

## Notification for contract staffs appointment at Manipur Bhavan Kolkatta senses foul play

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Official notification for appointment of contract employees at Manipur Bhavan Kolkatta seems to be shrewdly designed to appoint some selected candidates whomever the authority desires to appoint. Appointing someone at the choice of the officer concerns is nothing but an attempt to foil the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh promises to root out corruption from the state. The notification was however issued without making any technical error, but the fact is

that it was notified on November 6, 2018 and the last date for filing is November 12, 2018. But the way it was notified showed that, the appointing authority have some agenda as the following 5 days remained holiday and last date for submission of the application was notified on Nov. 12, that is the candidates gets only 1 day for submission of application. The notification issued by the Deputy resident Commissioner, Manipur Bhavan Kolkatta, SM Devi Roy was for appointment of one LDC/Office Asst/ Receptionist, 2 number of

drivers, 1 Multi Tasking Staff and 2 sweepers. Over 7 lakhs unemployed youths have been registered in the Employment Exchange office of the state government. And the way the notification for employment of 4 contract staffs for Manipur Bhavan Kolkatta showed a shrewd plan to those applicant at will or perhaps a plan to make others who wanted to apply for the posts missed it. This is perhaps some kind of circumstances to prove that government is not committed enough to root out corruption but rather encouraging it in a shrewd manner.

## RIP Bipin



Imphal Times condoles the untimely demise of Journalist Kakchingtabam Bipin (Ibomcha) Sharma on Nov.10, 2018 evening. We share the pain and sorrow of the family members and we pray to the almighty to make him rest in peace. Bipin was born on May 8, 1981.

## YFPHR condemn attacked on Environment Defenders

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Youth Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has strongly condemn attack to environment activist Ms Agnes Kharsheing and her colleagues by some of the illegal coal carriers truck drivers while they were tracking the route of illegal coal filled trucks and taking photograph of it at Tuber Sehshrieh area, East Jaintia Hills District Meghalaya on November 8. "Continuous brutal attacked to the Human Rights Defender

and Environment Defender is an action to suppress the voice of the people not to expose the real facts of illegal activities being carried out by the Mafias which is highly suspected to be in nexus and protected by the state to achieve their vested interest. Mentioned may be made that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2018, Manipur based NGO's FCRA registration was suspended by the Ministry of Home Affairs (FCRA Wing) under a mere suspicion of opposing the Uranium mining at the South West Khasi Hill, Coal Mining

and Limestone Mining in East Jaintia Hills. The YFPHR demands Special Investigation Team to investigate the matter to arrest the culprits who are involved in the attack and the mastermind behind the attack at the earliest. The Youth forum also demands to Uphold the provisions of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, 1999 and respect the rights of the Human Rights Defender and Environment Defenders and also to establish strict monitoring team to stop the Coal Mining as per the direction made by the NGT.

## Who benefits from Indo-Pak strife, pondered Pakistani scribe

By Our Correspondent  
Guwahati, Nov. 12,

Come election season in India or Pakistan and politicians make hay with hate speech. Bashing the neighbor has always been the easier way out to seek some electoral life, but political leaders need to be more responsible, considering the historically fraught relations between the two neighboring countries, commented Munir Ahmed, a senior journalist, news commentator and communication specialist of Pakistan. Addressing the member-journalists of Guwahati Press Club on 9 November 2018 through video conferencing from Islamabad, Ahmed maintained hard words against rabble-raising elements in both Pakistani and Indian media as well. Bemoaning the rigid exclusion of each other's media by governments of the two South Asian nations, he advocated for media exchange programmes as part of a broader people-to-people contact.

Pointing out that elements of Indian entertainment and culture, including standard Bollywood fare, are quite popular in Pakistan, Ahmed

posed a question, why we cannot allow each other's official newscasters Doordarshan and PTV to be aired in the respective territories, nonetheless subject to necessary restrictions? "The initiative would help bring about better understanding of mutual concerns and perspectives at the grassroots," said the outspoken journalist, who uses to be a regular contributor to Daily Times and participate to various programs telecast by PTV and other national news channels. Dwelling on the state of Pakistani media, Ahmed claimed that around ten English language dailies and several Urdu dailies and periodicals are thriving and they enjoy significant degree of independence. However, alternative media is also booming with nearly half the 21 crore Pakistani population hooked to various social media platforms, stated Ahmed admitting that some social media users do get carried away, often making extreme and anti-national comments. He admitted that there is need to regulate the social media. It may be noted that Ahmed inspired the authority to adopt Pakistan's first ever National

Conservation Strategy, National Housing Policy, National Environment Protection Act, National Sustainable Development Strategy etc. He is the founder of Development Communications Network and also Pakistan Mountain Festival. Fluent in Urdu and English, Ahmed penned many short stories as well. Stressing the importance of resolving the long-standing Kashmir dispute for overall improvement in bilateral relations, Ahmed however pinned the blame for terror activities on fringe elements. Think of the improvements the two countries can make in the lives of common people, if only huge expenditure is not necessitated in mutual conflict, he asserted. "We should all ask ourselves as to which third party has been benefiting with the two neighbors remaining always on loggerheads?" questioned Ahmed adding that a beginning can be made by regional associations like SAARC playing a pro-active role to bind member-countries together at one level, as well as international groups like Lions Club and Rotary Club working to improve popular contact at the ground.

## Young Scientist Award 2018 to Dr. Laishram Modhuchandra



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Laishram Modhuchandra will be conferred Young Doctoral Scientist Award-2018 (Under Age 30) at the AAPPS-DPP Conference (Nov. 12-17) organized by Association of Asian Pacific Physical Societies in Kanazawa, JAPAN. This award is being conferred to Laishram Modhuchandra for his outstanding theoretical and numerical contribution in the field of plasma physics. Dr. Laishram is son of L. Kamdebo Singh and Pujari Devi resident of Khangabok Mayai Leikai, Thoubal District. He did BSc and MSc in Physics from Delhi University and completed Ph.D from the Institute for Plasma Research, Gujarat. Presently, he is working as Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Science and Technology of China under the scheme of the Foreign Talented Youth Introduction Plan, Govt. of China. While receiving the award, Dr. Laishram will deliver an invited talk at the upcoming conference in Japan.

## North East states lack data on snakes diversity

By a Correspondent  
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The north eastern states lacks proper data and documents relating to snakes diversity, according to well known reptile consultant Vishal Santra. "The snake's related data are not available for north east India. So we need to generate such data to work on importance of snake in conserving our biodiversity," says Vishal, a researcher in snake projects in India. "Saving and conserving snakes means protecting our crop land as snakes mostly prey on rodents."

After attending a public interaction trip to Tamenglong district headquarters, 150 km west of Imphal, Vishal who hails from Hooghly district of West Bengal said, rodent population would increase dramatically which would affect crop production if the world's snakes were eliminated. Apart from the threat to food security posed by rodent population growth, increased disease outbreaks would put a heavy burden on the health services of many countries, especially developing ones. This freelance herpetologist works for a registered society -Simultala Conservationists opined that the public should be aware that anti-snake venom is available in government hospitals. Stating that there are many snake species in NE India and most of them are non-venomous, he said, "But we still need to do proper study as most of the information available about snakes in the country hardly reflects snakes of this region." The conservationist also informed that they've conducted a research in Mizoram to study the state's snake diversity. "So far, we've found 86 species of snakes including 8 venomous snakes which are not similar to other species available in the country," the 32-year-old environmentalist added. "So we are planning to do some study in Manipur and Tamenglong in particular

considering its healthy biodiversity, next season." It is observed that absence of proper data of snake-bite cases has also resulted in meagre distribution of anti-venom serums in the region. On the other hand very few pharmacies here kept such vaccines because of its less demand etc while some physicians are reportedly reluctant to prescribe the available anti-snake venom vaccines to the victims with reasons known to them. So some of the snake bite victims goes to paramilitary forces camps. "We'll be discussing such issues in the upcoming district and state level meetings under National Health Mission

programmes," a senior medical Officer said when sought his comment on such issues in hospitals. The National Health Profile of 2018 reported that Assam recorded the maximum number of snake-bite cases in the Northeast from January to December 2017. In 2017, there were 810 snake-bite cases in Assam with no death records. However Meghalaya which has a total of 244 snake-bite cases has two death cases while altogether 505 snake-bite cases with one death reported from Tripura. Mizoram reported 265 cases, Nagaland 124, Manipur 109, Sikkim 101 and Arunachal Pradesh 24 cases respectively without any death reports in 2017.

## Grenade found

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An unexploded hand grenade was found today inside the machine room of a Mobile Tower erected at Lamdeng Khunou under Lamshang Police Station. The tower was

erected at the courtyard of Thokchom Shitaljit, 33 yrs s/o (L) The. Kumar. Police suspected the bomb to have been placed by unknown miscreants. The bomb was later retrieved by Police team led by Lamsang OC.

## Chiuluan Citadel Renovation Program Held

From a correspondent  
Tamenglong, Nov 11,

Chiuluan Peidai (Village court) organised thanksgiving program at their Raenggan (Citadel/Fort) after renovation was done after many years on Saturday. The program was grace by Samuel Jendai, MLA Tamenglong 53 AC. It was told that Chiuluan (Khonjaron) village settled here in the year 650 AD. In Medieval time Villagers built Raenggan to guard/protect the outside forces. Samuel Jendai urge Chiuluan village authority to preserved and protect forest and wildlife. Tamenglong District HQ is sole depend Chiuluan forest for water source. Chiuluan is was of the blessed village because the migrated birds Amur Falcon happen to visit in this forest.

But he was shocked learn that the recent GPS tagged Amur Falcon was killed by unidentified hunter at Irang. This is the time we learn to love our wild animals and birds. As Chiuluan is one of the biggest Village in Tamenglong District and there are many educated people around MLA request to take up initiative to form 'Save Amur Falcon Club' Tamenglong. Village Chairman Namthuidinang Gangmei thanks MLA Samuel Jendai for donating 10 lacs to renovate Chiuluan Raenggan from his MLA Local Area Development (MLALAD) fund. This Citadel will be use for public recreation and tourist Spot. At his speech MLA told the village Authority 'if they committed to protect and preserved forest and wildlife' he may construct Swimming Pool

and Guest House in Chiuluan Village. The Village Authority built one the biggest water storage containers 'Duikuak'

in their Raenggan. The program was attended by Kachamthai Faiga Gangmei as Guest of Honour, Poukinlung

Gangmei Elected ADC member, Kaniammam ADC, Nehemiah Panmei Warden Wildlife as special guest.

## Brief about: DUKUAK – Wooden Water Tank

Duikuak is derived from Ruanglat (Rongmei Language). 'Dui' means Water, 'Kuak' refers to containers for storage. 'Duikuak' refers to as 'Wooden water Tank'. To be Specific, the people of Rongmei Tribe also called a wooden water tank as "Thing Duikuak". The word "Thing" is derived from Ruanglat (Rongmei Language) which mean "wood". In Olden days there were no water tanks or a water storage containers like a water container made of plastic like we have today. So, in olden days, Duikuak or a wooden water tank is a Traditional water Tank and it was usually made of wood from the trunk of a tree. A water tank made of wood is usually seen at home or in a village and store water where everyone uses in many applications like for drinking water, cooking, washing clothes etc and this wooden water

container is more common in olden days. So Duikuak generally refers to as a wooden water tank. Wooden Water tanks are an efficient way to help the villagers to store clean water. Wooden water tank are usually made from the trunk of a tree called "Taraemv" (a local name in Rongmei Language), because the wood became stronger when we store water and the wooden water tank will last around 40 years. We could see using this water tank in some part of the North East India. The longest wooden water Tank is found in a village called Chiuluan Village, Tamenglong District, Manipur, India. It is around 22 ft long and 3.9 ft in diameter. The villagers are trying hard to even attempt for the Guinness world Record as the longest wooden water tank in the world made from a single Tree Trunk.