

# IRB man, Lab Asst. Of Horticulture Dept. among 4 arrested for smuggling drugs

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A team of NAB arrested four persons, including an IRB Rifleman and a Burmese national from Nungourak Village, Pallel, Tengnoupal District, along with 1 kg Heroine at around 4.20 pm yesterday. Those arrested are identified as Aung Pyi (50 yrs) Burmese

national, S/O Chit Aung, Kachin State Momkying Village Myanmar; Mopung Khulpuwa (32 yrs) Rifleman no 012006209, 3rd IRB, Wangbal, Manipur S/o Kh. Khonai, Presently from Khukandang, Pallel Permanent resident of Kambang Khullen Tengnoupal District; Theophilus Kabai (40 yrs) S/o Kabhung Kabai, Hunbung,

Ukhrul and Hirom Inao Meitei (48 yrs) S/o H Khamba Meitei, Bamon Kampu Mayai Leikai, Imphal East, Lab Assistant Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department, Government of Manipur. The seized items includes 1kg of Heroine No 4; 4 nos of cell phones; 1 Kenbo bike (no number) and one Alto Car bearing registration number MN05A 5703.

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Moreh, May 26,

Forest and Environment and Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar said his departments have identified the locations where state-wide mass plantation drive will be held from the month of June, under the initiative of Chief Minister's missions of 'Go To Village' and 'Go To Hills'. He said latest technology will be used to track the development of these plantations.



Th. Shyamkumar visited the Holenphai and Teenumjung villages under Tengnoupal district near the Indo-Myanmar border. Minister further said the drive will be video recorded and Geo Tracking System will be used to track progress of the plantations. Forest and Environment and Horticulture and Soil Conservation departments along with the villagers of different districts will collaborate for the mass plantation drive across the State.

Addressing media persons, Th. Shyamkumar said he was hopeful that the mass plantation drive will be able to combat the issue global warming as well as meet the objectives of the State Government's 'Go To Village' and 'Go To Hills' missions. Acknowledging that the

villagers depend on the forest produces, the departments have come up with the plan for the plantation drive to give an alternative way to earn income for themselves. He also said different trees along with cash crops will be planted. Agar saplings will be planted along with cash crops including cardamom, cashew, orange, lychee/litchi, yongchak among others. The departments have identified suitable places for Agar plantation like Jirbam, Kamjong and Tengnoupal while Teenumjung village (Tengnoupal) is suitable for cashew plantation. On the other hand, Kamjong and Senapati are suitable for the Kiwi plantation and Avacado is suitable in Ukhrul, he added. He further said the Agar tree takes 7-8 years to mature and the farmers/villages can earn upto Rs 50,000 to Rs 1.5 lakh

per tree. Stating that his department will provide saplings for free, he said the farmers/villagers will also be rewarded for the maintenance of trees. Forest and Environment and Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar further appealed to the people of the State to cooperate with the departments to help in combating the issue of global warming.

## Assam Rifles seizes precious stones

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11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) apprehended one smuggler, aged 46 years, resident of Senapati District, Manipur.

On 24 May 2018, specific information was received from reliable sources by 11 Assam Rifles regarding move of banned contraband items in a Maruti Eeco Van (Registration Number MN 01G-9056) from Moreh to Imphal. Acting on



the specific information a Mobile Vehicle Check Post was activated near KLP location, Moreh for checking of the vehicle. At

approximately 0940 hours on 24 May 2018 the vehicle reached the Check Post and the team of 11 Assam Rifles stopped the vehicle. On checking the vehicle, 103 Blue S a p p h i r e stones (approximately 75 grams) and 148 Yellow Sapphire stones (approximately 275 grams) were found concealed in the vehicle.

The individual and recovered items were handed over to customs preventive force, Moreh.

## AR distributes more than one lakh plants for income generation through Afforestation

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As part of its project for employment and income generation through afforestation on 25 May 2018, 12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles distributed 1,10,000 fruit bearing and ornamental saplings to 31 Villages of Tengnoupal district.

The innovative enterprise of Assam Rifles is an outcome of growing concern for deforestation and loss of natural habitat for millions of local flora and fauna, leading to climate change.

In the two earlier meetings held with all the concerned village chiefs in the month of April 2018, detailed interaction and awareness programme was conducted, wherein method of plantation and precautions to be taken were also explained with the help of Forest and Horticulture Department.

In the programme held at Tengnoupal on 25 May 2018, the sapling were distributed to the villages by Brig A S Chauhan, Commander 26 Sector Assam Rifles, Dr L



Jeecelee, DFO Tengnoupal alongwith representative of Horticulture Department were also present on the occasion. A total of 91 villagers including 31 village chiefs attended the event. Chief Guest Commander 26 sector Assam Rifles assured everyone that Assam Rifles as "Friends of the North East People" is an will continue to be for the people and with the people.

The fruit bearing saplings which were distributed were of Cashew Nut, Litchi, Coconut, Oragne, Lemon, Banana, Rubber, Beetal Nut, Beetal Leaf and Yongchak. In

addition ornamental saplings of different varieties were distributed. A detailed plan of the developing cluster based plantation/farm pockets has been prepared in consultation with forest officials, based on the favourable climate and terrain conditions.

The villagers applauded the untiring and noble effort of Assam Rifles in addressing hardships faced by the local populace, as also the social issues looking forward to the generated income from these plants for a better future, they took an oath to protect and grow them.

## AR apprehend two over ground workers of NSCN

Agency  
Dimapur, May 26,

Assam Rifles Khonsa Battalion under the aegis of DAO division apprehended an apprehended two "over ground workers" of NSCN (I-M) and NSCN (K) with extortion notes and money on May 24 at Sanliam village, Arunachal Pradesh. According to PRO (defence) Col C Konwer, during spot interrogation, the arrested person who admitted his allegiance to NSCN (I-M) divulged location of another over ground worker of NSCN (K). The party launched an operation in Pongkong and

apprehended the second. PRO claimed that the duo had been involved in a number of incidents of extortion and terrorizing of locals. "The prompt and bold action by the battalion resulted in successful apprehension of the Over Ground Workers, ridding the locals of the menace created by them," said PRO said. Col Konwer further said that the security forces has been carrying out aggressive operations in the South Arunachal Pradesh and this apprehension has struck a blow to the extortion activities being carried out by the underground cadres.

## NIA files charge sheet against 10 suspected terrorists

Agency  
New Delhi, May 26,

The National Investigation Agency

(NIA) has filed a charge sheet against 10 suspected terrorists for receiving funds from the main operatives of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) based in Pakistan and UAE for reviving terrorist activities in India.

The charge sheet was filed in a special NIA court in Delhi yesterday under various sections of Indian Penal Code, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Passport Act, Aadhar Act and the Arms Act. The case was registered in November last year. In a statement, NIA said, one of the terrorists Shaikh Abdul Naeem received funds from LeT for terrorist activities in India and was using it to establish hideouts, recruit people for LeT and to do reconnaissance of targets.

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## .....Govt teachers have no shame on seeing the result

"Government teachers these days have no shame over their failure to produce topper students", the veteran Journalist said.

A government teacher, who did not want to disclose his identities said that, it will take around a decade to produce topper students from government school. "This year the school administration of government school is doing well if compare to last three four year, but there is something wrong in the present system", the government school teacher said while talking to Imphal Times.

He said that future of students depend on the foundation he got at primary level. For the state of Manipur Primary education starts from

Class 1 and there is no preschool. These class 1 students who admitted without preschool were directly provided text books which the teachers find difficult to fill the gap. When Imphal Times asked about the Anganwadi centers which is more like preschools, the teachers said, "Most Anganwadi center in the state are run just for name shake without actually delivering what they were supposed to do, these center spend time just by providing some edibles and without teaching anything which are being taught in preschool". It is better that the Anganwadi Center be abolished and attached to primary school so that preschool foundation can be given to

## UGC approves online degree and diploma courses from this academic session

Agency  
New Delhi, May 26,

University Grants Commission, UGC has approved regulations for online courses by universities.

In its meeting held on Friday, the Commission decided that the higher educational institutions and universities will be able to offer graduate, postgraduate and diploma programmes online from this academic session.

Union HRD Minister Prakash Jawadekar in a tweet said, it is a landmark reform in the field of

higher education.

The decision will help top rated institutions to offer certificate, diploma & degree programmes in full-fledged online mode in only those disciplines in which it has already been offering the same or similar programmes or courses at graduation level in regular mode.

The Ministry of Human Resources Development in a statement said, online Programmes requiring Practical or Laboratory Courses as a curricular requirement shall not be permitted. The Examinations shall be

conducted in proctored mode and in conformity with any norms for such examinations stipulated by the commission. The online learning shall have minimum four quadrants, video lectures, e- content, self-assessment and discussion forum to clarify doubts. The Higher Educational Institutions will be eligible to offer Online Programmes if they have been in existence for at least five years and are accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a valid minimum

score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale and should be in the top-100 in overall category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for at least two years in the previous three years.

However, NAAC and NIRF conditions shall not be applicable to existing government Open Universities till NAAC or similar accreditation system or NIRF are made available. The initiative is a big step towards attaining the targeted Gross Enrolment Ratio GER of 30 per cent by the year 2020.

## RC book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my RC book of my 4 wheeler (Maruti -800) bearing Registration No. MN-1A4858, Chassis No. SB308-IN 1154663, Engine No. F8B-IN1558113, on the way between Kwaikethel to Paona Bazar, on May 15, 2018.

Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Thongam(o) Sanahanbi Devi  
W/o Th. Guneshwor Singh  
Kwaikethel Soibam Leikai  
Imphal West