

## Attempt to plan bomb foiled – IE Police



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Imphal East Police team claimed to have foiled an attempt to plant IED for attacked to security force at any opportune moment following the arrest of a PREPAK (PRO) Cadre yesterday evening. The person was first detained on suspicion while conducting search operation at Keirao Awang Leikai which they later found him out to be an active member of the PREPAK PRO, a police source said. The arrested cadre is identified as Ningthoujam Yamba Singh age about 36 years of Keirao Awang Leikai. Cell phones with various sim cards were reportedly recovered from his possession. Besides, the police source added that an identity card of the Indian

army was also recovered from him. The source said that the arrested person disclosed that he is in the Indian Army at AST (AT) Paharpur, Gaya, Bihar and was arrested twice in connection with crime against women. Police also claimed to have discovered the modus operandi on how he joined the PREPAK pro through one M Samu Singh in Myanmar. On his revelation the police team picked up the said Shamu of Kongpal Kongkham Leikai. Shamu reportedly revealed that he concealed one assembled IED which was assembled by him and Yamba at the front left corner of his residence. The police along with the bomb squad recovered the assembled IED from where they had hidden.

## SPONSORSHIP TO MANIPUR SANGAI FESTIVAL

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Three different organisations today sponsored a total amount of Rs. 7.5 lakh to the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival, 2018 commencing from November 21. Bank of India, Shija Hospitals and Research Institute Pvt. Ltd. and Ching Tam Trust sponsored Rs. 5 lakh, Rs. 2 lakh and Rs. 50,000 respectively. These amounts were handed over to Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh by the representatives of these organisations at Chief Minister's Secretariat. Tribal Affairs and Hills Minister Shri N. Kaysi and Manipur State Planning Board Deputy Chairman Shri. S. Rajen Singh, Secretary to C.M. Shri N. Geoffrey and Director (Tourism) Shri W. Iboh Singh were also present at the occasion. The Chief Minister expressed his profound gratitude to all the organisations for generously extending support to organising the biggest tourism festival of the State. He informed that among different foreign dignitaries, Princess of Thailand, Chief Minister of Sagaing (Myanmar) and US Ambassador to India would also grace this year's festival.

## Manipur needs committed farmers, entrepreneur for ornamental aquaculture

By a Correspondent  
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Manipur needed committed farmers and entrepreneur to come up for ornamental aquaculture as it becomes a lucrative occupation.

This was conveyed by most of the speakers in the ongoing 3-days training on Ornamental Fish Farming which is underway here at Manipur centre of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Complex for NE hill region here.

The training programme which is scheduled to continue till Friday was jointly organized by ICAR – Central Institute for Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and ICAR, Manipur Centre Lamphelpat.

The Joint Director Dr I Meghachandra Singh of ICAR Research complex for NEH Region Manipur Centre, Principal Scientist Dr PP Chakrabarti who is the Chairman NEH for CIFA and Principal Scientist Dr Saroj K Swain of CIFA attended the inaugural session of the training programme.

In his speech, Dr Meghachandra spoke about the potential about indigenous ornamental fish species available in Manipur while Principal Scientist Dr Chakrabarti said the relevant departments, research institutions and agencies ought to pay special attention to disseminate the most modern and scientific methods

for rearing of ornamental fish in the state so as to create more income and employment of the youth.

On the other hand Principal Scientist Dr Saroj who is the Course Director spoke about the production and marketing of ornamental fish species as there are lot of demand in commercial varieties. Stating that they are targeting the unemployed youths of the state, he said that they would like to take up follow programmes apart from providing training to the farmers.

About 30 trainees' mostly

unemployed youths from various districts of the state besides fisheries officials, technical officers of ICAR Manipur center and scientists from allied institutes such as Central Agricultural University, Institute of Bio-resources Sustainable Development and Krishi Vigyan Kendras participated in the day's programme.

Senior Scientist Dr Ch Basudha Devi, Scientists Dr Kh Rishikanta Singh and Dr Sunil S Ail were the Training coordinators. During the three days training, various topics on ornamental

fish rearing, breeding, water quality management, health and establishment of ornamental fish culture unit will be discussed besides fabrication of Glass aquarium, according to Dr Basudha. Reports said, approximately 200 species of freshwater fish from Eastern Himalaya are caught and exported as ornamental fish and about 2500 species are involved in the global ornamental fish trade. Out of which over 60 percent are of freshwater ornamental fishes. About 90 percent of ornamental fish is traded from Kolkata followed by 8 percent from Mumbai and 2 percent from Chennai.

## Training of trainers on climate change adaptation is underway

By a Correspondent  
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In an effort to create awareness and sensitisation on climate change besides providing better information on climate change and adaptation issues, a three day training of trainers programme on climate change adaptation is underway at the Institute of Cooperative Management (ICM) premises at Lamphelpat in Imphal. Many professionals mostly college teachers working under different subjects from various parts of the state participated in the training of trainers programme.

These training programmes are also envisaged at creating a pool of master trainers for autonomous replication in each state beyond the support of IHCAP which has been providing support in designing and developing such and training programmes as per priorities.

Earlier orientation programmes for legislators and senior bureaucrats followed by state

level and district level officers were organised and now the authorities are targeting trainers who were drawn from training cells of departments and experts from universities and institutes. Prof P Kumar of department of life sciences of Manipur university and Prof L Nabachandra of Agronomy department of central agricultural university spoke on the adaptation to climate change in forestry and biodiversity and adaptation to climate change in agriculture and horticulture sector on the second day of the training programmes on Thursday.

Earlier on Wednesday, Prof NH Ravindranath of Indian Institute of Science Bangalore spoke on climate change impacts-vulnerability and adaptation to climate change while Deputy Director Dr T Brajakumar of Environment department on state action plan on climate change its key issues and concerns besides other response measures-policies, planning and initiatives.

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has urged the people of the State to uphold Manipuri tradition of giving good hospitality and high respect to guests and receive all the visitors with utmost decency during the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival.

He was speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the joint Meeyangmi Numit and Hill Leaders' day held at the Durbar hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. In this year's festival, N. Biren Singh said, there would be around 140 stalls of different foreign firms, mostly from Korea, China, Thailand and Myanmar. Moreover, Princess of Thailand, two Chief Ministers from Myanmar and US Ambassador to India would also grace the festival, N. Biren informed.

The Chief Minister said that he received a call from Union External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj regarding the visit of Princess of Thailand yesterday. Shri N. Biren Singh said that he would personally receive the Princess at the airport on November 27, and

necessary arrangements for a grand reception having colourful cultural presentations of different communities had already been made. On the other hand, Sangai Run would be organised at Keibul Lamjao, Mao and Imphal as part of the festival, he added.

Stating that beautification of Imphal city is currently underway in war footing, the Chief Minister informed that efforts are being put in to make traffic lights functional in 4-5 places out of 8 junctions before the commencement of the festival. Saying that strict traffic rules would be enforced to maintain order, Shri N. Biren Singh urged the public to extend co-operation to the authority when traffic rule violators including driving without seat-belt and helmet are penalised. He also urged all concerned not to call any type of bandh or blockade because it may give bad impression about the State to visitors. The Chief Minister said that he and his Ministers are ready for talks to resolve any matter.

The Chief Minister attended to around 400 complaints and personally met around 1200 people during today's joint

Meeyangmi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

Officials of Minorities and OBC & SC Departments, Education (S) Department, Directorate of Health Services, Social Welfare Department, Manipur Rural Bank and Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Directorate of Information and Public Relations and Manipur Police were deputed at CM's Secretariat complex to assist people.

National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) also organised a special non-communicable diseases screening camp under the joint aegis of National Health Mission, Manipur and Directorate of Health Services, Manipur at the complex for the convenience of the public.

Officials and staff of Directorate of Health Services also imparted awareness on Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) and Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Manipuri, Tangkhul and Paite languages to visitors.

## The first #MeToo in Bangladesh: Prioty breaks the silence

IT Exclusive  
Dhaka, Nov 15,

In what appears to be the first #MeToo disclosure in Bangladesh, Maksuda Akhter Prioty, Bangladeshi origin Irish fashion model and actress recently shocked Bangladesh when she spoke about her traumatic past. The 29-year-old model opened up about a horrific incident that took place three years ago. She alleged in the Facebook post that she was sexually harassed by a prominent Bangladeshi businessman-politician Mr. Rafiqul Islam when she had gone to his office to collect payment for featuring in an advertisement for one of the group's products. But the accused has denied the allegations. Ever since Prioty disclosed her past, this has become a burning topic of discussion in



Bangladesh.

Prioty came to limelight after winning the prestigious beauty pageant title Miss Ireland 2014. A model by passion, a commercial pilot by profession and a social welfare worker by dedication, Prioty has been living in Ireland since 2001 with her two kids. Siam Sarower Jamil talked to her exclusively for

Imphal Times.

**Imphal Times:** Usually people don't want to disclose this kind of incidents, what encouraged you to do so?

**Prioty:** I have lived with this pain for the last three years, I had to let it go and move on so that I can live my life.

**Imphal Times:** In most of

the cases people try to blame the victims rather than the accused, they try to justify that incident. Did you face similar kind of situation?

**Prioty:** Yes indeed, since I have disclosed this issue only in Bangladesh because the accused is Bangladeshi and this incident occurred in Bangladesh. If I had disclosed this in Irish media I would not face those kinds of the situation at all. In Ireland, people blame the accused, not the victim.

**Imphal Times:** Did you try to take any kind of legal step that time against him?

**Prioty:** I have reported in Irish Police, they will follow up through INTERPOL. And, I won't go for the legal step against him in Bangladesh since I can't rely on the legal system there since He (Mr. Rafiq) is more powerful in Bangladesh, anything can be

possible for him.

**Imphal Times:** Did you get any support from the government yet?

**Prioty:** Which government? Bangladesh govt? Why would they support me? Who am I? If you mean Irish govt, I haven't shared this yet since it will not be good for Bangladesh reputation and I don't want that.

**Imphal Times:** You are the person who started "me too" movement first in Bangladesh, what do you think social media is responsive enough to drive this movement?

**Prioty:** I believe I, at least could break the silence, people started to talk.

**Imphal Times:** Do you want to say anything about this impassive or unresponsive nature of Bangladeshi media about this movement?



**Prioty:** I was ready for this, I knew that Bangladesh media won't be responsive about it. Because I know how do they operate, they don't have that much freedom of work. No one wants to put their life at risk.

**Imphal Times:** Do you want to leave any message whom those are inspired by you and also to them, who are still quiet in spite of going through this kind of experience?

**Prioty:** I just want to request all the family members to support the victim at any cost if he or she shares the matter to them. Never tell the victim to "Stay quiet".