

Ceasefire Ground Rules Review Committee held between NSCN-IM and GoI

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Representatives of the NSCN-IM and GoI yesterday held a meeting of the Ceasefire Ground Rules Review Committee at Police Officials' Mess Chamukedima, Nagaland. Government of India side was headed by Smt.Rina Mitra, Special Secretary (Internal Security) MHA and Gen.Rtd. VS Atem representing NSCN, both suggested to promoting the more conducive ground environment while upholding progression of sincere conversation embarking on the landmark Framework Agreement signed between the parties, 3rd August, 2015. A statement by Ministry of Information and Publicity, Government of The People's Republic of Nagalim stated that both sides have agreed to move the Framework Agreement forward to its ultimate at the soonest possible.

New Office bearers of United Peoples Front elected

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New office bearers of the United Peoples Front (UPF) were elected today for the term 2018 to 2021. Senior Citizen R.K. Ranendrajit administered oath of office of the newly elected office bearers at Bir Tiekendrajit park Pheidabung. Later a handing over ceremony was held at Sana Jannastan Club Premises, Moirang Ningthou Leirak. W. Second is now the President of the UPF for the term 2018 to 2021, N. Rupachandra - vice president, Usham Niranjan, General Secretary. All together 15 members.

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Unrest at MU continues: teachers' body joins ; Chief Minister invites MUSU representatives for talk

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The ongoing impasse at Manipur University is reaching its momentum with the teachers' body joining the protest over the Vice Chancellor's failure to give clarification on the various allegations levelled against him by the Manipur University Students' Union. It has been Nine days and the all normal functioning of the University including the Administrative block and the

examination block has been shut down. Classes have been disrupted and examination had been postponed. Talking during a discussion hour at local TV, president of the Manipur University Students' Union M. Dayaman had stated that there will be no U-turn to the agitation until the incumbent Vice Chancellor who fails to take responsibility of taking care of the University has been removed. Meanwhile, Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) in a meeting held today had denounced the Vice Chancellor AP Pandey for not respecting the resolution of the General Body meeting of the Association adopted on June 4. The teachers' body had demanded clarification over the various allegations levelled against the VC. In the meeting held today the MUTA had resolved to organise a sit-in-protest at the main gate on June 11. Source said that other bodies associated with the Manipur

University are also likely to join the protest. Meanwhile, source said that the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh is taking ongoing impasse at Manipur University with extra seriousness. The Chief Minister today invited six representatives of the Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) and one representative from the research scholars. The MUSU team is likely to meet the Chief Minister at 6 pm today evening.

Minister's son who hit two police personnel arrested late yesterday night, produced to court today and remanded for 3 days

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Son of MAHUD and Forest Minister Th. Shyamkumar, who intentionally hit two police personnel by his black tinted glass car yesterday afternoon was arrested late yesterday night at around 10.30 pm by the city police team.

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Robert aged about 23 hit the two police personnel injuring their legs when they were on duty in the middle of the city. First hand report stated that the police after knowing the person as the son of the Minister did not arrest him and neither took up any case. Instead he was reportedly dropped to his father's quarter late yesterday evening after half an hour

detention. The arrest of the Minister's son was came to light only today morning at around 10 after he was produced the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imphal West. As per report he was arrested yesterday night at around 10.30 pm but the information was not let known to any of the media houses. Today's morning news report stated about the

incident and public anger over the issue likely to spark uproar. Any arrest was most time let known to the press but the arrest of the Minister's son last night was not informed to none of the media houses. People suspect a modus operandi to the case. Later the police remanded the Minister's son in custody for 3 days.



Representatives of the NSCN-IM led by Gen.Rtd. VS Atem and India Government representatives led by Rina Mitra, Special Secretary (Internal Security) MHA after review meeting of the cease fire ground rule at Chamukedima, Nagaland yesterday.

World Vision India launches a campaign that aims to end child sexual abuse by 2021 in Manipur

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World Vision India (WVI), a humanitarian organization working for child protection, launched its national campaign to end child sexual abuse and exploitation by 2021, in Manipur today. The launch event was organised in collaboration with Manipur Alliance for Child Right (MACR). The campaign was launched by Shri. Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Hon'ble Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly, Smt. Sumatibala Ningthoujam, Chairperson, Manipur Commission for Child Right and Protection and Smt. R.K. Memcha, Registrar, Manipur High Court/Member also graced the occasion as guests of honors. The launch included a panel discussion on 'Ending Children Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in India' and raised concerns on issues of child protection and

World Vision India's campaign "It takes every Indian to end child sexual abuse" targets 10 million children across 25 states and 1 union territory

the need to address them collectively. The magnitude of sexual violence against children is unknown. To address the issue and to break the silence around child abuse and exploitation World Vision India has created a holistic campaign that is expected to impact 10 million children (0-18 years). Speaking about the campaign, Samuel Therie, Associate Director, World Vision India said "we believe that violence against children is a violation of basic human and child rights. Child sexual abuse affects their survival, health and education. We aim to cover 200 districts and 7000 urban, semi-urban and rural communities to create a safe

environment for children through this campaign. We look forward to engage with people from all walks of life towards ensuring a violence free environment for our children." The campaign will encourage the public to address values and attitude which condone sexual abuse and exploitation of children. World Vision India will also train parents on child protection, parenting and care at household level and within the community, facilitate school safety program, conduct comprehensive school safety measures for children, establish child protection policies and improve complaint mechanisms in schools. Sexual

harassment awareness sessions will also be conducted at the anganwadi centres for adolescent girls. The campaign will also focus on strengthening existing child programs through multi-stakeholder engagement efforts that will include working with the Integrated Child Protection Scheme and child protection units to strengthen the reporting, referral mechanism and support programs for child protection incidents, organizing inter-agency child protection review to ensure co-operation and accountability, sensitize and train police, teachers, doctors, Auxiliary nurse midwife, lawyers, etc to be sensitive with children and their families when faced with a case. Additionally it will work to strengthen coalitions of community, faith-based and civil society organizations to advocate for the protection of children and improve referral systems.

Raas Leela Film Screened At Raj Bhavan



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In the presence of the members of General Council, Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi a 30 minutes Special Screening of Raas Leela Film and Releasing of DVD of 5 kinds of Raas Leela of Manipur was held at Durban Hall, Raj Bhavan, yesterday evening. The dignitaries present on the Dias were Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur and Chairman of Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy (JNMDA), Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister (Art & Culture) Manipur and Shri Shekhar Sen, Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.

To begin with the programme, the Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla released DVD of 5 kinds of Raas Leela of Manipur.

While addressing the dignitaries, Governor, Dr. Najma Heptulla expressed her gratitude to the Sangeet Natak Akademi for their decision to hold a General Council meeting in Imphal, Manipur. She further stated that Manipur University of Culture becomes one of the most important and active university in the our country. We need to preserve and promote the art, craft, culture, music and literature. Though Manipur is a tiny state it has so much cultural wealth which needs to promote and to preserve. There are many more unique things in Manipur. Women market

where around 4000 women's work under one roof. Loktak Lake is the largest lake in the North East, Governor added. Art and Culture minister Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh said that Manipur has a very rich cultural heritage. He also lauded the SNA for playing an important roles in promotion of Culture in the country. SNA Chairman Shri Shekhar Sen said that Sangeet Natak Akademi and JNMDA has a deep relations since the past 62 years.

Later, a 30 minutes of Raas Leela film was screened which was followed by a dinner. About the Raas Leela Film, Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi has taken up special documentations on various performing Arts of the country. Under this programme, documentation and compilation of 5 kinds of Raas Leela of Manipur (Maharas, Vasantraas, Nitya Ras, Kunja Ras and Diba Ras) has been taken up and completed recently with the artistic support from JNMDA. The special documentation has been directed by Internationally acclaimed film maker Shri A. Shyam Sharma. Sangeet Natak Akademi was set up in the year 1952 as the apex body of the performing arts in the country to preserve and promote the vast cultural heritage of India expressed in music, dance and drama. The programme was attended by members of Executive Board and General Council of SNA and officials of JNMDA including its Vice Chairman Prof. H. Tombi Singh.

Textbooks Distribution Function held at Khangabok



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Thoubal, June 9,

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Thoubal under the Zonal Education Officer, Thoubal distributed free textbooks to students of Khangabok Meisanam Leikai Upper Primary School under Khangabok A/C for the academic session 2018-19 today. Th.Jadumani Former Vice-President BJP Manipur

Pradesh, Head Mistres of Khangabok Meisanam UPS L. Indira, Pradhan of Khangabok part -II Gram Panchayat S. Opender Singh and Assistant Inspector, MES of Zone-III Thoubal Th. Anurashi Devi graced the distribution event as chief guest, president and guests of honour respectively. A total of 73 students from Khangabok Meisanam Upper Primary School received free texts under the SSA funding today.