

Governor graced wing north east India conference and observation of 16 days activism on gender based violence

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Women in Governance (WinG) North-East India Conference and the 16-Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign was held today at Hotel Classic, Grande, Imphal with Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla as the Chief Guest.

Speaking at the occasion, Governor said that it is heartening to know that during the campaign, eminent women leaders, women human rights defenders, women activists and many more from across the country and the North-East States are participating for such a worthy cause. She wish both the Conference and the Campaign a grand success.

WinG was initiated in the year 2009 with women representatives from WinG North-East and women from marginalized communities across India and work towards promoting leadership within local governance. The general objective of WinG is to help in grooming women leadership as change agent in peace building process with awareness and capacity building.

She further stated that this year the main agenda of the conference is to reflect, deliberate and march ahead

with the slogan – from Victimhood to Survivor to Change Agents. The conference will take stock of its interventions, advocacies, campaigns and deliberate on how to take forward achievement of the past year(s) and also look into the context of the current situations. The conference is an attempt to scale up campaign, strengthen, expand the WinG network and stand in solidarity with individuals who are victim and survivors of violence and deliberate on emerging issues that affect women and women's decision making at all levels.

We are well aware of violence perpetrated against women and girls in the world today. It is very unfortunate that such violence is on the increase. Violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations and also an important public health issue. Women's health and domestic violence against women are very much interlinked and it has been a bane on the human society down the ages. Further, one could easily say that Gender inequality is at the root of violence against women. Beliefs and practices that value women less than men are normalized, excused and tolerated – a substantial proportion of adolescent girls

and boys believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife. While violence against women is prevalent in all demographics, most vulnerable are persons who experience multiple forms of discrimination, such as sex workers, migrant workers, women living with disabilities, women with refugee status, indigenous women and transgender women.

Although the issue of violence against women is multidimensional and complex, together we can combat it by speaking out and taking action to ensure attention is focused on the most underserved and disadvantaged groups of women and girls.

Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls' human rights. All in all, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – to leave no one behind – cannot be fulfilled without putting an end to violence against women and girls. Our endeavour should be for helping women to live free from all forms of violence through changes in social norms, rules, institutions and law.

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When ART meets Fashion

Chief Minister's wife Hiyainu enthralled seeing her portraits at KAI gallery

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Nongthombam Ongbi Hiyainu, wife of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, was seen enthralled seeing her own portrait hanging among the aesthetically designed gallery of KAI group, which was inaugurated yesterday evening at Kangjibi Leirak here in Imphal. Perhaps the occasion was the first time that Hiyainu attended inaugural function of World Class Event management entrepreneur. Beside her was RK Memi, DIG Crime Branch and Director of Fire Brigade and also Dr. K. Sobita Devi, former Director of Arts and Culture Department.

As according to programme conductor Imomacha Heishnam, KAI is an event management group with Ngangom Silvia as the Chief Executive Officer. Her team includes young fashion designer Sailex Ngairangbam and fellow contemporary artist Dilip Oinam. The painting displayed at the gallery of KAI is the work of young and energetic artist Dilip Oinam and the aesthetic designed which kept media persons and visitors could not stop clicking photo shots is the work of Sailex Ngairangbam with full coordination from KAI CEO Silvia. It is usual that inaugural function of any offices of entrepreneur by VVIP, VIP or Social workers is



a normal trend. But there is something exceptional that the KAI inauguration was conducted.

Hiyainu, mother of 3 children and the wife of Chief Minister appearance as the chief guest in her most suited traditional attires as the best artistic make up showed that when Art meets fashion, someday it may be possible that KAI's innovative idea will make Angels or the Apsaras.

Hiyainu's soft words which appreciated the young team is enough for all to proof that

"She deserved to be the wife of Chief Minister". An artistic portrait of "Mangka"- the renowned Folk singer of Manipur welcomes the KAI gallery. After cutting the ribbon, Hiyainu along with DIG Memi and former Director Dr. K. Sobita entered and were seen caught by the aesthetic design and painting of the KAI team. As they walk all eyes were caught by a portrait of N. Hiyainu, the wife of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. The oil painting portrait seem to be drawn when the chief

Minister's wife did not mix the art of make up and had never demanded the traditional attires. But her simplicity reflected on the portrait make everybody keeps their eyes for hours. As for the Chief guest N. Hiyainu except for a shy smile, she gave no comment. Her eyestalks and smile showed that she appreciated the work.

A reporter, next to this writer murmured, "Our Chief Minister become successful because of her wife madam Hiyainu".

Japanese SUMO Wrestling: Most popular event in Manipur Sangai festival



By M.N. Singh
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Japan's National game SUMO wrestling, which will conclude today evening is counted as the most popular event of the Manipur Sangai Festival with audience even ready to buy ticket at black.

Sumo Wrestling is added as a new event of the Manipur Sangai Festival only this year. "The event is one of best ticket selling show", said an organiser.

Pack audience at Indoor stadium Khuman Lampak were driven with excitement as Sumo Wrestlers showcase their skills. The four day extravaganza – "Sumo Wrestling" event is being organised by Imphal based Salai Holdings Pvt Ltd. in association with Manipur Tourism Department at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium, Imphal.

around Rs 2 crore were reportedly spend for bringing Sumo Wrestlers, said authority of the Salai Holdings.

Believe it or not, the Japanese Sumo Wrestler whom appeared in Dixey Scott's latest advertisement Spandex, a superior elastic fibre as its USP of the brand is in Imphal associating the Sumo Wrestling, being a part of ongoing Manipur Sangai Festival. He and other four Sumo wrestlers will exhibiting the most popular martial art form of Japanese, Sumo Wrestling in Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium till 25, November. (Contd. on Page 4)

CM Attends Beg Sangai Fiesta 2018 at Sangaitel Park; Govt. to bestow a suitable title upon Mary Kom: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the State Government will honour Smt. M.C. Mary Kom by conferring an appropriate title on her in recognition to her unprecedented feat of winning the sixth Gold Medal in the World Boxing Championship and her illustrious career in the field. The title would be announced in a grand reception ceremony to be organised soon after her arrival to the State, he added.

The Chief Minister was speaking at BEG Sangai Fiesta, 2018 organised by Business Excellence Group as part of the Manipur Sangai Festival at Sangaitel Park today. Stating that Smt. M.C. Mary Kom has done the State and the entire country proud, Shri N. Biren Singh informed that the State Cabinet would discuss the matter of bestowing the title soon.

Informing that the new State Government is giving priority to enhancing irrigation system, the Chief Minister said that the concerned Department would start imparting training/ demonstration on mechanised farming in selected areas from December 2. On the other hand, works are in progress on war footing to complete Thoubal

and Dolaitabi projects to provide irrigation to farmlands.

N. Biren Singh said that the Central Government under the supervision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has a vision to provide safe drinking water to all the households of the State. The detailed project report (DPR) worth Rs. 2600 crore forwarded by the State Government regarding the ambitious project had been recommended by the Union External Affairs Ministry and the Union Water Resources Ministry. Maintaining that the Finance Committee of the Central Government had also given clearance to the project, Shri N. Biren Singh said that the project would be taken up with the funds from the New Development Bank established by BRICS countries. The Chief Minister further conveyed that the Union Finance Ministry had also approved his proposal of increasing the State's borrowing capacity from the open market for emergency purposes from Rs. 400 crore to Rs. 500 crore.

Saying that the objective of the new Government to bring egalitarian development in the State and maintain unity and oneness among the people, the Chief Minister said that Manipur Sangai Festival is no

more a festival held at valley districts alone. He said that Manipur Cherry Blossom cum Flower Festival organised at Mao had become a part of the ongoing Manipur Sangai Festival from this year onwards. It is a matter of delight that huge number of people including senior citizens from valley districts had participated in this year's edition of the flower festival, he added.

Maintaining that Manipur is marching forward towards development with the coming of the new Government, the Chief Minister said that road conditions had improved considerably. Imphal-Jiri road and Khongshang-Tamenglong road, which were in pitiable condition earlier, are now smoothly blacktopped, he added. Out of the seven women markets constructed at hill district headquarters, six markets had already been inaugurated, he said while adding that the remaining market would also be dedicated to the public soon.

Regarding connectivity, N. Biren Singh stated that helicopter service is now going on in full swing and people have been enjoying direct flights between Imphal and Delhi since the past many months. Hundreds of people are benefitted under CMHT

and Prime Minister Jan Arogya Yojana-Ayushman Bharat so far and electrification under Saubhagya scheme is also underway, the Chief Minister added. Many school drop-out children are readmitted under State Government's 'Lairik Tamhansi – No Child Left Behind' scheme while the educated and skilled youths are provided assistance through Manipur StartUp and bank loans. On the other hand, Loktak Livelihood Mission had been introduced to enhance fish production as well, he added.

Regarding development works taken up at Sangaitel area, the Chief Minister said that blacktopping of road from Patsoi Lamkhai to Sangaitel is almost complete. A market-shed would also be constructed at the village for the convenience of the people soon, he added.

CAF & PD Minister Karam Shyam, Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Manipur State Planning Board Deputy Chairman and Lamsang AC MLA S. Rajen, MP K. Bhabananda, MLAs Y. Suruchandra, N. Indrajit, S. Subhashchandra and L. Susindro and DGP L.M. Khaute were also present at the occasion.