

## Minister Biswajit Calls For Preservation Of Environment



**DIPR  
Imphal, June 5,**

Information and Public Relations Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh made a clarion call to preserve, protect the environment and stand against plastic. Biswajit was addressing media as part of the World Environment Day Observance organised by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations at its Keishampat Office Complex. The Minister along with Secretary (IPR) Athem Muivah and Director H. Balkrisna Singh also planted tree saplings inside the

premises as part of the observance. The Minister also said that it is a proud moment not only for Manipur but for the entire country as India is host of this year's World Environment Day under the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". He said everyone has a responsibility towards protecting the environment and leave a clean and sustainable environment for our future generations, he said. Biswajit also appealed to shopkeepers to minimise use of plastic bags and replace them with biodegradable carry bags. He said instead of just observing the day, we

should all contribute in making the day's observance with India as the host meaningful. He said that it is time that each one of us realise the significance of the observance and make it more meaningful by our practical and active participation instead of just planting a sapling. As part of the observance, Biswajit also met with officers and staff of the department for a brief interaction, wherein, the officers and staff put forward their infrastructural needs for better and smooth functioning of the directorate..

## Naga political groups to suspend talks with government of India

**Courtesy the Hindu  
Kohima, June 5,**

Following raid at NNPG leader's house in Kohima on June 2. The working committee of the Naga National Political Groups has decided to suspend its ongoing talks with the Centre on the Naga political issue following a raid by security personnel at its co-convenor's residence on June 2. The decision was taken by the group's working committee in an emergency meeting here on Sunday. "The raid shows it will serve no purpose to continue the dialogue as all the progress made during the talks between the two entities appear to be a trivial matter for the Union government," NNPG leaders said in a statement. **'No negotiations'** The NNPG working committee has decided to suspend all negotiations with the Union government unless it comes clean on the actions of its agencies. The residence of the working committee's co-convenor Vizosieihou Nagi at Jotsoma village in Kohima district was raided by the security forces



on Saturday when he was not in the house. Mr. Nagi is also the general secretary of the NNC-NA (non-accordist), said the statement. The Centre and the NNPG's working committee officially began a political dialogue in 2017 to resolve the protracted Naga political issue. **Delhi meet** The next round of talks is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on June 7. The GPRN/NSCN, Federal Government of Nagaland, Naga National Council (parent body), National People's Government of Nagaland of the NNC (NA), NSCN (reformation) and Naga National Council/ Government Democratic Republic of Nagaland are part of the NNPG.

## IAFOM observed World Environment Day

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Indo-Asean Friendship Organisation Manipur (IAFOM), today observed the World Environment Day by planting saplings inside the complex of Sanamahi Temple Wangoi and at the surrounding of Wangoi area.



IAfom is a registered organisation formed by around 50 like minded people of the state with motives to promote and provide assistance to young

entrepreneurs of the state. So far the organisation has conducted various medical

camp and other social activities for the welfare of the society.

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He also informed the gathering that a 7-km long stretch of Yangoi Maril choked with a huge volume of plastic materials accumulated in the last 30-40 years had been cleaned recently. Urging the All Manipur DPC Completed Candidates of Police Constable (Male-2013) to call off their ongoing shutdown agitation, the Chief Minister contended that the Government is trying to declare the results of the police Constable recruitment examination held in 2013 as soon as possible.



He added that the Government is taking time to study and sort out all the legal matters so that no unnecessary hassle is encountered later on. Speaking at the occasion, Public Health Engineering Minister L. Dikho said that Manipur is a wonderful creation of the God having salubrious climate, beautiful lake, river, valley and hills. As

such, it is the responsibility of the people of this land to protect this beauty, he added. Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhaanlian said that Manipur used to have a calm and good climate in the past. However, there is considerable increase in temperature in the past few decades that it is now hard to sit inside the rooms without air conditioners, he

said. As such, people of the State should take a pledge to protect environment, the Minister opined. Imphal East Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha Smt. P. Bimola Devi, Advisor to Chief Minister Shri Rajat Sethi, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu and Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) Director Dr.

Dinabandhu Sahoo also attended the function as dignitaries. The function was organised by IBSD to coincide with the World Environment Day. The Chief Minister unveiled a plaque to mark launching of a Cherry Blossom Avenue. He along with the dignitaries also planted Cherry Blossom saplings.

## 9 killed as bus falls into gorge in Mizoram

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At least nine persons were killed and 21 others injured when a bus fell into a gorge near Pangzawl village in Mizoram's Lunglei district early this morning, police said. The private bus was going from Aizawl towards Siaha

town in southernmost Mizoram's Siaha district when it rolled down and fell into a gorge 500 metres below the National Highway No. 54, they said. All bodies have been recovered and the condition of two of the injured persons were stated to be critical, police added.

## Plantation

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As a part of the World Environment Day a tree plantation was conducted in around Kakching Khunou in Kakching district by Villagers by the local club of the area. The similar plantation were are conducted at Waikhong area

## Four year-old Assam kid 'Youngest Author of India'

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Lakhimpur, Jun 5**

At an age when children can barely string two sentences together, four-year old Ayan Gogoi Gohain of Assam's North Lakhimpur district has earned the rare distinction of 'Youngest Author of India'. The India Book of Records has bestowed the title on Gohain, a student of St Mary's School in North Lakhimpur, for his book 'Honeycomb', published in January this year. The book, priced Rs 250, comprises 30 anecdotes and accompanying illustrations by the toddler. India Book of Records documents extraordinary feats by individuals across the country. It awarded Gohain with a plaque and a certificate in January for his achievement. According to the blurb of the book, the preschooler took to painting at the age of one. By three, he could "compose stories" all by himself. "The amazing journey of Honeycomb started when he began to address his insatiable love for words,

colours, sounds, tastes and sights with his keen observation," it read. Gohain, who lives with his grandparents, said he writes about everyday things that catches his fancy. His parents are based in Mizoram. "I see what is happening around and write about it. It could be anything a chat with my grandfather, or something new I just learned," the toddler said. The four-year-old boy considers his grandfather Purno Kanta Gogoi his 'best friend and hero'. "My grandfather inspires me to paint and write about new stuff every day. He is my story teller, a rock star and a football lover. He is my best friend. My Chocolate Man!" Gohain gushed. Gogoi, a retired bank officer, thinks the little one would create wonders when he grew up. "He is a wonder kid. I remember he had once seen a rainbow and composed a poem, comparing its seven colours with the seven notes of music," Gogoi recounted. Even the cover page of 'Honeycomb' was designed by Gohain, the retired bank officer said.

"Ayan has a passion for yoga. He likes watching cartoons, playing badminton and football, baking, and gardening. The four-year-old also dotes on his puppy, Oreo," he added. 'Honeycomb' has been reviewed by several litterateurs, including author and poet Dilip Mohapatra. The excerpts of the reviews have been published on the back page of the book "This 'Honeycomb' is not just an intricate configuration of hexagon dripping of the sweetest of the nectar, but much more; it's very alive and coming from a tiny tot, pulsating with creativity, colours and passion to bewitch you and make you wonder," he said. Writer and story performer from North Carolina in USA, Joan Leotta, said the book would be a reader's delight, no matter what the age. "Ayan's writing and his pictures show the exuberance of his youth. His elegant writing style and profound insights show him to be wise while still innocent. This is a book that adults and children will enjoy," she said.

## JEE Main free coaching stopped in Delhi; candidates pose tough questions for CM Arvind Kejriwal

**Agency  
New Delhi, June 5**

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government started a scheme in 2016 under which it had collaborated with a private institute to provide free coaching to promising students for Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) on lines of Bihar's Super 30. Surprisingly, this scheme was discontinued from this year, according to The Indian Express report. However, the decision to stop free has met with protest from aspirants in the national capital. Even teachers have come up with suggestions to continue the venture.

During an event to congratulate students who had cleared JEE Main, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said "The scheme was started on a pilot basis and we got feedback from a lot of students that they were not being able to cope with it. After taking the feedback, we stopped the scheme." Last year, 372 government school students had cleared JEE Main. This year, a total of 338 government school students cleared the JEE Main examination to get admission in engineering institutes, and become eligible to sit for JEE Advanced for admission to IITs. Further suggestions also followed about the

government holding such interactions with students who clear the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical institutes. A student of RPVV, Lajpat Nagar, talked about the need to fill vacant posts. "Our principal helped us with physics but it would have been nice if we had the same for chemistry and biology. We have a shortage of teachers in our school," said the student, Pratistha. To this, Kejriwal replied, "We are coming up with a scheme where the school principal and school management committee can coordinate and fill the posts temporarily." While Delhi has stopped free

coaching facility, neighbouring Haryana state government has launched a scheme, Super 100, to provide free coaching to meritorious students of state-run schools for JEE and NEET exams, according to a report. Under the scheme, students of the various government schools who secure over 85 per cent marks in their Class 10th examination will be provided free coaching for JEE and NEET preparation for two years, she said. The students will have to sit for an entrance test to be selected for coaching under Super 100. A total of 225 students will be selected after the test, which is scheduled for the second week of June.