

Arrested teachers and students will be released: CM

DIPR
Imphal, Oct. 16,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that all the teachers and students arrested in connection with Manipur University issue will be released soon. An understanding had been brought between the Government and the six agitating student organisations in a marathon meeting held last night, he conveyed.

The Chief Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the 6th All Manipur Catholic Schools Biennial Games and Sports Meet, 2018 at Catholic School, Canchipur today.

Expressing hope that normalcy would return in Manipur University soon, N. Biren Singh informed the gathering that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the State Government and the six agitating student bodies in a meeting that dragged on till 1:30 am of October 16.

Stating that his Government is a people-oriented Government, the Chief Minister said that doors of the present Government is always kept open for dialogues and talks to resolve any issue. Lauding the service rendered to the society by Catholic



Educational Society, Manipur (CESM), Shri N. Biren Singh said that the CESM follows a distinctive educational philosophy and methodology which employ reason, loving kindness and religion as instruments of teaching. He said that the political community and the Church are autonomous and independent of each other in their own fields. Nevertheless, both are

devoted to the personal vocation of man, he added. There can be no education without dedication, the Chief Minister said while adding that it is this dedication which would bring success and happiness to the student community. It is also this dedication and sacrifice, which would condition the children for imbibing a culture of hard work, honesty and

perseverance, he added. The Chief Minister said, "Remember, you are no more a missionary unless you bring change."

The Chief Minister said that the present Government is investing to train the young citizens to become responsible human beings. He also urged CESM to walk extra mile to ensure that every child gets their due attention. He also

exhorted the Society to teach children to appreciate the dignity of labour, love of history, culture and traditions, and respect for the elderly.

Maintaining that he believes in the power of the Priests and Nuns as agents of change in Manipur, the Chief Minister said that Priests and Nuns are generous group of people who are willing to work hard and sacrifice for the present and future generations.

Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Public Health Engineering Minister Losii Dikho and Archbishop of Imphal, Rev. Dominic Lumon also attended the function as dignitaries.

Apart from hoisting the games flag and lighting the games flames, the Chief Minister also declared the sports meet open with the release of colourful balloons. He also received salute from different march past contingents of participating Catholic schools coming from different districts of the State.

The sports meet is organised by Catholic Educational Society, Manipur, Archdiocese of Imphal, Manipur. 1882 students will compete in different competitions like football, basketball, volleyball, gospel, choreography, cultural dance and march-past in the sports meet that will conclude on October 19.

India International Cherry Blossom Festival will be a mega event this year : Meghalaya CM



From a Correspondent
New Delhi, Oct 16,

Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya and Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo, Director of Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), invited the people of India and the international community to visit Shillong, Meghalaya and enjoy the India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018. It is the World's only Autumn Cherry Blossom Festival, which will be held during 14-17 November 2018. Addressing the media persons at the Press Club of India, New Delhi, they said, you can enjoy the full Cherry Blossom view at Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya, which will be in full bloom during November with pink and white Cherry Blossoms all along the roadside and the famous Ward's Lake.

and brings in \$400 million in revenue every year. He also mentioned that the India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2017, which was celebrated to mark the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development attracted more than one lakh visitors and boosted the local economy by 300%.

Shri Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, also lauded this initiative of IBSD and said this was another way to deepen and strengthen the connections with the Government of Japan through the exposition of the Japanese cultural events and cuisine, as the Embassy of Japan in India has come in as a strategic partner.

The India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 will celebrate the unique mass flowering of autumn Himalayan Cherry Blossoms with several cultural events at Shillong, Meghalaya. Visitors can enjoy fashion shows, rock concerts, beauty pageant and even compete in an amateur Golf tournament. Alongside, there will be stalls showcasing the region's food, arts and crafts and several Japanese cultural events and a Japanese Food Pavilion in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in India.

Sahoo in his welcome address also mentioned that the Cherry Blossom Festival generates huge employment and revenues for various cities and countries as lakhs of visitors from different parts of the world come to Japan, New Zealand and parts of Korea to witness the Cherry Blossom. In Washington DC alone, festival typically brings more than 1.5 million visitors

MU Faculties and students released

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 16,

All the members of the Manipur University community including 6 faculty members were released today after Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imphal West, Lamkhanpau Tonsing dispose the case today.

The 14 Manipur University Community including the six Faculty members were arrested as per complaint by Pro Yuginro, which he had admitted to the governor of the Manipur that he had filed false report. Police had taken up FIR as per report of Prof. Yuginro. The investigation officer of the case had filed final report and the complainant had accepted the report.

Following the FR, the court announced released of all the 14 members detained in Judicial custody. Those released includes Prof. Dorendrajit Singh, Prof. Ch. Yashowanta Singh, Dr. L. Bishwanath Sharma etc.

Mayanglambam Diana honoured with World PHD Chakra Award



IT News
Delhi, Oct. 16,

International Model and Social activist Mayanglambam Diana Devi was honoured with the World PHD Chakra Award in recognition to her service in motivating people across the globe for plantation of trees. The award is being offered by TIRANGA CHALLENGE under its programme World Tree plantation promotional Program. The Manipur Lady Mayanglambam Diana was being honoured base on her capability to influence people in tree plantation.

Earlier, Mayanglambam Diana had won the World Mrs Beauty queen held at Thailand. Diana has been contributing various social service to promote young talents.

BJP Khangabok Mandal Organise Condolence Service

IT News
Thoubal, Oct. 16,

Bharatiya Janata Party Khangabok Mandal observed a condolence service on the sudden demise of 35/16 Booth President, BJP Khangabok Mandal Laishram Mahajon S/o L.Anou of Khangabok Part-I Awang Leikai at the Party's Khangabok Mandal Office on Tuesday. Laishram Mahajon passed away on 11 October. Paying floral tribute to the photographs of the late 35/16 Booth President, BJP Khangabok Mandal Laishram Mahajon. A two minute silence also observed to show respect to the departed soul.

The meeting expressed a deep sorrow and grief on the sudden demise of L.Mahajon who dedicated and sacrificed for the BJP and took share the shock and grief of his family, relatives and hundreds of party workers. Former State Vice-President BJP Manipur Pradesh Th.Jadumani, BJP Khangabok Mandal President L.Tomba Khuman and other party karyakartas also attended the condolence meeting.

Imphal Times have one 2 page in today's edition due to technical problem. the inconveniences in regretted.
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Financial Literacy campaign at Kumbi

IT News
Kumbi, Oct. 16,

Society for New Kumbi and Matingleiba Kumbichasing (MAKU) have jointly organised a day-long financial literacy campaign at Kumbi Talks, Kumbi Keithel under Bishnupur District on Sunday afternoon.

Bobby James Wahengbam, Social Worker while addressing at the campaign said that Kumbi was once the key agricultural place of Manipur. The agricultural products of Kumbi were exported to different parts of the state as well as other neighbouring States.

He also said that the product quality of Kumbi is different from other agricultural produces of the country. Kumbi produces the finest agricultural products in the state and probably in the country.

While urging the people of Kumbi Assembly constituency to make a wise financial plans in order to lead a financially independent life, Bobby James assured to provide all possible support from his side to bring back the lost glory of Kumbi in the realm of agriculture and related activities.

He also urged the Board of Directors of Lamjingba Group,

who were present at the campaign to support the people of Kumbi in economic development through their schemes.

Board of Directors of Lamjingba Group, also assured to extend all possible assistance to making Kumbi a agricultural hub of the state. Managing Director of Lamjingba Group, Byrun, while addressing at the gathering announces various schemes of the financing institute.

He also said that the group is ready to provide a special housing loan to interested people of Kumbi only for a limited period of time.

MLA Paonam Brojen Inaugurates School Building



IT News
Thoubal, Oct. 16,

A new building consisting of three additional class rooms of the Tekcham Girl's Upper Primary School Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was inaugurated by MLA Paonam Brojen on Tuesday at Tekcham in Thoubal District. MLA of Wangting Tenthia A/C P.Brojen, Zonal Education Officer, Zone-III, Thoubal Arambam Anilkumar Singh,

Member of Langathel Zilla Parishad S.Ibetombi, Pradhan of Sapam Gram Panchayat S. Rameshwar and SMDC Member & Pradhan of Tekcham Gram Panchayat L.Iboyaima attended the function as chief guest, president and guests of honour respectively.

Paonam Brojen cutting the inaugural rebble of the building and handed over the school building to the School Authority.