

# Manipur is a land of resources :Minister Jayantakumar

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Art & Culture minister L. Jayantakumar Singh has stated that Manipur is a land of resources. Minister was speaking as Chief Guest at the second day of the 10th Sararakhong Hathei Phanit, Chili Festival. He said that our unexplored resources available in the state need to be utilized at the utmost. We can apply new scientific methods to our cultivable lands for more production of crops and food grains. He said that the famous chili of Sararakhong need to be promoted to a higher level. For this, the sense of competition should be imbued by the farmers of Sararakhong. Increasing of production will help to enter to a new chapter of competition in the market, minister added. Minister Jayantakumar also maintained that the type of soil of Manipur is suitable for growing aromatic and medicinal plants. Our farmers can be trained and made aware of the values of locally available medicinal plants of high value. Saplings will also



be provided at free of cost to the farmers by the government. Marketing for the products will also be arranged, he added. Minister also suggested to the Sararakhong farmers for mixed and double cropping so that their income will be increased spontaneously. He said that the beautiful landscape of the state also attracts tourists from outside. Tourism is also a big industry which can generate revenue of the state. What is required is a proper planning and its implementation, he

added. Minister also assured the people of Sararakhong that the PHSC of the village will be upgraded to a Health and Wellness Centre during the current year. He also urged the villagers to help to promote our rich art and culture. He also expressed his desire for construction of a cultural complex in the area. Speaking as guest of honour, President, AMWJU, Shri Bijoy Kakchingtabam said that the popularity and uniqueness of

Sararakhong chili has been increasing day by day. We need to introduce the value of Sararakhong chili to the world as its kind is only confined in Sararakhong and its adjoining areas. Account Officer of Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department, Manipur, Nonghombam Loyalakpa also attended the function as guest of honour. Maniwood Club members, village chiefs, villagers and others also attended the function.

# Collective Effort Can Achieve CM's Green Manipur Mission Sooner: Forest Minister

Minister Th Shyamkumar Inspects Bamboo Nursery Centre Established Under NBM In Jiribam

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Forest and Environment Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar Yesterday appealed to the people of the State to collectively fight and reduce the effects of climate change as the departments cannot combat the issue without the support of the citizens. He said collective action is needed to address the issue of climate change and to achieve sooner, the Chief Minister's vision of a Green Manipur. Minister Shyamkumar made the statement during the inspection tour of the Baiboni nursery centre at Jirimbukh range, Jiribam district. The bamboo nursery centre was established in the 2018-19, funded by the National Bamboo Mission, with the target to prepare seedlings of



big varieties of bamboos. He said that the State Government is committed to combat the issue and has launched several initiatives and various missions targeted towards environmental conservation. As part of initiatives, Forest Department is preparing required seedlings, focusing on the suitable plants and trees of the specific area and location. Stating that bamboo is highly

suitable to the soil and climatic condition of Jiribam, he expressed his hope that the bamboo nursery centre will help in increasing the income of the people of the area as well as replacing the traditional practice of jhum cultivation. He stressed on the benefits of bamboos which is used as construction material as well as popular food cuisine. Bamboo will be planted in the district where

there is no green vegetation, he added. Ch. Ibomcha Singh, DFO, Jiribam said that the target is to prepare more than 1 lakh bamboo seedlings of various varieties, focusing mainly on three varieties Bamusa Tolda (unal), Bamboosa Bamboos (chingsane) and Bamboos Polyferus. He said the estimate cost will be around Rs 16 lakh. Stating that the Bamboos Polyferus is imported from outside the State as it is not available in the State, he said that Bamboosa Bamboos has medical value. Later the Minister also visited the Jirimbukh Forest Beat office and Jirimbukh packet post where he was accompanied by Forest officials led by DFO and police officials led by Jiribam SP.

# Assam Rifles Savours snakebite victims

Assam Rifles  
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With their extensive deployment throughout the state, the Army and Assam Rifles units maintain a significant presence and outreach and have been aiding and assisting the local population in all spheres of life to ameliorate their problems to the extent possible. As part of the initiatives towards health care, a large number of medical aid camps are conducted from time to time by the Army and Assam Rifles units in various parts of the state which provide medical succor to the ailing individuals. Of special significance has been the saving of lives of substantial number of snakebite victims. The uniformed medical teams go beyond their call of duty to treat locals and have acquired admiration in saving precious lives from snakebites this

year alone. Based on available data, maximum snakebites occur in the months from April to October. Especially with the onset of monsoon, there is a substantial increase in snakebite cases. This can be primarily attributed to the wet season forcing the snake out of their burrows as well as the search for prey in paddy fields and fish ponds. For many locals, their primary occupation being farming and fishery requires them to work and move in paddy fields or fish ponds, which are also favourable habitats for most snakes in Manipur. Human settlements located on fringes of jungles witness comparatively higher in stances of snakebites. Such cases require a prompt medical treatment as a threat to life looms large. The state medical setup is quite outstretched with modern medical facilities mostly available only at Imphal. Though there are

hospitals at district levels and health centers in urban as well as in rural areas, however the shortage of requisite skillset and wherewithal to handle snakebite cases remains an issue of concern for the locals. The lack of medical practitioners especially in remote areas is further compounded by the deficiency of anti-snake venom (ASV) vials which restricts their ability to deal with such cases. On the other hand medical teams of Assam Rifles and Army have a 100% immaculate record in saving snakebite victims. Easy accessibility, timely and humane approach as well as availability of anti-venom vials apart from the unflinching effort enable them to effectively deal with snake bite cases. Due to extensive work of Army and Assam Rifles in this field, the medical teams have gained sufficient expertise in diagnosing and treating the cases with required

promptness. Surety of anti-snake venom (ASV) vials and excellent track record has increased popularity in locals and has also led to referral of cases even by Primary Health Centers (PHCs) who now prefer to seek assistance from the nearest Army/ Assam Rifles camps rather than rushing the patients to private hospitals. The trust however comes from the dedication and success rate of the medical teams who strive hard to save each patient who comes up for treatment. The good work carried out by the medical teams of Army and Assam Rifles units operating in Manipur mostly goes unnoticed as these selfless individuals treat this yeoman service as part of their duty. These medical practitioners derive great satisfaction by being able to contribute towards the greater aim of saving lives. It is indeed time that they get the due recognition for their devotion and selfless duty.

# Big Bang Edge Test – A Benevolent Explosion of Opportunities that will enable you to Discover your True Calling

By a Correspondent  
New Delhi, August 24,

FIITJEE's Big Bang Edge Test will be held across the country on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019, for the students of Class V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI. The exam will showcase the student's readiness reflected by single overall -Rank Potential Index for the goals they aspire for, such as JEE (Main & Advanced), KVPY, Boards, BITSAT, NTSE, Senior and Junior Science Olympiads. Students will be provided with early joining academic benefits. For instance, students presently in Class V, VI & VII will get acquainted with IQ cultivation Classes, Mock tests on NTSE patterns. For Students, presently in Class VIII will get NTSE and NSEJS early classes. Preparation of State Level talent Search Exams (other than NTSE Stage II) would be done through Mock tests/concise study material. For Students, presently in Class IX will get NTSE early classes. Online access of NTSE Test Series @www.mypat.in. Preparation

of State Level talent Search Exams (other than NTSE Stage II) would be done through Mock tests/concise study material. For Students, presently in Class X will be benefited by getting -quick start preparation for NTSE Stage II through structured classes / Mock Tests/Concise study material. Online access of NTSE Test Series @www.mypat.in. For Students, presently in Class XI will get All India integrates Test Series (AITS) without any additional fees. Early start for JEE Main & JEE Advanced, Olympiads (Physics, Chemistry & Astronomy), and Analysis session. Online access of Test Series for JEE Main, JEE Advanced, BITSAT & KVPY @www.mypat.in. Further, Students enrolled through Big Bang Edge Test 2019 will be paying the lowest fee for session starting April, 2020. Only FIITJEE has the expertise to find the potential of a Student for various Competitive exams & give guidance to maximize the potential. We created the first

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# CCpur Police rescue kidnapped minor girl, hand over to CWC

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CCpur, August 24,

Churachandpur district police Yesterday handed over a rescued kidnapped minor girl to Child Welfare Committee, Churachandpur after she was rescued from Noida, UP. Consequent upon a missing report of a minor girl being registered at Women PS Churachandpur on July 7 last, an FIR of kidnapping was registered.

According to Churachandpur SP Ms Amrita Sinha, investigation of the case revealed the location of the girl to somewhere in Harola Sector 5, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Through close coordination by the SP Churachandpur, Ms Amrita Sinha, IPS with her counterpart in Noida the girl was rescued from Harola Sector 5 and the accused apprehended by Noida Police on August 20, 2019. A team of 3 Police Officers led

by Inspector Chinnehlam Gangete and consisting of SI Haugintian Tonsing and W/ASI PT Dodoi left for Noida on August 20 to apprehend the accused and bring back the victim safely. The victim (minor girl) was brought safely to Churachandpur today and handed over to Child Welfare Committee Churachandpur for further necessary action. Investigation is underway to find out further details, according to Ms Sinha

# ONGC strikes big gas block in Tripura

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The ONGC says they have struck a "big new structure bearing natural gas" in Tripura. The find happened within two months after OP Singh took over as the new Tripura asset manager of the ONGC. The discovery was reported in the 301 sq kms Sundalbari-Agartala Dome Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) zone. ONGC sources said that the SD-12 exploration well, drilled to 2536 metres, flowed 140,000 cm/d over two days from Middle Bhuban sands. The well is near Purba Nalchar village in between Sepaijhala and Gomati districts near the border with Bangladesh. ONGC officials described the discovery as "substantial" and said other prospective wells in this zone will soon be tested. "We expect similar results, this zone seems to be floating on gas," an ONGC official said. "This is a sustainable discovery," reports an ONGC source in Agartala. "Other interesting zones in this well will now be tested. Only this well was tested but soon we'll test other wells where we expect similar



results." SD-12 sits on the periphery of the Sundalbari-Agartala Dome block north of the Gomati river that travels east to west. "This is the first Middle Bhuban sand that has been established in the Sundalbari field," said ONGC officials, adding that they would now seek greater depths in exploration targets. ONGC Tripura asset manager O P Singh has meanwhile asked the state government to facilitate construction of better roads to carry rigs to exploration zones. ONGC discovery well SD-12 will help reach a target set by the Centre to produce a minimum 5.1m cm/d

from Tripura, which is rich in gas but yet to strike any oil deposits. There are plans to drill 50 exploration wells in 9 PMLs in West Tripura, Khowai, Sepahijila, and Gomati and South Tripura districts involving an overall drilling cost of Rs 2500 crores. Though Tripura is rich in gas reserves, production has languished at 3.94m cm/d in 2017-18 and then risen marginally to 4.7m cm/d in the next fiscal. Exploration has suffered due to delay in environment clearances for blocks located in and around the Trishna wildlife reserve in Gomati district, which is home to a large number of Gaurs (Indian bison).