

70th Foundation Day IPR:

DIPR improves alot, recognise its activity and corporate too: Biswajit

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The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) celebrated its 70th Information and Public Relations Day, 2018 today at the DIPR Complex, Keishampat, Imphal. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Minister Information and Public Relations Thongam Biswajit said that the Government is trying to inform and educate its people about the welfare and development activities undertaken and enlist their participation through DIPR including far flung areas of the State. In tune with the fast changing of today's world, DIPR is improving alot. Not only in Imphal, Advertisements and Hoardings of Government's Schemes, programmes are displayed to interior parts. If the advertisements of such schemes and programmes of different departments are publish through DIPR, there's one third rate difference. It's all in view of the people of Manipur. So, do recognise the Department's activity. The Minister also appealed to all concerned for corporation to DIPR while rendering its activity.

Recognising the importance of DIPR, Chief Minister has already gave approval for new recruitment of its Staff, Biswajit added.

In his Presidential speech, Director (IPR), Government of



Manipur Shri H. Balkrisna Singh, MCS informed that compact building of DIPR Keishampat, Imphal will see by the end of this year or in the beginning of the coming new year. Recalling his first job as Reporter in DIPR (way back in 1996), during that period also he heard about the construction of DIPR new office. When he joined as Director DIPR in April, 2018, after foundation stone laid in 2005, the construction of the same is still going on. Thus

he starts to work everything in mission mode for a better DIPR. DIPR is in transitional period as most of the earlier staff are already retired and 90% of the employees are newly recruited through departmental and MPSC examinations, the Director stated. Appreciating all the staff for their sincerity and honesty while discharging their duty, Balkrisna wished for a team and full functioning Department in the coming days.

Ex-Director IPR, Meghachandra Kongbam also delivered speech. While giving welcome speech, Joint Director (IPR) W. Phajatombi Devi, MCS told that the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Manipur had its origin on November 1, 1949 merged to India on 15 October, 1949. The office was upgraded to a Directorate in March, 1974 by the appointment of a Director. The Directorate was expanded in 1975 with the opening of District Information Offices. As part of today's programme, DIPR Garden was inaugurated, online e-magazine "Manipur Today" was launched and October issue of "Manipur Today" Magazine was also released. Later, in the afternoon, songs were presented by DIPR officials/staff amongst others, lighted the DIPR complex. Retired employees/DIPR pensioners, personals of print and electronic media attended the occasion

UNLF claims Nagamapal blast but says those arrested were not related with the attack

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Rebel group United National Liberation Front (UNLF) Manipur today claimed that the October 20 Nagamapal blast which killed one CRPF and injured another was conducted by two of MPA cadres but said that the 2 arrested MPA cadre along with three others were not related with the attack.

A statement by M. Sakhen, Director, Department of Publicity UNLF, said that even as the attack was carried out by two MPA cadres of tactical unit of the UNLF, the two MPA cadres arrested by Manipur Police Khaidem Sana from Nongren maning Leikai presently residing at Nagamapal and Yumlembam

Milan of Nongren Maning Leikai were not related to the attacked on the CRPF at around 5.30 pm of that day at Nagamapal.

Reacting to police statement which was published on October 30 at various newspaper, the UNLF alleged that police to be establishing a success story accusing the two cadres to be behind the bomb attack as they could not arrest the real two cadres who actually attack the convoy. Calling on the people not to believe in the police statement, the UNLF said that the truth will be known by the police alone who are investigating the matter.

On the other hand the other three individuals arrested by the Manipur Police identified as Oinam Premjit, Oinam

Ongbi Pinki and Sahab Uddin Chesaba are in no way related with the UNLF or its armed wing the MPA. About the 3 pistols allegedly recovered from their possession the UNLF said that the outfit is looking on whether the weapons were placed by the police to their residence after recovering from the two arrested UNLF cadres or how it comes to their possession. On the condemnation from certain section of the people, the UNLF recalled the number of innocent people killed by the Indian Security Force in the name of counter insurgency. The UNLF further added that Manipur was forcibly annexed in 1949 and they will continue to fight until the lost sovereignty is being restored.

2nd MR celebrates 57th Raising Day



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The 2nd battalion Manipur Rifles today celebrates its 57th Raising Day today.

To mark the occasion Commandant of the Battalion, P Manjit Singh MPS, visited Unit Hospital, Unit School, Family Lines and Jawan Barrack of the Battalion and interacted with the officers of the unit.

CO Manjit while wishing the senior officers, JCOs, Jawan and other stakeholders said that the battalion was established in 1962 Nov. 1 by Captain LH Harnett. He said that the battalion has been serving the state in maintaining law and order situation, providing escort for the VIPs and also in counter insurgency operation under the various outgoing commanding officers. Manjit said the battalion will continue to serve the people.

Manjit credited the success of the 2nd MR battalion to the sincerity and courage of the senior officers, jawans and the JCOs.



Chief Minister N. Biren Singh tasting traditional Husk bear during KUT Festival at Thomas Ground Kangpokpi

Letter to the Editor

Memories of a Mayang

Dear Editor:

I am called a "mayang" but I feel I am a Manipuri & I love Manipur. Imphal is my home-town.

I have been the world over, but have never found a place so beautiful as Manipur was in the Sixties.

I lived in Manipur for about 10 years.

In 1958, I found that the "Central Library" would lend books only to Govt. Servants.

I wrote a "Letter to the Editor" to the "Eastern Express" complaining of the above, as a result of which the library agreed to lend books to the public.

What was I doing in Manipur? After migrating as Refugees from Pakistan after the Partition, my parents settled in Manipur.

I worked as a Lecturer in a college in Imphal for 5 years.

In the college, I had the privilege of having some wonderful friends, including:

1. Prof. Damodar Singh, a most noble person
2. Prof. Budharanjan, a very close and affectionate friend
3. Prof. Th. Tombi Singh, my closest friend.
4. Prof. Gaur Gopal, a very sweet friend
5. Prof. S.P. Chatterjee, a most sincere friend, who remained my companion during my stay London
6. Prof. Sanamacha Sarma - A very close friend
7. Prof. Ibopishak, a most friendly person
8. Prof. Mani Singh - who was most helpful
9. Prof. Khomei Singh
10. Prof. Janab Khan
11. Many others.

In my time, the Manipuris were the most friendly and fun-loving people. I hope they have not changed.

Only one person was utterly cruel to me. Let us call her Kh. J.L. of Singmei Mathak.

She jilted me after encouraging me for several weeks. She broke my heart.

At that time there was a Statistics Office in Singmei Mathak across the road from her home. The members of that office were very, very helpful during that most difficult time.

Some of my friends have passed away.

To all of the above who are still around, I wish every happiness and a wonderful Diwali.

I also wish a very Happy Diwali to all Manipuris.

Yours
J Kochar

"Lanthengminasi Ekhoi" released

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Half yearly journal published by the rebel group "LANTHENGMINNASI EIKHOI", a revolutionary movement journal, Vol. XI, Issue No. 02 was released today.

A statement by S. Mangal, Secretary-In-Charge, Information and Publicity of Kangleipak Communist Party said that the edition contents chapter on message of the Chairman delivered on 14th foundation day of its armed wing MFL.

Editorial discussed about what we should do if we are born. Other issues on mode of production of food grains and other resource of the society, class suicide and Socialist revolution of Amilcar Cabral, Economic condition and the morality of the society, Indian Colonial rule and Human Rights Violation in Kangleipak, of political and the way forward and photos. A chapter of the journal also discussed on why the demand for restoration of Pre-merger Political status of Manipur is important.

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The Hmar Students' Association, General Headquarter strongly object any move to shift the District Headquarters Office of Pherzawl District from Pherzawl Village to some other Sub Divisional Headquarters. A statement of the association said that, a reliable sources stated that there is an attempt to shift the District Headquarters Office of Pherzawl District. The association said that concerned authorities have been approached by some

vested interest individuals and Organizations with an excuse that the required infrastructures are not available at Pherzawl Village. Taking the plot seriously, the Hmar Students' Association General Hqrs, stated that the body strongly objects and condemns the intolerable initiative. "The HSA is in the process of identifying the particular individuals or organizations and ever ready to counter the attempt tooth and nail and cautions any who try to derail the proper functioning and development of Pherzawl District office hqrs not to try it's patience", a statement said.

The Student Body wants to assure the public that Pherzawl District is not meant for a particular tribe. It is created for the benefits of all living in the area. Building necessary infrastructures to run the administration of the District is the responsibility of the State government. The general public and many civil society organisations had earlier made it clear that, if there is the need they would provide residential buildings to house offices until the government initiates the construction of all the infrastructural needs at Pherzawl. It may be also noted that the

office of the Deputy Commissioner as well as SDO/ BDO offices has been ready since long.

This Student Organization invites all to approach the government in order that all necessary infrastructures may be set up immediately at Pherzawl Village for the smooth functioning of the District Office. It is to be wondered why the SDO/BDO offices are still not occupied in spite of the order from the Chief Secretary for immediate functioning. The Chief Secretary had issued an order vide order no 1/1/2018-CS (Manipur) on 25th January 2018 that while the government is reviewing the

infrastructural requirements the SDO /BDO should be at their respective hqrs at all times to discharge their duties and that they should utilise public or private infrastructures for the purpose. The HSA wonders why the order has not been heeded till date.

The HSA also appeals to the District Administration to take heed of the Pherzawl District people's desire to see the offices functioning at their proper places and the staff diligently attending offices. The HSA also calls upon the State Government not to play with the development of the district by initiating any alternative arrangements or by

entering into any game plan to derail the development of offices in designated headquarters in Pherzawl District. The HSA firmly believes that it is much easier to develop the existing office headquarters at their present locations than to run office camps in other places. The HSA also vehemently opposes any game plan to shift the Pherzawl District Hqrs from Pherzawl village to any other place and calls to all sections of the people in Pherzawl District not to succumb to the petty politics that is being played by some individuals and Organizations.

HSA stands tough against any attempt to shift Pherzawl dist. HQ