

## RMSA teachers protest demanding clearance of pending salary

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Large number of Graduate teachers recruited for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) under Education (S), staged a protest rally today demanding clearance of their pending salary.

"We had launched the cease work strike three days back and today is the fourth day and till today government is not giving any positive reply", an irate protestors told media persons

The RMSA teachers have been demanding clearance 7 months pending salaries before Ningol Chakkouba. "Ningol Chakkouba is only 2 days away from today and if they failed to listen our plea we are even prepare to continue our protest on Ningol Chakkouba day", the protestor said.



A large number of RMSA graduate teachers posted at various districts of the State gathered in front of marched towards the Chief Minister Office to convey their demand. According to the teachers, they were appointed as graduate teachers after various recruitment tests conducted by the Directorate since 2011. Alleging that they have not received their salary in a consistent manner ever since, the teachers explained that they get their salary only twice or thrice in a year which leads to great inconveniences for the teachers.

A memorandum has been

submitted to the Chief Minister regarding the matter. However response from the Chief Minister is not yet known as of now.

The RAMSA teachers also claimed that apart from the salary issue, the Government has not done anything to improve the promotion opportunities for the RMSA graduate teachers.

They informed that the Government has failed to pay their salary since April this year and added that until and unless the Government takes up necessary steps to ensure proper and consistent salary for the teachers, they will stop

going to their respective schools and instead they will gather in front of the Directorate to stage sit ins till the school hour is finished.

The teachers taking part in the sit in protest which was organised by RMSA Graduate Teachers Association, carried placards containing slogans like 'Release salaries before Ningol Chakkouba', 'Same work, same service status', 'No pay, no food', 'Teachers are also human beings', 'Same status for all teachers', 'Arrange for the regularisation of salaries' and 'Immediately release 7 months pending salaries' etc.

## State Govt. signs MoU with private company on smart city



DIPR  
Imphal, Nov. 06,

The State Government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IL&FS Township and Urban Assets Limited and Price Water House Coopers Pvt. Ltd. as a project management consultant for implementation of Smart City Project in Imphal at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

The private company will design, develop, manage and implement Smart City Projects under Smart City Mission in Imphal. The project will be completed within three years. The State Government was represented by Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development Department

Director Th. Harikumar and the private company by its Head- Urban Project (East and North-East) Chandana Roychowdhury. The MoU was inked in the presence of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu and Secretary (Revenue) T. Ranjit.

N. Biren Singh said that it has been a dream of every Manipuri to have a Smart City in the State. The project management consultant was selected through a transparent e-tender, he added. The private company had informed the State Government that it would take around six months to prepare a DPR of the project worth around Rs. 1523, he said and

added that he had however requested the company to complete the DPR a bit earlier because the Manipur is a long neglected State.

Stating that signing of the MoU would pave way for opening a new chapter in urban development in the State, Shri. N. Biren Singh said that the project would include key infrastructure developments like sewerage system, Nambal and Imphal river rejuvenation, development of Kangla, transport service, pollution control and other beautification activities etc.

The Chief Minister also conveyed his best wishes to the private company and MAHUD Department for speedy and successful completion of the project.

## Guv' CM wish people on Ningol Chakkouba and Diwali

IT News  
Imphal, Nov 5,

Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Hettulla and Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh wishes the people of the state on occasion of the Manipur's largest festival "Ningol Chakkouba and Indian most celebrated festival Ningol Chakkouba.

In her message the governor of Manipur appeal all people to work together towards illuminating our lives with joy and prosperity and spread the light of love and fraternity.

"The Festival of Diwali celebrates the victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil and justice over injustice", Dr. Hettulla in her message stated.

"I convey my warm greetings and good wishes to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of "Diwali", the festival of lights", Chief Minister N Biren said in his message.

Diwali festival commemorates Lord Rama's return to his kingdom Ayodhya after completing his 14 years' exile. The festival signifies the triumph of good over evil, virtue over vice and light over darkness. People celebrate the festival by illuminating their homes to dispel darkness and to evoke the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi, he added.

Chief Minister wishes the light of Diwali dispel the dark forces of all the evils in the society and show us the right path for a prosperous and peaceful Manipur.

## Forest Minister Shyamkumar attends Amur Falcon festival



IT News  
Imphal, Nov 6,

Forest and Environment Minister Th Shyamkumar today inaugurated 5 towers for watching the rare bird.

The towers were inaugurated as a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amur Falcon festival being underway at Phalong (Bhalok) village in Tamenglong district.

Speaking on the occasion Forest Minister Shyamkumar

reiterated the important of preserving the wild life and also the forest. He further added that the villagers need to play important role in preserving the wild life. He also appealed the people to stop hunting of birds of any kinds.

The five tower to watch the Amur falcon birds were constructed at Bhalok village, Sonam village, Azuram village and bangajiang village.

MLA Samuel Jendai, Chairman of Tamenglong ADC Namsinrei Paomei and officials of forest and environment were present on the occasion.

## Give your child the gift of health in this Diwali, "Say no to Lead Paints"

IT News  
New Delhi, Nov 6,

Coinciding with the festive season in India, Governments, paint industries and environmentalists across the globe are also getting together this week (October 21-27, 2018) for the International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action calling for protection for the children aged 0-9 years old. The World Health Organization lists lead exposure as one of the top ten environmental health threats globally. Lead paint, a major source of childhood lead exposure, can cause permanent and irreversible brain damage in children. Lead

exposure, from all sources, is also responsible for a higher percentage of adult mortality than previously thought. In alignment with the global actions to eliminate lead from paints, India has adopted the Regulation of Lead Contents in Household and decorative Paint Rules in 2016.

Toxics Link, a Delhi based NGO released Lead in Paints report, 2018 to mark the occasion of Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action, 2018 (ILPPWA). Institute of Social Research and Development, a partner organization of Toxics Link conducted paint sampling and survey for this report. Two samples collected from

Manipur, Micolite and Poinolac both manufactured in January 2018 contained highest concentration of lead i.e. 81224 ppm and 5432 ppm respectively which is quite above the prescribed standard of 90 ppm.

The survey depicted low awareness levels in the state with only 5% of the consumer respondents being aware about the presence of lead in household paints. Similar levels of awareness were also reported in the retailer survey.

"The Government should take initiatives in enforcing the rules and push for raising awareness among the stakeholders to eliminate lead from paints in the country

completely considering its impact on human health especially children's health. After all, health is wealth and nothing matters more than the well-being of your loved ones," stated Piyush Mohapatra, Senior Program Coordinator, Toxics Link. "It is unfortunate to know that Lead is still being found in such high concentration in paint samples being sold in our area. There is an immediate need of improving the compliance of the regulations and public awareness to deal with the issue" stated Ksh. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD).

## Fish Farmers' Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition

IT News  
Imphal, Nov 6,

State Fishery dept. is organising attending Fish Farmers' Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition, 2018 at DM College of Arts ground, Thangmeiband, Imphal on November 8 on the eve of Ningol Chakkouba festival. N Kayisii Hon'ble Minister (Fishery) will inaugurate Fish Farmers' Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition,

## Drug smuggler ostracised

IT News  
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A statement by the Social Educational and Voluntary Athletic Club, (SEVA Club) Thongju Makha Leikai had stated that drug smuggler Sanjay who was arrested by narcotic and affairs of Border along with huge quantity of narcotic substances has been ostracised from the locality by a meeting of the local people initiated by SEVA club. The drug smuggler Khamanthen Sanjay had shifted at Thongju Part II. The SEVA club statement also added that he will not be given shelter at place inside the jurisdiction of SEVA club and also demanded the authority to take up appropriate legal action against him.

## Co-curriculum Education is nothing but thinking the right way- Himalaya



IT News  
Thoubal, Nov. 6,

Learning what has been written in the book is not what we call co-curriculum education but it is about learning to think in the positive way to do something good for the society.

This was stated by Former Lt. General Konsam Himalaya, presently serving as the Chairman of the Manipur Public Service commission on

the 10th Annual Bright Children's Day organised by the Leiba Bright Foundation Thoubal.

Hamalaya also appeal the guardian and parents not to simply consider success as the passing of the examination but it should be when he or she can stand in his or her own foot by doing something good for the society.

He also appeal to forget the word corruption.