's team will be **Arjuna awardee Vikas Krishan (75 kg)** who has previously won a gold and bronze at the **2010 and 2014 Asian Games** respectively and **2010 CWG Gold** and **2018 Bronze** medalist, **Manoj Kumar (69Kg)**.

Commonwealth gold medalist Gaurav Solanki (52 Kg), who has stayed atop the national rankings and recently won the gold medal at the **Chemistry Cup** also made the cut and will look to emulate his **CWG** run at the **Asian Games** too. **Bronze** medalist from the **CWG - Mohammad Hussamuddin (56 kg)** and **Silver** medalist, **Amit (49 kg)** have also been named in the squad and will hope to shine on their debut at the continental event.

Providing depth to the squad will be **World Championship bronze** medalist **Shiva Thapa**, who will make his return to the squad after missing out on the **Commonwealth Games**. In the **trial** held at the **Indira Gandhi Stadium** on Friday, **CWG Silver** medalist **Manish Kaushik** felt short as the two time **Olympian** boxer, **Thapa** stamped his position in the

INDIAN TEAMSQUAD			
Sr.No	MEN'S TEAM	Sr.No	WOMEN'S TEAM
1.	AMIT (49 Kg)	1.	SARJUBALA DEVI (51 KG)
2.	GAURAV SOLANKI (52 KG)	2.	SONIA LATHER (57 KG)
3.	HUSSAM UDDIN MOHAMMED (57 KG)	3.	PAVITRA (60KG)
4.	DHEERAJ (64 KG)		
5.	SHIVA THAPA (60 KG)		
6.	MANOJ KUMAR (69 KG)		
7.	VIKASH KRISHAN (75 KG)		

squad. **Kaushik** in the past has twice won against **Shiva**, but the experienced boxer from Assam looked determined and left the **Army pugilist** reeling in the middle of the squared ring to earn his berth for the **Astads**.

In the second men's trial of the day, finalizing the **64 kg** weight category the selection bout took place between **Rohit Tokas** and **Dheeraj**, 2018 **bronze** **Chemistry Cup** bronze medalist. While both the pugilist had a close fight, **Dheeraj**, the **Army** boxer upped the steam in the third round to take the match and ensured his place in the final squad.

The women's department which will feature three weight categories will witness the **2016 World Championship silver** medalist **Sonia Lather** fight it out in the **57kg**. While **Umakhanov Memorial** tournament bronze medalist, **Pavitra** will lead India's charge in the **60kg** event.

In the 51 kg

category, **Sarjubala Devi** defeated **Pinki Rani** in the selection trial to take the final spot in the squad. Both the boxers had earned equal points and share of wins in the last two months and the trial was organised to finalize the last name in the squad.

Sarjubala Devi dominated in the trial match and won with rather ease to log in her name on the **Asian Games** roster. "Selection committee went through a rigorous selection process which was transparent and all boxers were given opportunities to perform. The squad has been finalised after minute deliberation of the performances each of the boxers showed and based on the criteria set for the selection process. I am confident that the squad which is a mix of experience and youth is the best possible we could have sent. I wish them all the best." **BFI President Ajay Singh** said. In order to keep the selection

process transparent, **BFI** had taken into account performances of all the pugilists from **January 2018** with the **CWG** holding the utmost importance along with performances in the series of international exposure trips that were conducted in the last month alone for the men and women boxers. Along with their international performances the selection committee also accounted their performance in camp, physical status and injury history while finalising the final names.

Indian boxing which is going through its best ever phase would definitely want to better their **2014 medal** count, where they had returned with **5 medals** including a **gold** medal in women's category. The **continental blue** riband event which is in its **18th edition** will start from **August 18th**, with the **boxing event** commencing on **August 24th** and will run up till **September 1st**.

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