

Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurates 15th Asia Media Summit in New Delhi

PIB
New Delhi, May 11,

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani today said that time has come to put laws, ethics and rules into place which will help in balancing the media industry so that one dominant player cannot rule the roost. Inaugurating the 15th Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2018 here today, she said that India will have around 969 million internet users by 2021 and Indian media industry looks upon the digital world not only as a challenge but also as an opportunity. How do we attract, retain and develop talent which frees good content from the trappings of revenue needs and brings about a balance in media institutions, the Minister further asked. The 15th Asia Media Summit is being hosted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, jointly with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), from 10th -12th May, 2018 in New Delhi. The theme of this year's Summit is 'Telling Our Stories - Asia and More', which would encourage regional and bilateral dialogue and cooperation to respond to challenges to the broadcasting sector in the region. Giving a perspective of the expanding Indian media industry, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani said, "India is the fastest growing advertising market expected to touch 10.59 billion US Dollars by the end of 2018 and the mobile spend is estimated to grow to 1.55 billion US Dollars in the year 2018. We have a vibrant media industry which has a direct established impact of Rs 1.35 lakh crore and indirect and induced benefits of Rs 4.5 lakh crore, with close to 4 million people associated with it." The Minister expressed hope that the Asia Media Summit will throw up new ideas so that we can look at pathways to strengthen media institutions for a better mankind. Addressing the inaugural session, Minister of Information, Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, outlined six complex challenges the world faces today, namely - poverty, gender disparity, terrorism, ICT revolution, climate change and uneven globalization. Expressing concern at cybercrimes, he stressed upon the need to

fight a war against cybercriminals to keep the media safe and expanding. Minister of Information from Cambodia, H.E. Dr. Khieu Kanharith, said that, "We are trying to improve the state of the press in Cambodia, we seek to maintain strong relationships with the fourth estate." Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Director, UNESCO, New Delhi Office talked about the role of media in creating peace and partnership on the planet. Quoting from the UNESCO constitution - "Since the war is created in the minds of men, we have to build peace in the minds of men", Mr. Aoyagi called upon the media to tell stories responsibly and in a very constructive way. Dr. Abbas Naseri Taheri, Director General, International Department and Advisor to President, IRIB, Iran emphasized the need for innovatively using social stories in the Asian cultures to create a bond between the past and the present. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General, UN spoke via a video message and asked to bridge digital divide in the world so that everyone in the community is able to participate meaningfully. She also highlighted media's role in building a sustainable

planet. Mr. Sam Seog Ko, Commissioner, Korea Communications Commission said that media has an important role to play in today's world and it should be used to make a better world. Vineet Jain, MD, Times Group discussed regulatory reforms for a fair market place that benefits consumers. Talking about data protection, he said that data is being siphoned by global platforms today and we must proactively protect our national interest by ensuring that data stays within India and that it is protected. In his welcome address, Sitanshu Kar, DG, PIB talked of India's strong traditions of storytelling in its 23 major languages and around 720 dialects. He said that due to emerging technologies, we are at the cusp of revolutionary shifts in the way we think and how we tell our stories. This is the first time that Asian Media Summit is being held in India. Over 220 foreign delegates representing 39 countries (SAARC, ASEAN, East Asia, Africa, Oceania, Europe, Syria, Uzbekistan, USA, China) and senior officials of the Government and members of Indian media industry are participating in the event.

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Khemchand inaugurates drinking water project at Chingmeirong



IT News
Imphal, May 11,

Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly, Y. Khemchand Singh inaugurated a Drinking Water Project (Reverse Osmosis Plant), at Chingmeirong Maning Leikai, Imphal on Thursday. The inaugural function was organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Manipur, at Sinam Shyama Town Hall, Chingmeirong Maning Leikai, Imphal. The Drinking Water Project was installed under Bharat Vikas Parishad, a Non Profit Organisation, working for the welfare of the people since inception. It may be mentioned that the Parishad was started in the year 1999 in the State and had 7 branches now. The RO Plant which was

inaugurated today will be maintained jointly by Chingmeirong Maning Leikai Singlup and Chingmeirong Social Welfare Association. Addressing the gathering as Chief Guest of the inaugural function, Y. Khemchand Singh said that the installation of the Plant is a good beginning. He also said that he will extend all possible help to Bharat Vikas Parishad in taking up any projects in the State which will benefit the people of the State. Suresh Jain, National Organising Secretary, BVP, said that the installation of the Plant in the area is a step to make the people aware of the benefit of such project. Stating that within six months, an RO Plant will be installed at Bishnupur, he asked the State President of BVP to submit 10 proposals to install

Community RO Plants in different parts of the State. He further said that BVP will take up the project of opening of Skill Development Centre to enhance the skills of the youths of the State. He appealed the local people to render their co-operation and assistance to make the project a success. Former Chief Minister of Manipur Radhababoo Kojam, B. Birmangal Sharma, President, BVP, Manipur; Dr. Sinam Rajendra Singh, National Vice-President, NE BVP; Swadesh Ranjan Goswami, National Additional General Secretary, NE BVP attended the inaugural function as Special Invitee, President and Guest of Honour respectively. H. Balkrishna Singh, Director, Information & Public Relations, Members of the Parishad and other invitees also attended the function.

Lecture on "drug and alcohol abuse"
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11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a lecture on "Drug and Alcohol Abuse" at Chongjang village yesterday. Total 17 locals including 7 males, 5 females and 5 children attended the lecture. The lecture was given by Company Commander Maj D V S Rathore, Company Operating Base Chongjang of 11 Assam Rifles. The lecture emphasized the adverse effects of "Drug and Alcohol Abuse" on the youth. Chongjang village, being a border village has easy availability of various kinds of drugs, which has affected the society to a large extent. The lecture was concluded by a unanimous pledge to fight against the menace of "Drug."

Ambassador of Belgium called on Chief Minister

DIPR
Imphal, May 11,

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to India Jan Luykx called on Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today in his office chamber. In the meeting they have discussed the possibilities of co-operation in trade and investment, food processing, agriculture, tourism and Smart City project etc. During the meeting, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh proposed to the Ambassador Jan Luykx to extend Belgium's support in developing a Football Academy in the State. Chief Minister said that such a Football Academy would hone the skills and ability of young and aspiring footballers of the State. While informing about the people's passion for football in the State, Ambassador Jan Luykx was surprised to learn that out of 21 footballers selected for the FIFA U-17 World Cup, there were 8 players from a small state like Manipur.

Chief Minister also proposed to Jan Luykx about sports exchange programme especially in the field of football as it would help the native sportspersons to get international exposure and training. Later, Ambassador Shri Jan Luykx gave his assurance that he would pursue the proposal of the Chief Minister in different Ministries of the Belgium Government.

KYS denounces govt's efforts at privatizing public resources and monuments!

IT News
New Delhi, May 11,

Krantikari Yuva Sangathan (KYS) activists participated 'Padyatra' from Rajghat to Red Fort along with other progressive organizations and individuals, against the sell-out of the historic fort to the corporate house, Dalmia Bharat Group on Thursday.

The sell-out has been euphemistically termed a 5-year contract for maintenance and development of the fort and its facilities. Crucial to the whole process is the essential indemnity clause which absolves the Dalmia Bharat Group of any damage that they may unwittingly incur upon our heritage. The

move has been severely criticized by the people across the country and is being seen as another attempt at ushering in privatization even in the core public sectors. It should be noted that the Red Fort has been an integral part of India's history and it was here that the First War of Indian Independence was

started. Symbolic of our country's freedom movement, it was here that the British Union Jack was taken down, and the Indian Tricolor hoisted. Now, however, its public importance is being effectively marred by it being offered as a private good up-for-sale. **The sale is only a current example of the widespread siphoning off of**

our country's resources to corporate houses with utter disregard for public welfare. KYS criticizes the present move and demands that it should be immediately taken back. It also calls upon all progressive organizations to unite against the BJP Govt's 'Public Resources-Private Profit' policy.

No. 7/1/SIRD/2009(PH-I)
**STATE INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
MANIPUR**
Porompat, the 11th May, 2018

RE-TENDER NOTICE
(E-Tender Notice)

In pursuance of letter No. 7/1/SIRD/2009(PH-I) dated 26th March 2018, a Re-Tender Notice is hereby called for Procurement and Installation of different items of Furniture and Carpentry works for the Administrative & Academic Block of SIRD, Manipur under the scheme of Management Support to Rural Development Programmes and Strengthening of District Planning Process in two bid system (Part-I: Technical Bid and Part-II: Financial Bid) from eligible and reputed/ original equipment and branded intending Suppliers / Manufacturers / Registered Firms/ Authorized dealers through on-line submission on the terms & conditions enumerated in detail in the tender document.

2. The earlier tender No. 7/1/SIRD/2009(PH-I) dated on 26th March 2018 advertised in the www.manipurenders.gov.in for Procurement and Installation of Furniture and Carpentry works for the Administrative & Academic Block of SIRD, Manipur should be treated as cancelled due to minimum number of bidder. These bidders who applied earlier will have to submit their applications again along with relevant documents and fresh EMDs and non-refundable Tender Fee, if they want to participate in the tender process again. The EMDs deposited by them earlier is being returned separately.

CRITICAL DATES

Bid Document download start date	11 th May, 2018
Clarification start date	11 th May, 2018
Clarification end date	15 th May, 2018
Bid submission start date	16 th May, 2018
Bid submission end date	Up to 2.00 P.M. on 31 st May, 2018
Bid opening date (Technical)	At 11.00 A.M. on 1 st June, 2018
Financial Bid opening date	At 11.00 A.M. on 4 th June, 2018

The details of the tender can be downloaded from the website:-
1. www.manipurenders.gov.in

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