

AMBA observes 47th foundation day Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind – Panthou Paa

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The All Manipur Buddhist Association (AMBA) observed its 47th foundation day today at Ningomthong Community Hall located at Pebiya Pandit Leikai, Imphal East. The observance of the foundation day was started at 8:00 am with a meditation session of the gathering which was followed by talk on 'Dharma amadi Nungaiayba Khunnaay' delivered by Ven. Dr Panthaw Paa (Dr. MS Ningomba). Panthaw Paa informed the



gathering on the global scenario of various religions as such Christianity - 33%, Islam - 21%, Nonreligion - 16 %, Hinduism - 14 %, Primal indigenous - 6%, Buddhism - 6%, Judaism - 22%, Sikhism - 38% etc. He also mentioned the various religions practiced in Manipur. During the talk, Panthaw Paa maintained that the role of Dharma in the

society is to keep maintain harmony and socialisation so that citizens could enjoy a certain amount of happiness in the family as well as in the society which is very much absent in the present day society due to various factors, adding that people are becoming adharmic thereby creating disorder in the family life and also social life. Giving the reason for

becoming people adharmic, he stated that a holy book of any religion will remain simply a book containing a lot of information unless the contents of it are practiced. Ven. Dr Panthaw Paa concluded his talk with a quotation of Albert Einstein: "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

Winter seeds distributed to farmers under MIDH



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Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department today distributed winter seeds/rabi crops to the selected farmers from the various districts under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme at the Khonghampat training hall, Khonghampat, Imphal West.

Selected farmers from various districts of Imphal West, Imphal East, Churachandpur, Tengnoupal, Senapati, Ukhrul, Thoubal and Bishnupur were distributed winter crops at the function.

Speaking as the chief guest of the function, Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar said the department under the leadership of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is working hard so that the State becomes self sufficient on food. He said full cooperation from the various stakeholders is needed for the success of the mission. He advised the experts

and the officials of the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department to give proper training to the farmers using modern methods in order to increase the crop yield. On the other hand, he appealed to the farmers to properly follow the instructions of the experts/officials to properly grow the vegetables. Advising the farmers to work with sincerity, he promised them full support from the State Government.

The Minister further opined that if the people of the State start growing herbs and other vegetables including tomatoes and onions then the State will be less dependent on other states and it can promote healthy lifestyle. He said the State Government is aware about the problems faced by the farmers and is committed to help them for their welfare. He concluded his speech by appealing to the farmers to cooperate with the department in order to make the policies and programs of the department a success.

JC Ramthanga, Principal Secretary (Horticulture and Soil Conservation) said that the State Government is fully aware of the hardships of the farmers of the State that is why it has taken steps under department's various schemes like Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCDNER) among others. He said the distribution of seeds is a part of the steps taken up for the welfare of the farmers. He advised the farmers to work with sincerity and cooperate with the department.

Laishram Bobby Devi, Zilla Parishad member, Pongthang, officers of Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department including Director K. Kipgen; N. Premananda Singh, Mission Director, MIDH; M. Nabachandra Singh, AAO (MIDH), officials from various districts, farmers from various districts and locals attended the function..

Imphal-Airport bus service introduced

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Sixteen months after the re-introduction of the public transport service in Manipur, the BJP led coalition government on Wednesday introduced six more different bus routes to connect the important hill towns in the state.

The new bus route service will connect the state capital with the remote hill towns such as Jessami in Ukhrul district, Kamjong in Kamjong district, Nungba, Tamei and Tamenglong in Tamenglong districts, Khoupum in Noney district. Manipur state transport (MST) will operate the services from the Inter-state bus terminus (ISTB) from Monday to Saturday.

Apart from the above new bus services, new Imphal-Airport bus express service was also introduced considering the public demand on daily basis excepting Sunday and holidays. This Imphal-Airport bus service will be available from Airport (10am, 12.15pm, 2pm, 4pm) and ISBT (9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm).

The state chief minister N Biren Singh accompanied by a number of ministers, MLAs, state level officials, districts level officials and officials of the state transport department and other



public leaders, flagged off the new bus services during a formal launching function of the new bus route services at the Inter-state bus terminus at Khuman Lampak in Imphal around 9 in the morning.

Speaking on the occasion the chief minister Biren Singh appealed to the general public to extend necessary support and cooperation to the drivers, handymen and officials while serving the people. He also announced that the state authority is planning to introduce helicopter service to Tamenglong and Moreh towns from October 29. Appealing to the media to have a balanced

reporting for the development of the state, he said that the existing helicopter service between Imphal to Jiribam will have no holiday on November 7, 9 and 10 in view of Ningol Chakkouba, the greatest festival of the state.

In his key note address, the Commissioner (Transport) M Lakshmikummar said that 12 more buses are in the pipeline to be added to the fleet of the MST for the convenience of the public. The main objective of reviving MST was not for earning profit but for public service, he added. According to Commissioner Lakshmikummar said that

the MST has so far transported 3,85,160 passengers and earned Rs. 1.63 crore in the last 382 days till October 20. The total expenditure during the period is around Rs 1.49 crores. The annual revenue of the department is around Rs 35-40 crore a year.

It may be mentioned that the BJP led government in the state reintroduced the public transport services from June 24 last after the transport service under MST ceases its service in 2003. Since then MST operates bus service along Imphal-Noney, Imphal-Moreh, Imphal-Kakching, Imphal-Yairipok and Imphal-Moirang till date.

Thoubal College observes United Nations Day

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History and Political Science department of Thoubal College today observed the United Nations Day at the college conference hall today. United Nations Day is devoted to making known to people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations Organization. United Nations Day is part of United Nations Week, which runs from 20 to 26 October.

In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, as which "shall be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of

the United Nations and to gaining their support for" its work.

In 1971 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a further resolution (United Nations Resolution 2782) declaring that United Nations Day shall be an international observance or international holiday and recommended that it should be observed as a public holiday by United Nations member

Principal of Thoubal College, O. Chaoba Devi, HoD, Political Science Department, T. Bhudha and Former consultant of WHO and present Programme Coordinator of United Nations International Children Emergency Fund Dr. Arun Meitram attended the programme as dignitaries.

Bomb found

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A plastic packet suspected to be IED was found today around 200 meters away from the residence of Nambol

Assembly constituency at Leimapokpam under Bishnupur Police Station today morning. Police team and Bomb disposal squad rushed the spot at safely defuse it.

Bamboo plantation in the surrounding of Lamdeng Solid Waste plan begins



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Authorities of MAHUD in association with Lamsang Nagar Panchayat planted around 500 numbers Bamboo sapling in the surrounding of Lamdeng Solid Waste Management Plan today morning. The plantation is being taken up under the Swachh Bharat Mission (URBAN) to keep the surround clean and to filter the odours from the solid waste management center.

Th. Hrikumar Singh, Director MAHUD, who also attended the bamboo plantation in the surrounding said the department is all set to plant more Bamboo tree around the Lamdeng Solid

Waste Management plant with the support and help of the Lamsang Nagar Panchayat. The area covers around 1 and half kilometer.

Speaking to media councilor if the Lamsang Nagar Panchayat, Aribam Thaja Devi said that the planting of the Bamboo tree will not only keep the surrounding clean and filter fresh air but also it will preserve out indigenous Bamboo tree. Former Director of MAHUD Nephram Gitkumar, and other officials of MAHUD and members of Lamsang Nagar Panchayat as well as Unskilled labours of the ward development committee were also attended in the plantation programme.

Remembering Khelen Thokchom



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The Khelen Thokchom Trust is organising the first "Remembering Khelen Thokchom" observation with the formal launching of "Khelen Thokchom Trust Media Fellowship Programme, 2018" on the birth anniversary of the late journalist on October 27. The fellowship programme will fully fund reporting assignments for journalist (s) who can demonstrate the potential for insightful reporting on issues that are concerns for the state. The amount of the fellowship and related terms and conditions will be announced in the upcoming event. The upcoming "Remembering Khelen Thokchom" observation would be the 61st birth anniversary of Khelen Thokchom who passed away on April 1, 2018. The Khelen Thokchom Trust is constituted in his loving memory of our departed brother Khelen, a renowned journalist, to promote excellence journalism etc. It would be our pleasure to ave those who are close to our departed brother on this special occasion.