

# Sougrakpam Vijaya makes history sail across the globe in 254 days only, awarded Narishakti Award

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A young woman from Manipur Lt. S. Vijaya Devi became part of an historic team to circumnavigate the globe. It is the first all women team from India to achieve the feat and first from Asia as well. The six member team was headed by Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi and her deputy second in commander Parthiva Jamwal. Other crew members are Lt. Aiswarya Boddapati, Lt. S. Vijaya Devi, Lt. Swati P and Lt. Payal Gupta. The team reached Goa on 21st May this year after completing 254 days journey. The team started their journey from 10th September 2017. It was a long and torturous journey but successful in breaking many records.

The team achieved this feat by using a 55 foot sailing vessel named INSV Tarini. According to Defence Ministry spokesperson, "INSV Tarini has sailed over 21600 nautical miles, visited five countries, sailed across four Continents, passed South of the three capes (Leeuwin, Horn and Good Hope) and cross the equator twice!" as tweeted by official twitter handle. "The expedition titled Navika Sagar Parikrama is aimed at promoting women empowerment along with the Government of India's thrust for Nari Shakti". In a tweet the Defence Minister, Ms Sitharaman said she was "honoured to welcome the Tarini team home". Indian Navy tweeted through their spokesperson,



"It is a staggering achievement at many levels - for the @indiannavy that conceived & steered the initiative, for Indian women who just broke one more glass ceiling, for all those involved with the odyssey for daring to dream big 2/n". The expedition was originally scheduled to return last month after stopovers at four ports, but it was delayed because the steering gear was damaged. The team was forced to take a fifth, unscheduled stop at Port

Louis in Mauritius for repairs. The expedition has been successful in breaking many stereotypes about travelling in sea by women. The data's collected by the expedition will be helpful for Indian Navy and MET department. While reaching Goa the team has been received by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman herself. The team has also been given reception by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and he had expressed his heartfelt happiness over the great achievement. He termed the expedition as historical not only from Indian perspective but also from international perspective. The President of India is slated to give them formal reception and they will be conferred Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017.

Lt. Vijaya Devi is an outgoing young woman hailing from Kwakta in Bishnupur District of Manipur. She has done her graduation from DM College and right from her college days' she is known for outgoing and friendly nature. She had participated in many extra-curricular activities right from her student days. The expedition called for both mental and physical fitness. Being an all women team it was not easy to spend so many days at sea but they were in contact with family through social media and other means. They get special training for the expedition for about a year. It was an extremely challenging expedition as they encountered rough seas, high stormy conditions and severely cold temperatures. Besides, circumnavigating the globe, the crew also collected and updated meteorological, ocean and wave data on regular basis for accurate weather forecast by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). It also reported marine pollution on high seas. The women crew during port halts, also interacted with local populace, especially children to promote ocean sailing and spirit of adventure. Recognizing their achievement the six member team has been conferred Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017. The Award was conferred to them on the International Women Day that is 8th of March by the President of India Ramnath Kovind however they could not received the award as they were sailing at that time.



Lt. Vijaya Devi and the Indian navy women crew

## 20% journo's vulnerable for liver ailments

From or correspondent  
Guwahati, May 27,

Nearly 20% city based journalists are vulnerable for liver related ailments, where three percent needs immediate medical attention. It was revealed in a screening camp, organized by Guwahati Accident, Trauma & Emergency (GATE) Hospital at Guwahati Press Club last week. Altogether 140 journalists participated in the liver function test program, among whom over 75% showed satisfactory outcome and they were only advised for slight changes in food habit & life style.

Meanwhile, attending the weekly media OPD clinic on 26 May 2018 at the press club premises, Dr Mahibul Islam and Dr Nabin Kr Banchal offered consultations to over 60 participants. Most of the participants consulted their blood reports with the physicians. They also got their weight, blood pressure & sugar checked in the camp. Nurses Madhusmita Rajbongshi, Chumi Rajbongshi and Kakuma Das assisted in running the camp, where the hospital's chief operating officer Mintu Ranjan Dutta and marketing manager Mayuri Ghosh were also present.

## AR seizes geckos in Manipur

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In a major haul, 12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) on 26 May 2018 seized two Tokay Geckos on Imphal-Moreh National Highway (NH 102) of Manipur. Acting on specific information, a Red Colour Pulsar Bike having registered number KA 03 HP 0970 was intercepted at Permanent Vehicle Check Post (PVCP), Khudengthabi by a team of 12 Assam Rifles. During the search the security personnel found two Tokay Geckos of approximate length 14 inch and 14.5 inch respectively concealed in a

cloth tied around the waist of the individual. The arrested person identified as Mr Seintithang Haokipage, aged 25 years resident of Moreh along with seized animals was taken into custody by Assam Rifles. The seized items and the apprehendee were handed over to Forest Department Tengenoupal. Tokay Gecko is a species of lizard, listed in the schedule III of Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972 as highly endangered animal. Tokay Geckos are being illegally caught and trafficked from Northeastern Indian State to Southeast Asian countries, where many people believe that medicines made from them can cure HIV.

## All arrangements made for Nagaland Lok Sabha bypoll

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All arrangements have been made for the peaceful conduct of the bypoll to the lone Lok Sabha seat in Nagaland tomorrow, Chief Electoral Officer Abhijit Sinha said. A total of 11,97,436 electorate, comprising 6,07,589 men and 5,89,847 women voters, are eligible to exercise their franchise, the CEO told reporters here yesterday. The counting of votes will take place on May 31. Out of the 2196 polling stations, 260 are declared as

"critical" and 211 as "vulnerable", Sinha said. Voting in 1855 polling stations will start at 7 am and end at 4 pm while in 309 booths it was end an hour ahead, he said, adding that 253 polling stations would have all women polling teams while two polling booths in Wokha district would be manned by only differently abled polling personnel. The CEO said that 225 polling stations would have live web screening and 257 off-line videography. He said that 3196 EVMs and 3075 VVPAT machines had been dispatched for all the

polling stations. A total of 40 companies of Central Armed Police Forces along with 80 companies of the Nagaland Armed Police, 770 home guards and 2600 village guards have been deployed for the bypoll, he said. Returning Officer M Patton said that during campaigning, various forces had seized Rs 84,000 and 8829 litres of liquor. The by-poll is a straight contest between ruling Peoples Democratic Alliance (PDA) candidate Tokheho Yephthomi and opposition NPF nominee C Apok Jamir. The Lok Sabha bypoll was necessitated following the resignation of Neiphiu Rio from the Lok Sabha to contest the Nagaland Assembly election in February. Rio is presently the chief minister of the state.

## Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight at Tbl

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The District Health Society, Thoubal organized District Level orientation on intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight-2018 at Conference Hall of District Health Society Thoubal on Saturday. The programme was attended by officials from ZEO Thoubal, CDPOs of ICDS Thoubal and Lilong, Medical Officers of District Hospital Thoubal, CHCs, PHCs and DPMU/GPMUs. Dr. N. Jayantairam Singh, Chief Medical Officer, Thoubal, Dr. H. Jashobanta Singh, Specialist, Paediatrician, District Hospital, Thoubal and Smt. T. Anita Devi, CDPO, ICDS, Thoubal were the dignitaries on the dais. Shri Ch. Basanta Singh, District Programme Manager, District Health Society Thoubal delivered Key note address about the orientation



programme. He says that childhood diarrhoea disease is among the major killer of 0-5 years children contributing 10 percent of under five deaths in India and most of them are children from poor socio economic families. He said that the ultimate aim of intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight 2018 is zero child deaths due to childhood diarrhoea. The District Health Society, Thoubal is organizing the IDCF-2018 from 28th May to 9th June, 2018. He further appealed all the stack holder viz. Health,

Education department and ICDS to extend full cooperation in success full implementation of the programme in the district. He also explained about the various activities to be performed during the IDCF to the participants like establishment of ORS Zinc Corner in all the health facilities. Hand washing demonstration in schools and outreach areas, IEC/IPC programmes by ANMs and ASHAs etc. Dr. Huidrom Jashobanta Singh, Specialist Paediatrician.

District Hospital, Thoubal was the Resource Person of the day. He thoroughly explained about the cause of diarrhoea among the children. He also explained about the precautionary measures and interventions too. Preparation of ORS at home and its uses. Standard treatment protocol for management of childhood diarrhoea as per Plan A, B and C also explained to the participants. Dr. N. Jayantairam Singh, Chief Medical Officer, Thoubal explained about the role to be played by the teachers. Anganwadi Workers and ASHAs for successful implementation of the IDCF 2018 to be held from 23rd May till 9th June, 2018. He also mentioned that in role of the CDPOs. Supervisors of the ICDS is very crucial. He also appealed to all the stack holders to work hard so that not a single child is death due to diarrhoea.

## AR conducted trials for selection of football team for "Oorja" Under - 19 Talent Hunt Football Tournament- 2018

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4 Assam Rifles of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted open trials for selection of "Sajik Tampak" team to participate in "OORJA" Under - 19 Talent Hunt Football Tournament-2018 on 25 May 2018 at Assam Rifles ground in Sajik Tampak. The selection of the team was done after co-ordination with Chandel Football Friends. A total of 65 youth of Sajik Tampak, Sugnu and surrounding areas under Chakpakarong Sub - Division participated in the trials with great spirit and zeal. The Sajik Tampak Football Team will be one of the four teams which will represent Chandel District in the upcoming State Level

Football Tournament to be held in Imphal in June 2018. The teams and players selected during State Level Tournament in Imphal will be directly participating in the National Level Tournament at New Delhi. The Unit was always sanguine of the aptitude and passion of local youth for Football and has now provided the right platform to showcase the skill of very talented boys of Sajik area. The efforts of Sajik Battalion towards providing necessary administrative assistance and training was well appreciated by locals and the youth of the area. This is the first time an Under-19 team will represent Sajik Tampak at the State events, which marks the beginning of new era of peace in the region.

## Imphal Book Fair underway; Y Khemchand inaugurated yesterday

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The 9 Day Imphal Book Fair organised by National Book Trust in collaboration with Directorate of Education (U), Government of Manipur and Saheed Madhumangal Foundation is being underway at DM College of Science Campus. The book Fair was inaugurated by Y. Khemchand, Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly as Chief yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest said that Book is a part of human civilization

and also encouraged the people present at the inauguration function to cultivate the habit of book reading. Education Minister Th. Radheshyam Singh who graced the inaugural function as Special invitee said that Books are source of knowledge, knowledge empowered humans with authority and the authority gained from knowledge is the highest form of authority. Books can be our friend whenever we need time away from our hard day lives. He further said that life is like a

book, it contains good chapters so, like a book one will come across a good chapter in his/her life. The Book Fair is participated by 35 publishing houses from different states including six from the state. There are 72 stalls showcasing different books. In connection with the fair, Workshop on Creative Writing for Children, Presentation of short stories for general readers, Orientation on Reader's Club and Workshop for Teachers, Storytelling for Children, Workshop on Enacting a

Story, Career in Book Publishing and Cultural Programme will be organised from 27th to 31st May, 2018. The inaugural function was also attended by Prof.(Dr.) Kuldip Chand Agnihotri, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh; Prof. Ramjeevan Singh Thakur, Director IGNTU, Regional Campus, Manipur; K. Radhakumar, Member, Sahitya Academy & Registrar, NSU as Guests of Honour and Smt. S. Satyabhama Devi, Chairperson, Saheed Madhumangal Foundation & MSWDC.

## Name changed

I, the undersigned, Yumnam Kora residence of Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal, Imphal East, Manipur do hereby declare that I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of old name Yumnam Pishak, as I have assumed my new name Yumnam Kora.

Sd/-

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