

Lady traveller says, No Change in Manipur Road

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Imphal, November 14, 2018: Japanese traveller Yasuko Higashizuno in her third visit to Manipur said, "It is surprising to witness the unimproved road ways of Manipur, but I am amazed with the new achievement in the Imphal City with new buildings."

Yasuko Higashizuno from Tokyo said she finds no difference in Manipur especially the road condition since she visited Manipur since four years back.

"In my first visit to Manipur, I focus mainly on the war related places. As my second visit I witnessed Sangai Festival. This third visit is mainly to meet the friends and colleagues who I met the last two visits in Manipur. Visiting Manipur makes me feels like as if I'm still at home in Japan", said Yasuko Higashizuno.

Yasuko Higashizuno said geographically Manipur is very similar to Japan and its nature and climate is very mild and the people are very friendly.

She finds similarity in the culture and tradition of Manipur with Japan and other South East Asia countries. Feels that Manipur is the centre between India and South East Asia countries, a connecting point between the two cultures, said Yasuko Higashizuno.

Concerned to "Battle of Imphal", Yasuko Higashizuno said it's very shocking to imagine that Japanese soldiers came here in Manipur and died in the foreign land and also buried here during the World War II. After thinking why the soldiers came and die in the foreign land and buried here, in her second visits here in Manipur, she realized that the soldiers came with a mission to fight for freedom or maybe to free the Asia countries from other occupants.

So, the soldiers who had laid down their lives during the war, especially in Manipur should be respected, said Yasuko Higashizuno.

Yasuko Higashizuno shares the message to the young generation of the state to know more about Japan, the Japanese culture and relate and interact with the Japanese people whenever they have the opportunity or chance to meet so that both can share the near path history and work together as one.

National Press Day Observes: Working Journalist to get CHMT card; CM welcomes criticisms but says ca't tolerate humiliation

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Commemorating the commissioning of the Press Council of India, Directorate of Information and Public Relation Department, government of Manipur today joined the nation in celebrating the National Press Day.

A state function was organised at 1st Manipur Rifle Banquet Hall with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as the Chief Guest. IPR Minister Th. Biswajit, who was supposed to preside over the function could not make it as he had left Imphal on some emergency purposes. Karam Shyam, Minister CAF and PD presided over the function while Director of the IPR H. Balkrishna attended as Guest of honour.

On the occasion eight journalists including Editor of Poknapham daily A. Robindro Sharma were conferred state journalist awards at different field. Cash prize, memento and a shawl were conferred in recognition to their exceptional reporting and editorial writing on national Integration. Other Journalist



who were conferred the best journalists award on different are – Meghajt of Naharolgi Thoudang, Gyanendra of Huiyen Lanpao, Rameshwar of Huiyen Lanpao, Bijoy of Huiyen Lanpao, Ratneshwari of Huiyen Lanpao and Bigyan of Peoples' Chronicle.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister N. Biren Singh appealed the journalist fraternity to feel free in criticizing to the work programme of policy of the government. He however said

that his government will not tolerate humiliation that may sabotage the career of an individual.

"Our government have no problem in criticism, we will give reply if needed and we will not tolerate humiliation", N. Biren Singh a one time journalist before joining the politics said.

One good news he announced in connection with the celebration of the National Press Day is that working journalist will now be able to get the cards of the

Chief Minister gi Hakshel Tengbang (CMHT). Saying so the chief Minister said that those already covered under the Prime Ministers' assistance will not be included.

"Having experience the life of reporters I feel that they should be given some privilege", N. Biren Singh said while recalling his days as a journalist.

"I have to beg 20 rupees from my wife for filling petrol to my vehicle to go to office", the one time editor of Naharolgi

Thoudang said.

As per record of the DIPR, there are 243 journalist in the state and all the journalist will get CHMT card. The Chief Minister said that the decision will be taken in the next cabinet meeting.

Karam Shyam, the Minister for CAF and PD while speaking as the president of the function ironically mock the journalist saying that "politician, police, doctors, and others can be criticized but not the journalist, because they are very emotional".

He further expressed dissatisfaction to the number of journalist present today as it did not reach his expectation. He appealed the Director of the IPR to look on what went wrong.

The CAF and PD Minister further said that he being a politician was very interested in reading news report particularly the one related to him.

"I read news report about my speech and assess it everyday", Shayam said and added that after reading the report I could find out if message I want to deliver to the mass has been rightly reported or not.

Later after the function a workshop on the topic "Journalism Ethics and Challenges in Digital era" was held with Yumnam Rupachandra, News Editor of IMPACT TV also General Secretary of Editors' Guild Manipur and Brozendro Ningomba, Editor of ISTV also President of All Manipur Working Journalist Union as the resource persons. Editor of Imphal Free Press Pradip Phanjaobam moderated the session.

"Digital Yehoulmi" sets to make Manipur 100% computer literate state



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With a mission to make the state a 100% computer literate state, a private company called Yelhoumi Enterprises Private Limited, Khonghampat today distributed Laptop to students at Thoubal Athokpam and various places of Yairipok area under its mission "Digital Yehoulmi". Yelhoumi literally means indigenous people of the state and the private body has been working with extreme seriousness to make Manipur a 100% computer literate state.

The private company has been providing laptop to students at subsidies and instalment basis so that poor students who can't afford laptop could have one. So far 200 laptop of the 1-ball company has been distributed at various villages at free of cost to students at various villages of the state under its mission "Digital

Yehoulmi". Managing Director Ningthoujam Surjit and Director Ningthoujam Kumarjit of the Yelhoumi Enterprises Private Limited today assured to make the state 100% computer literate state if people of the state support the programme being taken up by the company.

Under the Integrated Scheme for Computer Education and Information technology Phase 2, the Rajasthan Government have distributed computers to around 2000 government run schools and the said programme had provoked the citizen of Rajasthan to learn computer.

"Digital Yehoulmi" a similar type but initiated by the private body is trying all its effort to make the state a 100% computer literate state.

It may be mentioned that, before the launching of the digital Yelhoumi programme Managing Director of the Yelhoumi Enterprises Private

Limited Ningthoujam Sujit had converted Atom Village of Imphal West and Nungthang Tampak of Churachandpur district as the first 100% solar powered villages in the state when he was the proprietor cum director of the firm "Mangal Rural". The firm had also gifted a Computer monitor cum TV to this newspaper encouraging the spirit of our news report.

Chief Minister inspects construction work of civil secretariat

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inspected the work progress of the construction of Civil Secretariat located at Mantripukhri, Imphal today. Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister for CAF & PD Karam Shyam, MLA Ksh. Biren, Principal Secretary (Finance) Rakesh Ranjan, Commissioner (Works) R.K. Dinesh, Chief Engineer (PWD) Kh. Temba Singh and others.

Speaking to the media persons, Chief Minister said that there were some disputes between the concerned Department and Contractor which led to the delay over the construction. However the issue has been settled now, he added. Stating that extra labourers have been hired to complete the project, Chief Minister mentioned that the government is planning to inaugurate the Civil Secretariat before the Lok Sabha Election 2019. He stated that he had



already instructed the concerned officials and contractors to complete the project on time.

Replying to a question over the installation of traffic light system in Imphal area, Chief Minister said that the government had identified eight places for the installation of traffic light system which was targeted to complete before Manipur Sangai Festival 2018. Traffic

light system would be functional in those places shortly, among which 4-5 places will be operational by Sangai Festival, he added.

Earlier, Chief Minister also inspected the construction work of the 13-feet tall bronze statues of Maharaja Nara Singh and Herachandra at the worksite of sculptor B. Banamali Sharma of Khongman Zone 3, Imphal East.

K Shyam launches The Sangai Festival Souvenir Badge

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Just six days prior to starting the Manipur Sangai Festival on the 21st of this month, the Festival Badge was launched yesterday by CAF & PD, Revenue Minister Karam Shyam at the Manipur Press Club.

The function was organised by CAF & PD Labourers' Welfare Association, Manipur. Speaking as Chief Guest of the

ceremony, Minister K Shyam expressed that there should be proper co-ordination and mutual trust amongst the elected leaders and the public so as to propel the State on the road towards progress. Chairman, Lamjingba Group, Sanasam Jacky Mangang and President, CAF & PD LWA, Surchandra Sanjenbam also attended the function as presidium members.

Appreciating Kavita Hijam who is the mind behind the souvenir, Minister Shyam said



that the souvenir with a picture of the rare, indigenous Sangai in the centre will surely depict the uniqueness of our culture and identity to abroad and the

entire world. Officials and staff of CAF & PD Labourers' Welfare Association also took part in the function.