

## Development activities exhibits in ROB's photo exhibition

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Photographs showcasing the developmental activities were exhibiting in the photo exhibition organised by Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on the theme "Saaf Niyat Sahi Vikas" at Chingmei Keinya Bazar, Keibul Lamjao. "More than 35 photographs highlighting achievements and schemes initiated by the Central Government were displayed at the exhibition hall" said Gin Gangte, Field Executive Officer, ROB Imphal. He informed that the exhibition was inaugurated by Th. Shyamkumar, Minister, Forest and Environment in presence of M.L.A Saratchandra and T. Robindro. The main objective of the photo exhibition is to give awareness to the beneficiaries about the utility of various schemes of the Central Government. Among the exhibited photographs tag Ayushman Bharat to be the world's largest



health insurance initiative, Giving wings to dreams of the poor and Hitting corruption Honest and Transparency. It also highlighted about the Central governments intention to curb the corruption such as use of Technology to boost transparency over Rs. 3,65,996 crore directly transfer to the bank accounts of beneficiaries for 431 schemes in the last 4 years. GEM online platform for government procurement from vendors to reduce corruption and increase transparency. Aadhaar gives legislative frame work. More than 1 crore income tax payers linked Aadhaar with PAN and Introduction of transparency in political funding by limiting cash

donation to Rs. 2000 per person. "It will be beneficial of such exhibition and the knowledge gain from would be very helpful in preparation of Civil Service Examination and other various competitive examinations" said Tomba, a Civil service aspirant. He further applauded the government for going together with the public and disseminating information in the larger interest of the public. It would be very interesting to acknowledge by the visitors about the Central Government's innovative ideas by looking at the photographs, he added. Another visitor, Vikram informed that the exhibition would help to

draw more public attention, if the organiser adds on some local aesthetic in the exhibition hall such as the poster or photographs of Sangai and other bounty pictures. It may be mentioned that Bureau of Outreach and Communication was formed by integrating three departments, Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, Song and Drama Division and Field Publicity last year to fulfill the dissemination needs of Governmental information by creating an integrated communication strategy in coordination with Press information Bureau.

## Mary on course for sixth gold, enters Saturday's final

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M.C. Mary Kom may be just a bout away from what could be her sixth dream world title ever since she made her return to the rings in recent times. But with the crowd's chant of 'Mary, Mary' renting the air and reverberating the paced JD Jhadav hall, the 35-year-old kept her date with the destiny and entered the sixth final in the 10th Women's World Boxing Championships here on Thursday. The unanimous verdict in the Light Fly semifinal over her North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi yet again proved the Indian's superiority in the 48 kg category. Incidentally, the Indian got such decisions in all her bouts in the Worlds here. But Lovlina Borgohain had to settle for the bronze as she exited the championships, losing her 69 kg semifinals to the experienced Chen Nien-Chin of Chinese Taipei in a split verdict (4:0). Though the Indian managed to win a point, it was docked because of the warning of the referee. In the finals, to be contested on Saturday, Mary will clash with Ukraine's Hanna Okhota. The clever Manipuri, who held a psychological edge, approached the

semifinals in her own inimitable way, cleverly planning her strategy as has been the case so far. Open low guard, bidding time and increasing the tempo when it is needed. So much so, she was able to negate the taller North Korean, who had a reverse against the Indian in the Asian Championships last year and trying to attack right from the word go. But the Indian ducked and kept herself away from the reach of Kim. Yet she managed to exchange a few blows which Mary countered well with a few right jabs and uppercuts. There was hardly any change in Kim's strategy in the second as she charged at her opponent, landing a few blows but the Indian replied in the last minute of the round with a barrage of combination punches, including a powerful right. In the third it went even until the last minute when Mary showed her range of punches with a close guard as Kim was getting aggressive. The last 20 seconds saw the Indian piling on her rival with another set of barrage for the 5:0 decisions. "I had prepared well for the semifinals as I do even during my training sessions. Studying your opponent is important and with my experience, I have done it for so many years. In today's bout I followed my strategy and increased the tempo towards the close of every round," said Indian who has inspired women's boxing in India. Incidentally, this will be the Olympic Medalist's first world championship medal after 2010. For the final against Hanna, Mary said she would prepare yet again. "Though I have beaten her (Hanna) in Poland this



year, I will definitely prepare well for the final. But I would need the prayer of all my fans; they have been fantastic and supporting me all along. I would need their prayer on Saturday, too," added the Manipuri. Lovlina, lacking in experience, managed to open up with a left jab and had a few combination blows in the first but the Taipei girl showed better aggression despite the Indian maintaining a distance. Definitely, the former world junior and Youth Olympics (Nanjing) champion had the better exchanges of blows than the 21-year-old Assam girl. "I tried my best and I thought I had my combination punches going. But then, my opponent (Chen) came back strongly in the last two rounds," admitted the first-timer at the Worlds.

Earlier Thailand's Sudaporn Seesondee, who beat Korean Oh Yeonji in Light category, will take on Ireland's Kellie Anne Harrington in the final. In the semifinals, the Irish won a unanimous points decision over Karina Ibragimova of Kazakhstan. The tall Kellie fought spiritedly to overpower the Kazakh, who had a nice flow of blows in the first and second. But in the third, it was the Irish boxer all the way, winning the judges' opinion. Another Taipei girl and No. 2 seed Lin Yu-Tin defeated Kristy Lee Harris of Australia 5:0 in Bantam (54 kg) class and will have a gold medal showdown against top-seed Bulgarian Stoyka Petrova. The latter beat her Mongolian rival, Nandintsetseg Myagmarulam, getting a unanimous decision.

## National and International News

### Govt struggles to meet GST collection target; indirect tax mop-up shortfall could be this much in FY19

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The government has been struggling to meet the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection target, which along with the cut in excise duty on fuel may lead to a shortfall of Rs 90,000 crore, a report has said. The government has missed GST collection target in five of the six months of FY19 so far. A report by SBI research

pointed out that due to subverted GST mop-up and excise duty cut on petroleum products, indirect tax collections are likely to fall by Rs 90,000 crore in the current fiscal. "We expect a shortfall of around Rs 90,000 crore in GST and excise collections, out of which Rs 10,500 crore is on account of the reduction of excise duty on petroleum products by Rs 1.50 per litre," SBI

EcoWrap report said. Total GST collection of the government comes at Rs 6.78 lakh crore against the budgeted estimate of Rs 7.44 lakh crore. If the SGST and IGST are excluded, the central government's collection will come at Rs 3.46 lakh crore, just 47% of the budgeted estimated, SBI calculation showed.

On the contrary to indirect tax, direct tax collections are expected to cross the Budgeted target. The report said that for the second year in a row, the direct tax is expected to be higher than the budgeted target by around Rs 20,000 crore. In the first six months of the year, the net direct tax

collection surged 14% to Rs 4.44 lakh crore, government data showed. Get live Stock Prices from BSE and NSE and latest NAV, portfolio of Mutual Funds, calculate your tax by Income Tax Calculator, know market's Top Gainers, Top Losers & Best Equity Funds. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

### 44 new coal blocks found in four eastern states

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The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has said it has found 44 new coal blocks in four states of Eastern India. GSI's east ADGR K Kisku said that it has located these coal blocks spread across West Bengal's Purulia and Birbhum districts, coal city of Talcher in Odisha, Bihar's Bhagalpur and Jharkhand's East Bokaro and south Karanpura. The ADG said, the estimated coal resource of these 44 new blocks

is close to 25,000 million tonnes. He said once the mining starts, it will be a massive boost for the economy of the respective states and the country. The GSI has done National Geo Chemical Mapping (NGCM) of over 1,82,000 Sq km area in the eastern region of the country in the last 10 years to find out the elements which are economically fruitful to the country. Out of the 44 coal blocks found, around 15 blocks are located in West Bengal.

### Terrorists attack Chinese Consulate in Karachi; 2 security personnel & 3 terrorists killed in exchange of fire



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At least three terrorists who mounted an attack

on the Chinese consulate in Karachi were killed after an exchange of fire with security personnel. Two policemen were also

killed in the attack which began with a loud explosion near the Chinese consulate in the morning. After the explosion, the terrorists opened fire and attempted to enter the consulate building. The consulate's private guards, however, quickly barricaded the building in order to stop the attackers from entering. The situation was brought under control around two hours after the explosion. Police officers said that the terrorists had come to the consulate in a car laden with explosives.

### Naga Students' Union, Delhi (NSUD) Clarification Statement

This is with regard to recent news report by Imphal Times on 20th November, 2018 about the 55th Nagas' Meet Delhi organized by Naga Students' Union, Delhi (NSUD). The Union seeks to clarify to all concerned regarding a press statement issued by a correspondent about the Fashion Show at the event mentioned as "choreographed & directed by Mr. Harshit Dhingra from Delhi Fashion Club at 55th Nagas' Meet Delhi" was completely and entirely baseless. The Union hereby clarifies that it has no connection with a certain Mr. Harshit Dhingra, Delhi Fashion Club and or its members. The Union further seeks to clarify that Mr. Harshit Dhingra has not invested anything for the Nagas' Meet fashion show nor was he a solicitor neither an invited guest. It may be mentioned that in the past also few reports have come from the Naga Community of his conduct of leveraging from the Naga people and platforms for his vested interest.

The Union would like to reiterate that it organizes an annual gathering every year with a vision to provide a platform for young and upcoming talented designers/artists from the Naga Community to promote, empower and strengthen their capacities and nurture talents. This year, the platform was allotted to 7Line Creation & Mai Collection. Amidst the claims of Mr. Dhingra as being active participant of the event particularly the fashion show, the 7Line Creation and Mai Collection approached the NSUD to clarify the non-involvement of Mr. Harshit, Delhi Fashion Club in any way concerning this event.

Therefore, the Union strongly condemns such an unauthorized use of organization's name by defaming the particular group and seizing the credit for an individual's vested interests and calls for a stringent action to be taken on the part of the individual.

Furthermore, the Union seeks to call upon all other NSUD Units to ensure vigilance over such person(s) or entities engaging in unseemly controversial matters, events, or platforms for their personal interests now and in future.

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