

## Govt. orders employees to attend office on Good Friday

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 29:** State Government has issued an order to make sure that all government employees attend their offices on March 30, 2018, which is also Good Friday. In an order issued in the name of the Governor of Manipur signed by Under Secretary (GAD) Govt. of Manipur G.S. Max Guite, the state government announced the day as full working day for all Government offices and Financial Institution in Manipur under the power conferred by the provision of Section 25 of Negotiable Act, 1881 (Act, XXVI of 1881) to avoid anticipated rush for passing of bills at the end of the Financial Year 2017-2018.

## 2nd Phase Scholarship for Minority students

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**Imphal, March 29:** Popular Front of India (PFI) Manipur Chapter, in a press statement issued to media houses said that the front will distribute the 2nd phase scholarship for minority students for the year 2017-18 on April 8 at 11 am at Imphal Hotel, North AOC, Imphal.

## Celebs take to Twitter, students take to roads to protest CBSE retest

**Agency**  
**New Delhi, March 29:**

Following the CBSE's announcement to re-conduct examinations for Class X and Class XII students due to paper leak, a group of students from different schools of Delhi gathered near Jantar Mantar to protest against the Board's decision. On Wednesday – a day prior to the protest and also the last day of Class X's boards – an announcement from the Board stated, "The board has taken cognizance of certain happenings in the conduct of certain examinations as are being reported. With the view to uphold the sanctity of the Board Examinations and in the interest of the fairness to the students, the Board has decided to re-conduct the examinations. Dates for fresh examinations and other details shall be posted on the CBSE website within a week." While there have been reports of leaked papers of subjects from other streams as well, the Board has decided to

## Will not allow conversion of our land into Hindu land- SEACO

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**Imphal, March 29,**

Reacting to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh statement which he delivered on the inaugural day of the Madhavpur Mela at Porbandar district of Gujarat South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) said that the organisation will not allow anybody to convert the land into Hindu land. Quoting Chief Minister N. Biren Singh statement at which he said, "In the time of Lord Krishna, there was no separate Arunachal Pradesh or Assam or Manipur. The entire Northeast was one entity. Now, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland are on the border of China. But Lord Krishna made them part of India during his time", SEACO has such statement is

unscrupulous statement. The statement not only sold the Meitei community but also an insult to the Meitei community.

The organisation has been working whole heartedly for revival and protection of the indigenous culture, tradition and religion. The Hindu religion and indigenous Manipuri religion have lot of differences. Hindu's supreme god Krishna has no way to have any connection with the Mangoloid people of the area. "Hindu's Supreme God Krishna was borne on Wednesday Midnight of 3228 BC July 19 at longitude 27 degree 25 inch and latitude 77 degree 41 inch and left for heavenly abode on February 18, 3102 BC. The Supreme God survived for 125 years", the SEACO statement said.

It even said that nearly 10000 years before the Hindu Supreme God was borne, the Mangoloid had already learnt pottery making knowledge.

The SEACO also stated that there are evidences of pots which date back to nearly 20,000 years have been found inside secret Kangla fort. SEACO also stated that no religion follower should consider their religion as superior from other religion. Every one should respect each religion.

"We have our own deity Laimingthou Sanamahi and Epathou Pakhangba. Hindu God Krishna is no superior to them", the SEACO statement said.

It further added that any move to convert our land to Hindu land will be strongly face by SEACO.

## SSUM announces to work together with West Bengal based USDF

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 29,**

Manipur base students' body Socialist Students' Union of Manipur have announced to go hand in hand with West Bengal based student body – United Students' Democratic Front (USDF).

In a press statement issued by Organisation Secretary of SSUM, Rashid Ahmed, the student body said that leaders of both the students' bodies had agreed to join hands with likeminded students' body to struggle for the rights and welfare of the deprived student community of the nation.

The statement said that SSUM as a follower of Pioneer leader Hijam Irabot will uphold and strengthen the ideology of the pioneer leader. Saying that the number of students from poor and deprived family are countless and to these family hunger and education have been depriving their right to education.

Stating the present problems being faced by students from poor family are the cause and effect of the imperialist rule, the SSUM said in order to assure the rights of poor students the student body will join hands with likeminded students' body from across

the world to struggle unitedly. "Joining hands with the West Bengal based United Students' Democratic Front (USDF) is the first step", the student body said.

On the other hand, two representatives of SSUM Comarade Naorem Tanoranjan and Comarade Longjam Bushan had attended the 2 – day Peoples' Literary festival organized by Baster Solidarity Network, Kolkatta Chapter. In the festival, delegates from Palestine, revolutionary writers, poets and author of various books and other eminent personalities attended panelist and experts.

## More research works to prosper Technical Education: Deputy Chief Minister

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, March 29,**

Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh has said that a lot of research works should be done to prosper technical education in the country. He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of OUGRI – 2018 (a multi-faceted talent hunt extravaganza) of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Manipur at its Langol Campus in Imphal today.

Deputy Chief Minister said, our endeavour is to focus on research works both in technical education and pure sciences to generate new ideas and innovations. He said, technologies have been developed after undergoing research in diverse fields. In the country today, research work is lagging behind as we are concentrating more on



application of science. Therefore, special attention should be given to study pure sciences and technology research so that more and more innovations can be developed to foster a better living in different aspects of life.

Joykumar Singh further stated that students should expose themselves at every stages of learning. He said, they should not be content with only what they have been taught but try to think on the ideas as well. It will enhance their thinking and eagerness to learn more and more. While lauding the efforts made by the organisers of OUGRI – 2018 to expose students in various fields, Deputy Chief Minister said, it will give a chance to the students to express their skills in various extra-curricular and related activities. It will also give them a chance to know various cultures so that they can be acquainted with it in their future also. The extravaganza will deliver mental and intellectual satisfaction to the students,

he added. Director of NIT, Manipur Dr. S. Birendra Singh said, NITs in the country have been taking a key role in the technology development. Most of the passed outs from IITs- the country's premier technology institutes have been working in multinationals and abroad. But, most of the students who have been passed out from NITs have been engaged in the country and they have been contributing a lot in technology development. He said, NIT, Manipur although established in 2010, it can occupy a higher place in Technology Institutions and NIT Ranking Framework. More facilities and infrastructures will be developed in the coming years. To cater a rounded personality, to nurture cultural skills and to entertain students, OUGRI – 2018 will be an appropriate one, he added.

In the four days mega event of the Institute, a number of competitions and shows will be held.

## Rs 4 500 crore more approved for NEC schemes

**New Delhi, March 29:** Cabinet has approved Schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC) including continuation of existing Schemes. It will boost the development projects in North-East.

4 500 crore rupees have been approved for the scheme for three years upto March, 2020. The Scheme of NEC - Special Development Project will be changed to be a Central Sector Scheme with 100 per cent grant.

Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Dr Jitendra Singh told media in New Delhi that the government is committed for the development of the region and the hard work and dedication of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards North East has started showing results.

Besides, NEC is also implementing North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme - Programme Component for upgradation of the important and strategic inter-state roads.

## Mahavir Jayanti celebrated

**Imphal, March 29:** The 2617th birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira is being celebrated today at Jain Mandir here in Imphal.

As a part of the celebration, Jain community residing in Imphal area organised social programmes, including processions, free meals and devotional concerts, at the Jain Temple and Thangal Bazar area.

## Search Operation conducted at Moreh

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**Imphal, March 29:** A search operation was conducted yesterday at Khudengthabi village under Moreh PS from 4 pm till 6 pm by a combine team of CDO Moreh and Moreh Police station. The operation was led by DSP/ CDO (Moreh) Thomas Thokchom along with OC

Moreh PS Insp. Letkhohao Vaiphei and OC/CDO Moreh Insp. P Tarunkumar Singh, was conducted under the supervision of SP Tenguoupal, Dr. S Ibomcha Singh.

Altogether 30 houses were searched and 70 persons verified. No persons were picked up.

## 'Lajja Eeshing' - a package drinking water industry inaugurated

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**Imphal, March 29**

A package drinking water industry called Lajja Eeshing was today inaugurated at Wangjing Sorokkhaibam Leikai in Thoubal district today. Congress leader Gaikhangam MLA P Brojen among others attended the inaugural function of the new package drinking water today.

G Gaikhangam while speaking on the occasion while appreciating the effort of the

establishment of such industry also recalled the importance of water.

he said such industries will provide pure healthy water to the people of the area. Besides many unemployed youth will also be able to get job in the newly established package drinking water industries.

MLA Paonam Brojen who attended the inaugural function also lauded the effort of the man behind the making of the industry.

## Cabinet makes provision of Rs 6,600 crore for higher education loan for poor students

**New Delhi, March 29,**

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Education Loans Scheme and continuation and modification of Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme with a financial outlay of 6,600 crore rupees from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The scheme will cover loans for pursuing professional and technical courses to promote quality education. Talking to reporters in New Delhi, Human Resource Development Minister, Prakash Javadekar said, it will provide education loans to ten lakh students during this period. He said, within the next three years, students who are unable to bear the education fee will be given loans and education subsidy under the initiative.

The Minister said the CCEA also approved a proposal to formulate an Integrated Scheme on school education by subsuming Sarva Shiksha

Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and Teacher Education from 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2020. An estimated allocation of 75,000 crore rupees has been approved for this which is a 20 percent increase over the current allocations.

The decision came in the backdrop of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Sabko Shiksha. Achi Shiksha and aims at supporting the states in universalizing access to school education from classes pre-nursery to XII across the country. Mr. Javadekar said, the blackboards will now be replaced by digital boards in classrooms in the next five years for better access to education.

He also said a committee has been set up in this regard. The Minister also informed that the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya will now provide education to the girls of marginalized sections up to class 12th.