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Mann Ki Baat: PM urges people to shun plastics

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today urged the people to shun low-grade plastic and polythene, saying it was creating a negative impact on the environment, wildlife and the health of the people. He asked the people to observe the World Environment Day on June 5 with vigour, and that it was time to concentrate on tree plantation. Planting saplings is not enough, people should ensure that they care for a plant till it becomes a tree, Modi said. "Protecting environment and being sensitive towards nature should come naturally. The recent dust storms accompanied by rains was unseasonal. The climate

pattern led to the loss of life and property. It is a result of change in weather pattern," he said in his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio address. "Whenever we face a torrid summer, or floods, incessant rains or unbearable cold, everybody becomes an expert, analyzing global warming and climate change. But does empty talk bring about any solutions? Being sensitive towards nature, protecting nature, should come naturally to us; these virtues should be embedded in our 'sanskrit' (culture)," the prime minister said. He said India was proud to host the World Environment Day this year, which is a major achievement for the country. He, said, was an acknowledgment of India's efforts to lead the world in

reducing the effects of climate change. "The theme this year is 'beat plastic pollution'. I appeal to you not to use low grade plastic and polythene and understand the importance of the theme. It (use of plastic) leaves a negative impact on our nature, the wildlife and our health," Modi said. He said when the country speaks of climate justice or plays a major role in the Cop21 and Paris agreements or when it unites the whole world through the medium of International Solar Alliance, they all are rooted in fulfilling the dream of Mahatma Gandhi. "On this environment day, let all of us give it a good thought as to what can we do to make our planet cleaner and greener. What innovative

things can we do," he said. Modi also referred to the International Yoga Day on June 21. Quoting an ancient text, he said practicing yogic exercises on a regular basis leads to imbibing benefic attributes which stand by our side like relatives and friends. The practice of yoga leads to building up of courage, which always protects us like a father. The practice of yoga leads to germination of a sense of forgiveness in the same manner as a mother has for her children and mental peace becomes our permanent friend, Modi said. The prime minister appealed to the people to adopt the legacy of yoga and create a healthy, happy and harmonious nation.



Sky groups of Hospital today conducted free heart check up camp for members and family of the Manipur Photography Club at Sky Hospital, Porompat today

HFAO office inaugurated by MLA Yumnam Radheshyam

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MLA Radheshyam today inaugurated the office of the Health For All Organisation (HFAO) at Arong Khunou in Kakching district. The inaugural function was also attended by Superintendent of Police, Kakching district, Victoria Yengkhom, Joint Director of

Manipur State AIDS Control Society, MACS, Abhiram Mongjam and Pradhan Athokpam Bishwajit as dignitaries. Secretary of HFAO, H. Premkumar, HFAO was formed by group of like minded people to facilitate medical facilities to people who face problem in reaching the hospital. It was registered as district level

organisation on October 24 of 1992 and upgraded to state level organisation in 2008.

The organisation has so far taken up various programme for protection of environment and ecology, HIV and AIDS and to prevent Malaria under the sponsorship of various department since its establishment, Premkumar said.

Jailed separatist leader Shabir Shah's daughter tops CBSE Class XII in J&K

Courtesy Indian Express
Srinagar, May 27,

The daughter of incarcerated separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail in connection with a terror funding case, has topped the CBSE Class XII examinations in Jammu and Kashmir. Sama, a student of Delhi Public School (DPS) in Srinagar, secured 97.8 per cent marks in the examination, the results for which were announced on Saturday.

Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) leader, Shabir Shah was arrested by the National Investigation Agency on July 26, 2017, in a terror funding case.

Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti congratulated the 19-year-old student and called her an "inspiration" for the youth in the state. "Congratulations to Sama Shabir for securing 97.8% marks in the class 12 examinations. Her hard work & determination has helped her overcome all odds and she is truly an inspiration for youth of our state," the chief minister tweeted. PWD minister Naeem Akhtar also took to twitter to

congratulate Sama. "Truly inspiring for all our children. Education, excellence is the answer to our woes of disempowerment. Congrats," Akhtar posted. Attributing her success to the "guidance" from her jailed father, Sama told The Sunday Express: "I attribute it to my father only for being a source of inspiration, for being an idol for me. And my mother, for being source of strength for me. She has given us the

strength that I have today and because of her I was able to study. I was not in depression because of my mother, because she was herself so strong. "I am very proud of my father. He has spent 31 years in prison. So this one year wouldn't have affected my studies," she said, adding that she had to top the exam to make her father proud. "It was tough to stabilise. But I thought if it affects me, it

would be bad for him. I took it as a positive point. I am proud daughter and I would be making him proud even if he is in Tihar (jail)." A student of Humanities, Sama said it was excruciating that her father was not with her at this time of celebration. "At a time when the whole of India knows about it (my result), my father doesn't know anything about it... (when) he should have been the first to know of it," she said.

Tripura government says plastic bags will be phased out from the state by August 15

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Agartala, May 27,

The Tripura government on Sunday announced that it would phase out plastic bags in the state under the Himalayan Cleanup programme by August 15, PTI reported. The state's Science, Technology and Environment Minister Sudip Roy Barman urged people to use biodegradable bags instead of

plastic. "Plastic waste damages marine life, contaminates soil and clogs drains," Barman told reporters, adding that the government may consult an expert agency to decide on the way forward. The minister said cracking down on the production of plastic would curb the use of plastic. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb had asked the Agartala Municipal Corporation to use

plastic waste to construct at least a 500-metre stretch of road and to start door-to-door garbage collection within the municipality area. Khanna criticised the previous Left Front government's implementation of a total ban on the production, use and sale of plastic bags for carrying items. "The plastic ban, imposed during Left rule, was just paperwork," Khanna said. "We want to implement it in the truest spirit..."

ZSP initiated mass enrolment of CMHT scheme at Kathuong village

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An Awareness and Mass enrolment of CMHT (Chief Minister Hakshelgi Tengbang) was held on the 26th May 2018 at Haika H. Kathuong village adjacent to Sajik tampak near the Myanmar border Chandel District Manipur.

The event was jointly initiated by the Sugnu Block and Kana Area Block of ZSP which is the apex students Association of the Zou Tribe, in collaboration with CMHT Kios Chakpikarong. According to CMHT Kios Operator of Chakpikarong, Wartha, more than 70 deserving families of the surrounding area, were enrolled. But, due to the non availability of Smart Card printer, the same could not



be delivered to the villagers on the day. The Student Association appeal to the concerned department to issue a Smart Card printer for Chakpikarong Sub-division to make it more convenient and pragmatic for the general public to avail the benefits of the scheme without

having to travel to the District headquarter Hospital which is located more than 60 kms away with hardly motorable roads. The Students Association sincerely CMHT KIOSH Operator Chakpikarong and his team for their cooperation in delivering the scheme to the remote villagers.

A Two-Day National Seminar On "Assessment of Higher Educational Institutions By NAAC: Problems & Prospects" Held

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Imphal, May 27,

Inaugural function of two-day national seminar on "Assessment of Higher Educational Institutions by NAAC: Problems & Prospects" organized by Maharaja Bodhchandra College, Palace Compound Imphal and sponsored by Directorate of University & Higher Education, Government of Manipur was held yesterday. The inaugural function of the seminar was attended Thokchom Radheshyam Singh, Minister, Education, Labour & Employment, Government of Manipur as Chief Guest, Prof. Arun Kumar, Dean, School of Human & Environmental Science, Director, IQAC, Manipur University, Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam, Assc. Prof. Dept. of Sociology & Technical

Education, JNU, New Delhi, and Lourembam Iboyaima Singh, Joint Director, Higher & Technical Education Govt. of Manipur as Guests of Honour respectively. Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University presided over the function. Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University, addressing the presidential speech, said that India plays a very important role as far as the quality of education is concerned. To improve the quality of education, the Govt. of India has already initiated several reforms in the higher education sector which encompass not only governance reforms in the institutions but also in the regulatory structures of the higher education system. A society can be changed by the facilities and benefits given by

the higher education like research work, professionalization and skill development etc. Professor derved on the aspects and areas of improving the quality of higher education and said, assessment and accreditation of institutions of higher education will certainly enhance quality of higher education in Manipur. Professor observed about the process of NAAC accreditation while asserting that Manipur University and Internal Quality Assessment Cell, IQAC will extend all the possible support for NAAC accreditation & assessment to the colleges of Manipur. He conveyed the compliments received from different parts of the world for all the excellent works done for the historic event, 105th Indian Science Congress, which was successfully organized by Manipur University.

Hon'ble Minister, Thokchom Radheshyam Singh, delivering the Chief Guest's speech said teachers and students should know the process and procedure of NAAC assessment. Minister highlighted about equity, accessibility and quality which are the key factors of quality education. He also briefed about NAAC and its significance on bringing quality in education and accessibility. He also highlighted about the condition of higher education in Manipur for not having regular teachers. Quality of education lies on the teachers and students of the institute, he said. Dr. Mairembam Chandra Singh, Principal of the Maharaja Bodhchandra College, delivered the keynote address. He observed about the quality assessment, vision, problems and

prospects of higher educational institutes. He also touched upon the process of NAAC assessment and accreditation with meticulous delivery on the seven criteria of NAAC Assessment. Dr. R.K Indira, Covenor of the organizing committee delivered the concept note of the seminar. She narrated about the past assessment of MB College by NAAC and also announced the names of the resource persons of the seminar and the areas of their presentations. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lourembam Iboyaima Singh said out of 73 colleges of Manipur, 22 colleges have been accessed by NAAC. Colleges are ignorant and careless about NAAC, he said while urging all the teachers to be ready and prepared for the NAAC

assessment of all the colleges in the near future. Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam, drawing the attention of gathering stated why our parents are willing to send their children outside despite having 73 colleges in Manipur. No state can develop until and unless the educational system of the state is developed, he added. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. S. Dorendrajit said it is mandatory for colleges to get accredited by NAAC. We have to introspect on how many students are willing to study here, he added. He stressed on the 'Diversity of Students', which is one of the important areas of NAAC assessment. The quality of education of the state needs to be discussed and debated thoroughly, he added. Prof. Arun Kumar, urged the education minister to develop some mechanism to

ensure that all the colleges of Manipur get accredited and assessed by NAAC. Professor recollected about the NAAC accreditation of Manipur University. Educational institutes must ensure the worthiness of the students and they should get more exposures through seminars and workshops, said professor while applauding the students of Manipur for their academic achievements. There will be two Academic Sessions during this seminar which will be chaired by L. Randhoni Devi, Ex-Principal, Imphal College and Prof. S. Dorendrajit Singh, Director IQAC, Manipur University on 26th & 27th respectively. Each session consists of four themes which will be deliberated by resource persons from different universities and colleges of the state as well as from other states.