

Curtain raises for Sangai Festival: Sangai Run at three locations flag off simultaneously

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Mass run at three locations under the banner 'Sangai Run' mark the beginning of the auspicious Sangai Festival creating festive atmosphere in the state both at Imphal, Keibul Lamjao and Mao. The festival this time is historic as it is being celebrated at both hill and valley and is being attended by all the ethnic communities of the state. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had stated yesterday and his remark turn out to be true seeing today's participation. Here in Imphal the Sangai Run was flagged off by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh flagged from Khuman Lampak Sports Complex in Imphal East District at 8 am today. The run was

organised by Oorep Sports under the aegis of the State Tourism Department as part of Manipur Sangai Festival, 2018. The 10-km run began from Khuman Lampak and passed through Dinku road, North AOC, Nityaipat Chuthek, Palace Compound, Checkon road, Minuthong and culminated at Khuman Lampak again. 860 runners including 160 women took part in the run. Sangai run at Sendra was flagged off by IPR Minister Bishwajit from Sendra. At Mao Education Minister Th. Radheshyam and Losii Dikho, who got elected from Mao Assembly constituency flagged off the Sangai run. Cherry Blossom festival will also be a part of Sangai festival this year.

Shyamkumar officially opens Sangai Festival at keibul Lamjao



At Keibul Lamjao Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar officially open the Sangai Festival. Speaking during the official opening of the Sangai, Minister Shyamkumar stressed on the need to organise a part of the festival at Keibul Lamjao as the festival is being celebrated taking the name of the rare Sangai (Brow Antlered Deer) which is only available in the floating bush of Keibul Lamjao. Around 70 stalls have also been open besides arrangement of cultural programme at keibul Lamjao to attract visitors.

CM launches led based traffic signal system

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh re-commissioned the LED based traffic signal system at Kangla Western Gate today. Speaking to media persons, N. Biren Singh said that traffic signal system had been installed at eight different places of Imphal city, out of which it is now fully operational at two locations. He further informed that the system would be functional at another three places by today evening or tomorrow morning, adding that it would be operational at the remaining three junctions within 10 days. Observing that traffic sense among people has improved a lot in the past few weeks, the Chief Minister said that very few vehicles jump the stop line of zebra crossing now-a-days. N. Biren Singh also said that necessary instructions had been given to the

authority concerned to penalise traffic rule violators like driving without seatbelt and helmet as well in order to prevent road accidents and save precious lives. Seeking co-operation from the public in the strict enforcement of traffic rules, he also urged the drivers to understand silent zone and avoid rash overtaking as well. It may be mentioned that the Union Ministry of Urban Development sanctioned Rs. 193.75 lakhs for implementation of LED based traffic signal system in Imphal city a few years back. MAHUD Department elected the State Public Works Department as the work agency for preparation of DPR within the scope of available fund provided by the Ministry. PWD took up the project and selected M/s Sun Technologies, Secunderabad as the service provider through restricted tender to install traffic signals at General

Post Office (GPO) junction, Governor junction, Kangla Western gate junction, North AOC crossing, Khoyathong junction, Keishampat junction, Kwakeithel and Singjamei. Since 2013-14, due to lack of annual maintenance contract (AMC) and having no allocation of fund in the Transport Department coupled with involvement of many Departments namely, MAHUD, PWD, Transport and Traffic Police having no specific responsibilities assigned, the LED based traffic signal system installed at eight locations were left abandoned/unattended and as a result many items, parts and components were either damaged or stolen/missing. On October 20, 2018, the Chief Minister intervened into the matter and reviewed the status of LED based traffic signal system installed at eight locations. He then

requested M/s Sun Technologies to take up immediate necessary action to make the systems functional. Shri N. Biren Singh also advised the Chief Secretary to name the Transport Department as the nodal agency for implementation, operation and maintenance of the system. He also asked all concerned to ensure functioning of the system before the opening of Manipur Sangai Festival commencing November 21. Traffic signals at GPO junction and Kangla western gate are functional now. On the other hand, it is said that efforts are being made to start functioning of traffic signals at North AOC, Governor junction and Keishampat junction by November 22 while the traffic signals of Singjamei, Kwakeithel and Khoyathong will be operational by November 28. (Contd. on Page 4)

WAD thanks authority for delivering justice

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While appreciating Thoubal district Police, Child psychologists RIMS Hospital, Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) for taking up swift action towards delivering Justice to a Mother and a Child by creating a child friendly environment and the tired less effort, Women Action for Development (WAD) appealed all the authority concern such as the Child Welfare Committee, the Child Line, District Child Protection Unit etc of the State to perform their duties to the best interest of the child without delayed and bias.

The WAD also thank the Chief Minister for his cooperation in delivering justice to the victim of Domestic violence namely S. Bijenti of Langthel by reuniting the mother and her 4 years old minor son. Bijenti had been struggling to get back her son from her separated husband Mr. Soibam Punshiba of Khongjom Sangai Khongjom, Thoubal District. As a last resort, she approached the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on "Meeyamgi Numit" and finally she got justice.

JCILPS warns serious consequences if the last date for contract staff recruitment at Kokatta Bhavan is not extended

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While expressing serious concern to the procedure for appointment of some contract staffs at Kokatta Bhavan with intention to exclude the indigenous Manipuri people from applying for the post JCILPS in a statement said that the last date for appointment of the post should be extended. The way the notification was issued showed 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 chose 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 proof that government is not committed enough to root out corruption but rather encouraging it in a shrewd manner.

CM inaugurates memento museum at Kangla

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Ahead of the grand opening of Manipur Sangai Festival, 2018, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated Memento Museum inside Kangla Fort and inspected various beautification and construction works going on there today. Speaking to reporters, N. Biren Singh said that the State Government is planning to arrange a meeting between Titular King of Manipur, Shri Leishemba Sanajaoba and

the Princess of Thailand, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn by organising a suitable ceremony during her visit to the State on November 27. The Princess is visiting the State to grace this year's Manipur Sangai Festival. The Chief Minister said that his inspection of Kangla Fort was specifically conducted in connection with the Princess' visit as the Chief Minister's Office had been intimated about her desire to have glimpses of historical items and

structures concerning monarchical period of Manipur. Responding to a query regarding development of Kangla Fort, Shri N. Biren Singh said that there are many new beautification and development works going on inside the fort and it would take some more time in taking a final shape. Regarding suspension of Light and Sound show, the Chief Minister said that the Kangla Fort Board is trying to find out a proper means to allow entry of crowd at night.

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