



## Nagamapal RIMS road a nightmare for patients

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A kilometer stretch road from Nagamapal to Regional Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) is more of a hell road especially for the patients visiting the hospital. The main problems of RIMS road are the huge potholes and the disastrous conditions of the road and also double parking of vehicles at various places on the road side added more problems

creating traffic jam hindering the people and also the patients rushing to the hospital who are in the condition of life or death. As the number of vehicles owned by individual increases like flash flood and no proper parking spaces were maintained even though the road has a number of hospitals, clinics and other shops on both side of the road, traffic chaos occurred almost every day, in the already jammed road. Speaking to media person RIMS ambulance driver Adim said that they have faced a lot of difficulties while travelling the RIMS road because of the poor condition of the road and the traffic jam caused mainly because of the double parking. He added that at times there arises urgency when the patient is very critical and the poor condition of the road as well as the traffic jams which occurred frequently causes a lot of trouble to them as well as to the patients. He finally appealed the authorities to repair the important stretch of road leading to RIMS hospital.

Soibamcha Langol, a local person of the area talking to

Imphal Times said that the road has been recently repaired after being dug out for the sewage project but was again return to the similar disastrous condition few months after the repairing. He said that the terrible RIMS road causes a lot of accidents especially at night and during rainy season as many fail to notice the potholes and the disastrous condition. Adding more difficulties there aren't any street lamps where commuters weren't able to notice the bad conditioned road. He stressed that the ministers and MLAs passed the road every now and then but they failed to take up the initiatives to repair the important road where many patients has been passing through it facing life or death situations. He added that the MLA and minister seemed to neglect the road as it lies between the two constituencies of Thangmeiband and Uripok. He said that the locals have appealed to the Deputy Chief Minister who is from Uripok Assembly Constituency and MLA Joykishan of Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency.

Highlighting the problem caused by double parking Langol said that previously traffic police used to control it but unfortunately they were not seen in the area and at times they were seen once in a blue moon. He said that now parking was done on both side of the road which narrowed the space of the road. He also warned that the road will be blocked in the near future if the government failed to repair the disastrous conditioned road. It can be mentioned that the road was also previously blocked because of failure to repair it.

Speaking to media person one Surjit who is a driver said that the condition of the road is worsening day by day. He said that during the times of festival traffic jam occurred where it even took more than an hour to pass the short stretch from RIMS to Nagamapal or vice versa. Various people from all walks of lives, doctors and staffs of hospitals, patients, locals, auto drivers, ambulance faces a lot of problem travelling through RIMS road and they appealed the authorities to look into the matter as soon as possible.

## Class VI Student Electrocuted & two seriously injured

From a correspondent  
Ukhrul, April 20,

MK Thothtan s/o MK Rocky of Phalang Village under Phungyar Sub Division, a Class IV students from Phungyar Tribal School was electrocuted this morning.

As per information made available by villagers, the



## CADA Organises awareness against drugs

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Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) organised awareness program against Drugs at Thyam Konjil Warok Leikai, Imphal East District on Friday afternoon. Ningthoujam Doren, Vice President of CADA expressed apprehension on the increase of drug users irrespective of ages in the state.

He added that abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs continued to be a major hurdle in the society causing serious health problem to youths and aged people.

He urged local Club and Meira Paibee to play main role in preventing drug uses in the society.

He further said, after a gap a long period the society today see rise in the Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) in the last 3 to 4 years. Taking the situation with extreme seriousness, Ningthoujam Doren said that if the society fails to prevent the drug users and guide them to the right path there is a possibilities that the one time HIV and AIDS which haunted the state might return.

incident happened this morning at one of the snap electric pole between Phalang and Goda village. It is also learnt that, two other boys were also seriously injured and is in unconscious state while trying to pull out and save Thothtan. The two boys have been identified as Ngahanthem Jajo, S/o Ningreishang Jajo and Okpei Jajo, S/o Malungchang Jajo. Because of its remoteness and poor health facility, Ambulance is being arranged at Ukhrul Headquarter for picking up the victims and injured boys.

MK. Thothtan and his friends were home for the Good Friday and Easter holidays. MK. Thothtan and his friends went to pay a visit to his grandmother at Goda village while returning home MK. Thothtan step on the live wire. Details information on when and how the HT wire got snapped and how it was kept lying there is yet to be ascertain.

Due to remoteness and weak mobile phone connection, an attempt to reach SDPO of Phungyar could not be made.

## Khongjom Day rehearsal

DIPR  
Thoubal April 20,

Full dress rehearsal for Khongjom Day Observance was held today at Khongjom War Memorial Complex, Khebaching, Thoubal. Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal Smt. Haobam Rosita took stock of all arrangements being made for the observance of Khongjom Day on April 23. The Deputy Commissioner inspected different venues including Martyr's Memorial

(hill-top), Paona Memorial (foot-hill), Khongjom River, Sankirtan Pandal, Main Pandal etc.

The Deputy Commissioner was pleased to see works being done in full swing and instructed concerned officers to ensure completion of all preparations on time. She also sought the cooperation of all concerned for successful Khongjom Day Observance. The rehearsal was attended by civil and police officers and DLOs.

## KEDO completes 12 years; observed foundation day

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Kanglei Economic Development Organisation (KEDO) today observed 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day as it completes 12 years today. The organization is a body of educated but unemployed youth who believe in work

culture as the only means to progress towards development.

Vice Chancellor of the Central Agricultural University, Dr. H. Premjit Singh while appreciating the spirit of the members of KEDO said that he will provide all assistant from the University for Improvement

of the members of KEDO. He said that he is ready to provide training on poultry and agriculture farming to make the members self sustain economically. Maniomba, President of KEDO, while talking to media persons said that KEDO's aim is to build a work force of the state.

## Statue of Khelen Thokchom unveiled

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Statue of Late Khelen Thokchom, a renowned journalist and former Special Correspondent of the Telegraph, was unveiled today at his Sagolband Tera Tongbram Leikai, Imphal West on occasion of his Phiroi (1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary according to Meitei lunar Calendar). Irengbam Arun, Advisor of the Khelen Thokchom Trust, other members including President of the Trust Robert Sapat and wife of the late Journalist Thokchom Ongbi Memcha Devi among others paid floral tribute to the statue of Khelen Thokchom.

## Earth Day 2019

By - N. Munal Meitei

On the 15th of this month, as a rare accident, three women were killed due to a cyclonic storm in Manipur. Now a day, extreme environmental conditions like scanty rainfall, harsh cyclone, cloud burst or any other environmental challenges that were not happened in the past are starting to experience in our State. Therefore, on reaching the Earth Day 2019, we feel that celebration of this auspicious day is much concerned with our state. Earth Day which starts since 1970 is an annual event celebrated worldwide on April 22. Various events are held to remind us the urgent need to protect our environment and the mother earth. Earth Hour initiated by WWF with the electricity switch off from 8.30 to 9.30 pm on the last Saturday of March every year is different from the Earth Day.

The theme for this year is Protect our Species. The unprecedented global destruction and rapid reduction of plant and wildlife populations are directly linked to causes driven by human activity: climate change, deforestation, habitat loss, trafficking and poaching, unsustainable agriculture, pollution and pesticides are some of it. The impacts are far reaching and we must take action right now to protect our species. The air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil that grows our food are part of a delicate global ecosystem that is increasingly under pressure from human activities. Humans are clearing land for housing, agriculture, and other needs, which is destroying the habitats of species. Losing these important species lead to instability of ecological systems.

We need a global transformation of attitude and practice. It is especially urgent to address how we generate the energy that drives our progress because 80% of our energy comes from fossil fuel burning that is the main cause of the global warming. Our

global strategy must promote sound environmental ethics, and continually emphasize humanity's interconnectedness with nature.

The Earth's species are vital to humanity's economic and social development. As a result, there is a growing recognition that biological diversity is a global asset of tremendous value to present and future generations. At the same time, the threat to species and ecosystems has never been as great as it is today. Despite the attempts that have been made to undermine progress made in solving environmental problems, major progress has been made. Scientists, Environmentalist, and, increasingly, the general public are realizing that we are in an environmental crisis of global-ecological proportion.

Human population are still ascending at an exponential net rate of 5 persons per second, the atmosphere is warming up at the rate of 0.76°C per decade, both tropical and temperate rainforests are being cut at alarming rates of a football ground per minute, ozone layer is missing and serious pollution is also much more prevalent than admitted previously. From the perspective of biodiversity this means, species are being lost almost not on a daily basis but on seconds, at the rate of one species per 20 minutes. The rapid extinction rates that are occurring today are estimated to be between 1,000 and 10,000 times higher than the natural extinction rate. The International Union for Conservation of Nature has identified 38 percent of the world's known species to be threatened with extinction. It is predicted that our present course will lead to the extinction of half of all plant and animal species by 2100. Acknowledgement of these problems, however, means that we can find solutions for them, although most solutions require enormous economic aids which may anchor these coherent problems. 85 percent of the world's fisheries are fully exploited,

overexploited, depleted, or recovering from depletion. Many other aquatic species such as dolphins, turtles, birds, sharks, and corals are killed due to inefficient, illegal, destructive fishing practices and plastic pollution. The same CO2 emissions responsible for global warming are also absorbed by our oceans and converted to carbonic acid, making the oceans less and less hospitable to aquatic life, exacerbating the problem further. But please don't forget that 70% of earth's oxygen in the atmosphere is produced by marine plants.

The last three decades have been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decade since 1850. Sea levels are rising @ 3 cm per decade; glaciers are melting almost 30% since 1912, and precipitation patterns are changing as extreme weather events are becoming more intense and more frequent.

Water tables on every continent are falling as underground water is pumped out at far greater rates than rainwater can naturally replenish it. As per experts, at an average, India is pumping out its underground aquifers at twice the rate of natural replenishment. The amount of water available per person will drop by 74 percent by 2050 because global population at that time will crossed 9 billion. Thus it very much certain that mankind will need two Earths by 2030.

All living things have an intrinsic value, and each one plays a unique role in the complex web of life. Every single species evolved to be what it is for a biological reason. Each one occupies a particular niche in the grand scheme of life and is needed by other species to thrive and survive. It is extremely concerning that we are losing species before science has the chance to find out how important they really are!

Everywhere you go on our planet; there is something alive around you. If you pay a bit of attention, whether in urban or the countryside, you will almost always see

a tree, a plant, a bird and an insect...some form of life. Furthermore, any person who has watched a TV program, read a magazine, visited a zoo or aquarium, or enjoyed a walk in the outdoors, has probably noticed the immense variety of plants and animals that surround us. Our planet is truly thriving with living things. Some we are familiar with and others we have never heard of. The most recent study, published in 2017, estimates that there are roughly 2 billion living species on Earth, over a thousand times more than the current number of described species.

In Manipur, the most challenging environmental problem is the indiscriminate felling of trees for firewood which are meant for domestic consumption and the numerous Brick kilns. The cost for firewood is much lower than the coal. Therefore, to supply for the mushrooming Brick kilns, large areas of our rich forest are cleared on daily basis. Unluckily, again, in hill areas, poppy plantation has become a common business. And thus, our state is facing the chronic wounds both from felling and clearing of forest for poppy plantation coupled with the continuous damages from Jhoom cultivation. Burning of firewood also causes high percentage of air pollution.

To conclude with, on this Earth Day, it is appeal that when we come together, the impact can be monumental. Go green with Earth Day by making small changes that add up to make a big difference. Commit to earth-friendly acts, make more sustainable choices, reduce your carbon footprint, conserve energy and resources, collaborate on environmental projects in your community, vote for leaders committed to protect the environment, and share your acts of green to help educate and inspire others to join such movement! Start protecting our environment today and help to create a healthy, more sustainable future by protecting our green cover and planting more and more trees.