

## Huge quantity of WY tablets seized



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Huge quantity of World Yours (WY) tablets (a narcotic drug) were seized yesterday by a team of the Anti-Smuggling Units of Customs Division, Imphal, led by its Superintendent from a person identified as Hefajuddin, 23 yrs, S/o. Riyajuddin, residence of Lilong Haoreibi, Sambrukhong, Lilong Sub-Division, Thoubal. The contraband drugs were found carrying inside a green bag separating in 10 packets containing 10,000 tablets each. The drug peddler was caught at Lilong Mairenkhun Makha Leikai, Thoubal District along Imphal-Moreh (NH-102). Total WY tablet seized from him was 1,00,000 (one lakh) (Net wet. 10kg) tablets of Amphetamine worth around Rs 10 crore, SP of Anti-Smuggling Units Custom Division Imphal said to media persons. He said that locals of the area supported the Custom team. A case was registered under the relevant provisions of NDPS Act 1985, he added.

## Haomee vows to stand against any demands for Homeland in the state

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Calling upon all communities of the state to live peacefully and harmoniously, President of Federation of Haomee Sapancha Jadumani said that the organization will fight against any demands of Homeland by any specific community in the state. Speaking in a press meet held today at the office of Federation of Haomee situated at Kabo Leikai, Imphal East, Jadumani stressed that their Organisation believed living in harmony and peacefully with all the communities. He added that there is no Meetei

land, Kuki land or Naga land and such demands of homeland should be stopped. Condemning the talks between Kuki Militants and the government, Working President of Federation of Haomee, Ramthing Hungyo stressed that the kuki militants were foreign based militants groups and questioned how a government can hold talks with a foreign base extremist. Stating KNA as a foreign based extremist group, Ramthing said that there is an agreement between the government and Naga Students Federation signed by the Chief Minister of

Manipur which stated that KNA is a foreign based extremist group where they attacked the civilians at Moreh and thereby flushing in Kukis secretly from foreign countries and made to settle in Manipur. He added that the agreement assured three main points where the Nagas killed will be compensated, the KNA will be driven out and finally the Nagas will be rehabilitated. Ramthing urged the government to drive out all the KNO, KNA and UPF from Manipur. A memorandum was also submitted today to the Chief Minister by the Federation of Haomee.

## UWOT demands justice for Riamei and Babysana

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The United Women Organizations Temenglong (UWOT) strongly condemned the use of force against the peaceful protesters demanding justice for suspicious death of (Late) Ma Chungamuu Riamei, sustaining severe injuries at the hand of state police force. A statement signed by President of UWOT, Aduanliu said that the very act against the peaceful protesters is a clear violation and an attempt to suppress tribal people's rights instead of ensuring justice by the state government. Recalling the incident, she said that Late Ms. Chungemliu Riamei W/O Mr. Kansannng Tombe @ Jackson of Moirang Pansang Leikai, Bishnupur, was found dead in a very un-natural manner

inside her marital residence on August 17, 2019. UWOT expressed serious concern on the rapidly rising violence against women in the state of Manipur and the inept handling of such cases by the state government including the recent mysterious death of (Late) Babysana, whose dead body was found hanging inside the hostel of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School, Canchipur on the morning of July 18, 2019. Highlighting several demands regarding the death of Riamei and also the atrocities of the police upon the peaceful protesters, she said that UWOT demanded immediate impartial and thorough investigation regarding the suspicious death of both Late Ms. Chungamliu Riamei and Late Babysana. UWOT further demanded

to immediately identify and book all the persons involved and to devise an effective means and mechanism to prevent all forms of violence against women and children. Condemning the atrocities of the police on the peaceful protesters, they demanded to issue immediate suspension order for all the police personnel involved in using force against the peaceful protesters, award exemplary punishment as per the law of the land to the guilty persons, guarantee that no arm or force is to be used against the peaceful protesters demanding for delivery of justice in future and compensate adequately against the medical expenses incurred by the victims. UWOT further extended solidarity to the JACs of Late Ms. Rlameu and Late Babysana.

## Arun Jaitley passes away at 66

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Arun Jaitley, the former finance minister and a stalwart of the Bharatiya Janata Party, passed away on Saturday at AIIMS hospital in New Delhi. He was 66. AIIMS hospital also issued a statement on Arun Jaitley's death. As per the statement, "It is with profound grief that we inform about the sad demise of Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and former Finance Minister Government of India at 12:07 pm on August 24, 2019. Arun Jaitley was admitted in AIIMS, New Delhi on 09/08/2019 and was treated by a multidisciplinary team of senior Doctors." Arun Jaitley was unwell for a large part of the last two years. In 2018, Arun Jaitley underwent a kidney transplant surgery, following which he was put under isolation. Four years earlier, in 2014, Arun Jaitley underwent a bariatric surgery to address

the excess weight he had gained due to diabetes. During the Narendra Modi government's first term in office, Arun Jaitley was seen as the prime minister's "go-to" man. Jaitley was the one to take on the responsibilities of temporarily handling ministries other than his primary portfolio of finance. As finance minister, Arun Jaitley presented all of the Narendra Modi government 1.0's budgets. However, due to his ill health, he was unable to present the 2019 Interim Budget, which was instead presented by his colleague Piyush Goyal. After the Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in the 2014 Lok Sabha election, Arun Jaitley wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting that he not be given any responsibilities in the new government as he wanted to focus on his health. A lawyer by profession, Arun Jaitley was among the leaders who were jailed by the Indira Gandhi government during the

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*Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Works Minister Th. Bishwajit among others condole the demise of former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Both the Governor and CM tweeted their pains and sorrow to the demise of Arun Jaitley, State Vice President, BJP, Manipur Pradesh, M. Asnikumar Singh also condole the demise of the former Finance Minister.*

Emergency. He was a student leader at the time. After being released from jail, Arun Jaitley joined active politics as a member of the Jan Sangh and rose through the ranks of the organisation, which later became the BJP. A lawyer by profession, Arun Jaitley also served on the Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet. Arun Jaitley is survived by his wife and two children.

## 3rd Foundation day of AFESWA held Ex servicemen urge government to initiate welfare scheme

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3rd Foundation day of Armed Forces Ex-servicemen Welfare Association (AFESWA), Thoubal was held today at Thoubal Achouba Multi purpose community hall. Speaking as the Chief Guest of the function Retd General Kansam Himalay said that only 25 percent will be funded by the State government and the rest will be funded by Central Government in the establishment of Rajya Sainik Board, Jila Sainik Board. Highlighting the grievances of the ex servicemen as compared to other states he

pointed that a meeting of Rajya Sainik Board of Manipur could not be organised till now. He further said that they will try to hold a meeting at the earliest and also urged the ex servicemen to help by taking responsibilities. He added that their grievances also need to be told to the state government. Addressing the presidential speech AFESWA's President AK Debendro said that Welfare schemes of the forces were initiated in various parts of the world for their works and sacrifice of the land and added that most of the states have taken up welfare schemes for the ex servicemen by establishing Rajya Sainik

Board and Jila Sainik Board 30 years ago. Debendro said that it was very unfortunate of the government for not taking up such initiatives for the ex servicemen. He further stressed that they didn't want to staged protest and called Bandh as they were based on occupation rooted by discipline. The function was attended by Retd Lt. General Kansam Himalay, President of Thoubal AFESWA, Retd Wing Commander AK. Devendro, Lt. Colonel of 26 Assam Rifles, Thoubal T. Liang Mung and Post commander of 26 Assam Rifles Yairpok Major Suraj Onam as the dias member.

## 'Dignified way for return of Kashmiri Pandits obligatory'

By NJ Thakuria  
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The return of Kashmiri Pandits to Kashmir valley must be addressed in terms of historical aspect than a cosmetic contemporary understanding. This community has suffered a genocide for last 700 years and has been eventually reduced from cent percent presence in the valley to hardly three percent now, commented a senior journalist of Jammu & Kashmir. Tito Ganju, editor-in-chief of Epilogue, an English newsmagazine published from Jammu, while interacting with Guwahati Press Club members through the video-conference facility on 23 August 2019, also added that safety, dignity and opportunity should for the cardinal of any policy on return and rehabilitation of those

evicted Pandit families. Replying to queries on the successful return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley, Ganju however commented that time and situation are yet to be conducive for their return. Though Kashmiri Pandits are the aboriginals of the valley with first and uncontested claim over the resources, their demand for a centrally administered region carved out of Kashmir Valley should be acknowledged, he asserted. Organized in the backdrop of historic decision by the Union government in New Delhi to revoke Article 370 & 35A and reorganization of Jammu & Kashmir, Ganju mentioned that the ideology of Panun Kashmir stands today vindicated as everyone knows, it was Panun Kashmir which demanded the abrogation of these articles and reorganization of the

State. Commenting on Article 370, the outspoken journalist termed it as a temporary provision of the Constitution of India and architects of the Constitution were clear about its temporary position. Those who say that it forms the basic structure of our Constitution are simply trying to mislead the nation, stated Ganju adding that temporary provision is the weakest one among three provisions (other two being Special Provision and Transitory Provision). Recognized as an expert on the Constitution, Ganju categorically pointed out that the government had the legal and constitutional mandate to deal it with the manner it deems fit. Jammu & Kashmir was under President's rule and hence the legislative power of the State in accordance with the

constitutional provisions lied with the Parliament and the Centre took the route of Parliament to bring in the bill to make necessary changes in Article 367 and Article 372. Narrating the political history of Jammu & Kashmir, Ganju claimed that J&K Maharaja Hari Singh had all moral, ethical and legal rights to decide upon the accession of Jammu & Kashmir with either dominions (India and Pakistan) and the king duly signed the treaty of accession with Indian Dominion on 26 October 1947. J&K Maharaja was seeking a better deal with both the Dominions before finally making its mind. The unwanted aggression of Islamabad through Pakistani Army regulars and tribal forces into the erstwhile province of Jammu & Kashmir later compelled the king to seek assistance from New Delhi and

eventually he signed the Instrument of Accession. Talking about the petition filed by India in the United Nations after Pakistan's aggression, Ganju made it crystal clear that it was strictly on the aggression of Pakistan into Jammu & Kashmir, which had already become a legal territory of India following the official consent of J&K Maharaja. Adding further he revealed that the Centre till date was pampering the separatists of Srinagar valley through a kid glove treatment prostrating interest of the nation and the supremacy of its Constitution to the whims of Kashmir region. The nation-state over 70 years now unfortunately incentivized separatists including the so-called mainstream political parties of Kashmir region and ultimately continued penalizing the nationalists of the region.

## CADA organises awareness programme

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As part of its ongoing campaign to cleanse the menace against intoxicated drugs and alcohol, Coalition against drugs and alcohol (CADA) organised awareness programme yesterday at Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal Makha leirak Community hall in collaboration with Ningthem Pukhri Mapal Makha Leirak Meira Paibee and CADA, Imphal East District on the theme of "Impact of intoxicants drugs and alcohol to the society and to streamline the users". The programme was attended by General Secy. Social Upliftment Club, Thangjam Babu, Secy. Organisation, CADA, Mayengbam Budhi, Secy. Women Affairs, CADA,

Takhellambam (O) Purnima, Secy. General, CADA, Imphal East District Committee, Onam (O) Sanantombi as presidium members. Secy. General, CADA, Getchandra Mangang speaking as resource person of the programme said that people residing in cities and towns used drugs on massive scales, however, now it is widely used by the youth in different parts of the states which is increasingly day by day on rapidly. He continued that drug suppliers and buyers should be stopped at any cost. He also added to support users in stopping injecting of drugs particularly the recent trends of using drugs through injection with active support from club members and meira paibee of each locality.