

# ‘Connectivity vital to development of society’

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Works Minister Thongam Biswajit, said that connectivity is vital in bringing development to a society and assured improvement works for the approach road to Sinakeithi after the moonsoon season. Addressing the public of Sinakeithi in Ukhrul District at the village playground yesterday morning, Biswajit encouraged the young students of the area to work hard stating that they are the future human resource of our State. He explained that human resource is the best resource available to the humans. Parents and guardians should also mould their wards to their best level and help them become successful persons in their live. Biswajit also observed that the ecological imbalance we are witnessing today has brought droughts and floods to us. He encouraged the villagers to plant trees in the surrounding area. He said plantation of fruit bearing trees in the area will only act as a beautification of the area.



Stating that development should begin from oneself, the Minister said that no one will come and work for the development of our area until we start ourselves. He said development has been neglected for long, but we should also remember that the best time to start acting is now. He continued we should start from now to develop good thoughts and improve relations among ourselves. Meanwhile, in reply to memorandum submitted by the villagers, the Minister expressed the need to construct a multi-purpose hall

for sporting purpose and a separate community hall in the village. Regarding upgradation of the local school to a higher secondary school, the Minister said it has a certain set of criteria and as such, he will discuss the issue with the concerned Minister at the earliest. Biswajit also announced that tender process for construction of a Power Sub-Station in the area has been completed and will commence soon. Explaining the Mission for Economic Empowerment of Traditional Artisans and

Craftsmen, Biswajit who is also the Industries Minister said that trainings are provided for certain crafts under MEETAC to develop crafts, and financial assistance are also provided to provide alternative livelihoods. Biswajit also encouraged the use of solar roofing lights in the village. He further explained the UJALA scheme. PHED Minister L. Dikho who was also present at the function announced the construction of a Water Supply Scheme in the village. The function was also attended by MLA K. Leishiyu.

## Workshop on Disaster Management System

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The District Administration, Bishnupur conducted a One Day Workshop on ‘Disaster Management System’ at Panchayat Resource Centre, Mini-Secretariat campus on Wednesday. The workshop organized by Manipur Remote Sensing Application Centre (MARSAC). In the workshop, four

resource persons made presentations on Remote Sensing & GIS Applications in Development Projects, Flood Hazard Zonation, Landslide Hazard Zonation and Earthquake Hazard Zonation respectively. Elected members of Zilla Parishad, Bishnupur, SDOs, BDOs, DRDA staff and officials of District Administration attended the workshop.

## Girls’ badminton tournament opened

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Agriculture, Veterinary & AH Minister V. Hangkhanlian kick-started the 1<sup>st</sup> District level Girls’ Badminton Tournament under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative yesterday evening at Community Hall, Hianglam Lamka. The Minister also launched SVEEP-EVP & SSR—2020 video. Speaking at the occasion, V.

Hangkhanlian said that women of the district have fared well in almost all walks of life and the district has produced eminent personalities in every discipline including sport star Mary Kom. Lauding the initiative under BBBP, the Minister urged all concerned to carry on the noble venture of promoting girl child. The tournament will wind up on September 2.

## Salaam Namaste wins National Award for Salaam Shakti

By a Correspondent  
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In the 7<sup>th</sup> National Community Radio Sammelan, organised by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, India, Salaam Namaste Community Radio [A Unit of IMS Noida] won the National Award in Thematic Category for their initiative for Women Entrepreneurship titled ‘Salaam Shakti’. There were a total of 30 Awards presented for the year 2018 and 2019. Station head Barsha Chabaria received the award from Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, & Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India. Salaam Shakti is a Radio Program brings such women on board who work from their home on a small scale and are trying to shape their business or work skills. Such women many a times do not get the deserved leverage they are meant for. Here not only Radio acts as a platform to showcase their skills but also to popularise them and also connect them with new clientele. Thus efforting to bring in a new economic identity for skillful women. This Radio Program intends to empower women who are home based and do creative work from home. The motto is

to give a platform to their work which they do entirely being home based, promote through the medium of Radio, add value to their client and have more people know about their creativity thus empowering them with their identity. Salaam Shakti shall also bring in legal know how for any sort of business of any scale and knowledge of women rights and all what should interest all women. All women who were a part of the program share their inside stories, challenges, their winning formulas about their work and also share how listeners can get in touch with them. Free air time is given to

such women to promote their work. Helping them to create a brand name, Radio Volunteers also promote their work in residential areas and market places. At regular intervals trainings and workshops are organized to train and shape their skills. In seminars and meetings Shakties are made aware of and given word to word knowledge about Social media platforms and the power of digitisation to make them learn. How they can bring their work on board and Bring in their entrepreneurship with real economic value. The Radio station also organizes Fairs and Shakti Haats to bring them to

exhibit their work and gain direct selling. Barsha Chabaria, Stationhead, Salaam Namaste shares that this award is dedicated to all Shakti who are a part of Salaam Shakti and the initiative will keep on efforting to bring in the silent art Women do at home and are unheard and unseen. It brings women from all backgrounds, a dabba seller or a Woman, snacks provider at a tea stall or women doing best out waste, basically an initiative to cultivate their identity and making them go ahead towards Women Empowerment.

## AR organised security cum interaction meet

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Keithelmanbi and Mantripukhri Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised security meets at Lilong and Koirengei Company Operating Bases (COBs). The Security forums were attended by Meira Paibis, Ward Councilors, members of ALADA and representatives of local youth clubs. As part of the security meets, locals were updated on current security situation existing in the area of



responsibility. There were also interactions carried out on necessary measures to be undertaken for maintaining

strict vigil against illicit activities in the area. In addition to the security agenda, the locals were also

## News from the world of Medicine

### FDA: Serious Liver Injury Possible With Some HCV Tx Rare cases in patients with moderate to severe liver impairment

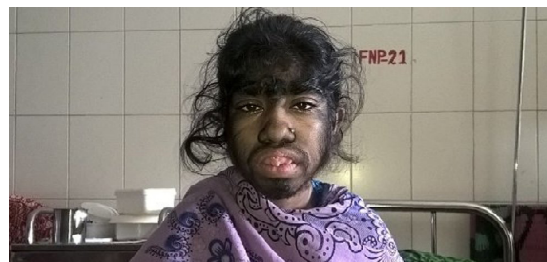
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Patients with advanced liver disease taking certain medications for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection may be at risk for serious liver complications, including liver failure, the FDA said Wednesday. In a statement, the agency said it had received reports linking the use of three agents for treating chronic HCV infection — glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (Mavyret), elbasvir/grazoprevir (Zepatier), and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir (Vosevi) — to “rare” cases of worsening liver function or liver failure in patients with moderate-to-severe liver impairment (Child-Pugh B or C). Debra Birnkrant, MD, director of the Division of Antiviral Products at the FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, emphasized that approved HCV treatments “continue to be safe and effective” and can save lives when prescribed as indicated, but that these treatments are not indicated for use in patients with moderate-to-severe liver impairment.

“There are other effective FDA-approved treatment options available for those patients with those conditions,” she added. There were 63 cases of liver decompensation, the agency said, and most occurred in patients with moderate-to-severe liver impairment. However, in some cases, patients reported no cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis with mild liver impairment (Child-Pugh A), but they either had indications of

advanced liver disease or risk factors for liver impairment, such as decreased platelets, portal hypertension, alcohol abuse, or serious medical illnesses linked with serious liver problems, the FDA noted. “These factors may have contributed to clinical worsening of liver function or liver failure during treatment with these hepatitis C medicines,” the agency said. Still, healthcare professionals should continue to prescribe these three FDA-approved agents for patients without liver impairment or with mild liver impairment (Child-Pugh A). The agency cautioned healthcare professionals to assess the severity of liver disease at baseline and closely monitor for signs and symptoms of worsening liver function, including increases in liver enzymes, jaundice, ascites, encephalopathy, and variceal hemorrhage. They added that this is especially important in patients with pre-existing significant liver problems or risk factors, such as hepatocellular carcinoma or alcohol abuse. Most cases of liver decompensation occurred during the first 4 weeks of treatment, the FDA added, and these medicines should be discontinued in patients who develop these symptoms or as clinically indicated. Symptoms either resolved or new-onset worsening liver function improved after stopping the agents in most cases.

### Babies in Spain develop ‘werewolf syndrome’ after taking contaminated medicine



More than a dozen babies in Spain have been diagnosed with a rare condition after taking contaminated medicine, according to Spanish newspaper El Pais. The nation’s Ministry of Health confirmed that the medicine somehow became mixed with an anti-baldness product.

It resulted in 16 babies developing hypertrichosis — often referred to as “werewolf syndrome.” Hypertrichosis is a rare condition marked by excessive amounts of hair growth. The Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products recalled several

batches of potentially tainted medicine and is still looking into how it happened. El Pais reports that the babies’ condition subsided once they stopped taking the medicine. None of the babies have shown signs that they’ll be affected long-term.

### Name changed

I, the undersigned, Sominthang Doungel, a residence of Zion Veng Tuibong, PS Tuibong, Churachandpur District, do hereby declare that I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name **Shominthang Doungel** as I have assumed my new name as **Sominthang Doungel**.

Sd/-  
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