

Minister Shyamkumar assures to set up Honey processing unit to be set up in Ningthi Village



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Forest and Environment and Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar has announced that a honey processing unit will be set up soon in Ningthi village under Phungyar Assembly Constituency at Kamjong district. The Minister was given a rousing welcome on his maiden visit at Ningthi village yesterday, located around 135 kms from Imphal. Minister Shyamkumar further

announced that the second Organic Outlet will be soon opened in Imphal, after the success of the first one at the Sanjenthong. He reminded the people on the historical importance of the village and said that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, is working towards inclusive development in the State for growth and progress in the region. He also said that he will give forward their grievances including bad road condition and lack of proper schools to the Chief Minister.

He assured to the people that the organic vegetables grown by the farmers of the Ningthi village will be acquired by his department and a vehicle for transporting vegetables to Imphal will be provided within this week to the villagers. The Minister further said farmers will be encouraged to plant cash crops in between Agar tree as it takes 7-8 years for the tree to mature, adding that the method will surely benefit the farmers. Stating that the soil condition of the village is suitable for litchi, he said the farmers will be provided free

saplings. The farmers will be also encouraged to plant other fruit bearing trees like mango, banana and cash crops like bay leaf plant, cardamom, he added.

Th. Shyamkumar was impressed by the villagers for planting fruit bearing trees and different flowers. He opined that it helps in attracting the bees which further helps the villagers in rearing the bees. He announced that he will help in providing required number of bee-boxes to the villagers. Later at the reception ceremony held at church organised by North East Ningol Bee-Keeping and Forest Conservation Trust Collaboration with Ningthi Village Authority under KVIC of India, Th. Shyamkumar distributed bee-boxes to the villagers. He also said his department will also soon initiate plans for water conservation to solve the issue of water scarcity. As part of the function in the morning, Minister Th. Shyamkumar and K. Angami, PCCF & HoFF planted Litchi saplings. Officials of Horticulture and Soil Conservation and Forest and Environment, village headman and villagers attended the function.

Director General of NCC review activities of NCC in the state



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Lieutenant General PP Malhotra, Director General NCC, who arrived yesterday in the state on a two day visit left Imphal today.

The DG review the NCC activities in the state during his stay. He is accompanied by Major General Raju Chauhan Additional Director General, North Eastern Region.

During the visit the DG NCC met the Chief Minister, Education Minister and Chairman MPSC to discuss the modalities as to how NCC activities can be improved. He was assured of maximum assistance from the state. More than 8000 NCC Cadets in Manipur will get benefitted

by this. The DG NCC also visited NCC Group HQ where he was given the Guard of Honour by the NCC Cadets. He also interacted with the officers and staff of NCC Group Imphal. Brig Vivek Sharma Commander, briefed the DG NCC about the ongoing training activities of NCC in Manipur. Lieutenant General PP Malhotra,

also witnessed firing skills by NCC cadets at Assam rifles firing range at Mantripukhri and were impressed by the enthusiasm & dedicating of the Manipur Cadets towards their training. The DG NCC emphasized on the need to achieve good standards of training, so that the cadets can achieve laurels at National level.

AR provides humanitarian aid

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29 Assam Rifles is located at Joupri, Chandel district, Manipur. Remote, treacherous, unforgiving terrain, inclement weather are characteristics of the location. This location is one of the remotest areas in Manipur and lacks basic amenities like Hospital to treat the people. On 09 May 2018, Commandant of 29 AR Col Sachin Jain, SM along with his QRT was on his visit to Company Operating Base Henkot when they came across a demanding situation on the road Hollengjang to Henkot. Mrs Wahoi resident of New Songzang village

working as a GREF laborer had slipped into a 80 meter deep gorge along the road and the remaining workers were standing helpless to rescue the ill fated woman. Commanding Officer QRT immediately formed a human chain and with available resources rescued the lady from the gorge. The Nursing Assistant gave her first aid on the spot. Instantly she was evacuated to nearest Company Operating Base where she was given timely treatment for her injuries by Medical Officer Asst Comdt N Manoj Singh. On Comdt her condition was normalized and was later referred to Imphal for further treatment.

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Democracy

Manipur, the Maharaja and his Darbar were to administer the valley of Manipur only. The Political Agent and President of the Manipur State Darbar (PMSD) were to administer the hills. Ethnicity in administration created a negative impact on interrelationship of Manipur. Meiteis and tribes, divided into Naga and Kuki, emerged as distinct ethnic groups. The Kuki rebellion of 1917-19 and the Zeliangrong revolt of 1930-32 affected the inter-ethnic relations. The British were shocked at the Kuki refusal to serve as labour in France during World War I. The Nagas, some Kuki-Chin groups and the King of Manipur supported the British in the war against Germany. After the suppression of the Kuki rebellion, the British followed a lenient policy towards the former rebels. And as a consequence of the Kuki rebellion, administrative subdivisions were created in the hills for more intensive administration. The Zeliangrong revolt was suppressed with the execution of their leader Jadonang in 1931 and imprisonment of Rani Gaidinliu. Under the democratic rule, ethnic relations took a more friendly form. Every section of the population was given the opportunity to participate in the electoral process to promote its interests. Inter-ethnic competition, which was to get protection and benefits from the colonial authorities, was transformed under democracy into friendly alliances to obtain access to the power and resources of the state. The ethnic identity continues to be an influencing factor in the democratic process of sending representatives to the legislature. The inter-ethnic relations has been harmonised

by ethnic alliances due to the mutual need to share power and resources of the state. Bureaucracy has played an important role in influencing the political leadership. Ethnic bureaucracies in most cases define the ethnic interests and advise the leadership to achieve the ethnic goals. This role is surreptitiously played by the ethnic bureaucracy. Further, ethnic relation has been influenced by the emergence of ethnic nationalism - Meitei nationalism, Naga nationalism and Kuki-Chin aspirations. Later, ethnic nationalism was projected and sponsored by the ethnic insurgents. There were clashes of interests between the three groups. Ethnic nationalism is opposed to Indian nationalism, but each of them is opposed to each other. Present Scenario A rapid survey of the inter-ethnic relations shows that the areas in which the ethnic relationship operates are in the field of people's participation in the democratic process, government employment, educational institutions, trade and commerce, interfaith interaction and the massive campaign of the civil societies for peace, unity and development. In the democratic state of Manipur, people participate in the electoral process. People join the political parties and contest elections to the legislature. The elected leaders become the members of the Legislative Assembly and Parliament who decide on the great issues of the state concerning the interest of the people. This electoral process involves the mobilization of masses of various ethnic groups; inter-ethnic relation is, in turn, influenced by

people's participation in the electoral process. The elected representatives become ministers. The participating ethnic leaders make compromise or alliance under the law and constitution to devote to the governance of the state. The relation amongst the people was greatly influenced by the objectives given by their party manifestoes, which, in most cases, harmonize their relation. Sharing of power and distribution of resources for economic development compel the elites of the ethnic groups for more involvement in the political process of the state. The government is the greatest employer in Manipur. And government service is the most sought-after employment. Thousands of people are employed by the state. These include all sections of the population. There is a common interest among the different categories of employees and they develop solidarity and fraternity amongst themselves. The government service also covers the transfer and posting in different parts of the state - urban, rural, hill township and interior hills. These posting led to close social and economic relation among the different sections of the people. While there is ethnic competition in the recruitment to the government services, the government employment produces positive sense of harmony and mutual benefits. The bureaucracy is the tool of the state to deal with many issues; from law and order to educational process, health care, roads and communication to rural development. So the government provides a great platform for ethnic relationship.

Educational institutions are the places where the young students of various ethnic and linguistic groups come into contact with each other. The primary and even the high schools in the hills are confined to the people of the ethnic group of the area. The schools, colleges and university in Imphal bring the students into closer contact. These institutions are the meeting place of the young minds. However, we see that the organisations of the students are segregated. Trade and commerce continue to be a joint venture via the exchange of goods and services among the various communities of Manipur. Trade and commerce widen the ethnic relations to interstate, national and global relations. Profit knows no boundary, caste or creed. Despite political and ethnic differences, trade is carried to the mutual benefit of all sections. Markets all over the state provide the meeting place for people of all groups as they do trade and commerce for profit and economic benefit. Imphal city, Churachandpur town and Moreh are the classic examples of the close ethnic interaction, for commerce, friendship, social harmony despite the cut-throat competition among the traders and ethnic tension. Manipur is a secular state which does not interfere in the religious pursuit of the people. Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and other, religions have a limited relationship. Unfortunately religion, which is supposed to stand for spiritual uplift of man and the salvation of his soul, has not produced a friendly religious relationship. The proselytizing Christianity, the liberal Hinduism and exclusive Islam do not have a wide inter-faith

interaction. The liberal among the religious leaders encourage inter-religious congregation, while some denominations are more exclusive. The inter-denominational relationship among the Christian community has emerged to some extent. The inter-religious interaction is promoted by United Religion Initiatives established under the late Swami Damodar Maharaj of ISKCON. Because of the exclusivity of Christianity, the Naga-Kuki conflict occurred despite their religious commonality. The need for harmony in ethnic relationship is greatly heightened by the need to maintain the unity of the people and integrity of Manipur. A massive campaign is continuously carried on by various civil societies to maintain peace, unity and brotherhood among the people of Manipur. In conclusion, the shared ideals of democracy, economic interdependence, and the need for better livelihood and social coexistence will strengthen the ethnic relationship, which is bedrock of the pluralistic state of Manipur. We have learnt from history that Manipur has had great crises in her long history. But she had withstood them all. I would like to remind the learned audience that the classical political thinkers define the state as the people who are living in a definite territory (sovereignty). I have to emphasize the role and position of the people which is the greatest factor in the making and unmaking of a state. So long as the people live unitedly in the country with full allegiance to the government, the state which is the highest form of human institutions will sustain and live on.

On injured in road accident

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A motorist sustain serious injury after he met a road accident at Phayan near Phungyar yesterday afternoon. The injured motorist has been identified as Santosh Chawdhary (30 years) of Ukhrul. 17 Assam Rifles of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) provided immediate medical assistance to the injured motorist. AR source said that the accident occurred when the individual was trying to overtake a vehicle. While

trying so he got hit by Shaktiman from the opposite end resulting in him sustaining several injuries. The individual was brought to the unit hospital 17 Assam Rifles in a critical condition with severe injuries to face, calf and arms. First aid was provided immediately to the patient. Total of eleven stitches were provided under anesthesia and dressing was done. Patient was stabilized and further referred to RIMS, Imphal for further management by surgical and orthopedic specialist at around 1600 hours, the statement added.

RC book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my RC book of my 4 wheeler (Maruti - 800) bearing Registration No. MN-1 A 4858, Chassis No. SB308-IN 1154663, Engine No. F8B-IN1558113, on the way between Kwakeithel to Paona Bazar, on May 15, 2018. Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Thongam(o) Sanatombi Devi
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Original Admit Card lost

I, the undersigned, Keisham Tarunkumar, studying class-X at HRD Academy School, Imphal, have lost my original Admit Card, bearing Roll No. 33334 of 2014 issued by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur, on the way between Haobam Marak to Paona Bazar on May 15, 2018. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Keisham Tarunkumar
S/o K. Manihar Singh
Haobam Marak from Leikai