

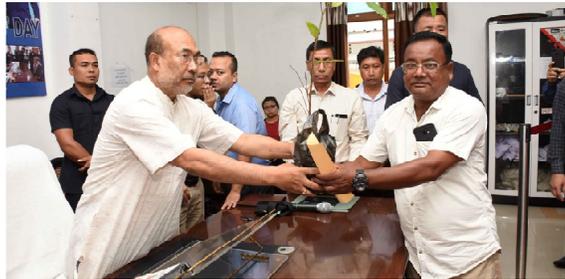
Combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held CM distributes tree saplings; says special meeting convened to discuss the present draught like situation

DIPR
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Hundreds of people turned up to highlight their grievances to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on the combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The Chief Minister personally attended to around 450 complaints and met nearly 1500 people from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Huge number of people gathered at the gate of CM's Secretariat since early morning to obtain entry pass.

Speaking to media persons, Chief Minister said that a special meeting has been convened to discuss the draught like situation in Manipur at Chief Minister's Secretariat with Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary and other concerned officials tomorrow. He maintained that the Deputy Commissioners has already submitted their reports on the present situation. The government will announce Manipur as drought affected State after the discussion, he added.

Unlike previous Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day, Chief Minister personally distributed tree saplings to the



people who turned up to highlight their grievances on Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day today. A total of 1400 plant saplings including Indian Olive (Chorphon), Yellow Myrobalan (Manahi), Arjuna (Mayokpha), Indian Gooseberry (Heikru), Tree Bean (Yongchak) and others were distributed to the people. Chief Minister appealed the people to plant more trees and nurture them in their vicinity. People expressed their happiness over the initiative and consciousness of the Chief Minister towards achieving 'Green Manipur' and promised to nurture properly till maturity. Regarding the Rs.309 crores

sanctioned under Compensatory Aforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPFA) fund for afforestation efforts and activities to preserve the environment in the State, Chief Minister appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Forest Shri Prakash Javadekar for acknowledging the conservation and protection activities of environment by the government of Manipur. Officials of Health Department and JNIMS were there to attend to the people, who seek medical assistance, reimbursement and health care in Government medical hospitals.

Other Departments including Minority, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes, Social Welfare, Education (S), Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd. and Police were also present to help resolve people's grievances. Many differently-abled persons, widows and people belonging to poor families were instantly enrolled under Government's noble schemes like Chief Minister-gi Hakshel-gi Tengbang (CMHT) and Chief Minister-gi Sotharabashing-gi Tengbang (CMST) etc. Many educated and skilled youths were also identified to provide soft loans from different banks.

Govt to launch Plastic Waste Collection Drive from Sept. 11

Agency
Delhi, Aug 30

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi having announced a target to cut down use of single use plastic by 2020, the entire government machinery is set to swing into action to make it happen. The first target date is October 2- the 150th birth anniversary commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Centre has decided that 10,000 tonnes of single use plastic items will be collected from all over the country and put out of use by October 2 this year. At an inter ministerial meeting held earlier this week in New Delhi, it was decided that all governments departments and all bodies organisations under them will launch a country wide mega campaign starting September 11 towards completely cutting down use of single use plastic. The 10,000 tons will be disposed off and a significant amount of this plastic waste will also be recycled and reused. It is gathered that some of the waste collected will be put to use through technologies for road construction as well for creating a cement mix which can be used for overall construction work.

Edu. Min. inaugurates new classrooms of C. I. College



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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam today inaugurated the newly constructed 6 (six) classrooms of Chanabam Ibomcha College, Bishnupur built under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, RUSA 1.0. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the Minister said that the students must attend their classes regularly as the authorities have improved the infrastructural requirements. Urging the teaching staffs to persuade and convince the students to attend college regularly, he said that educational institution is alive only when there are students. Highlighting RUSA, Th. Radheshyam said that under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), there are four main components among others as such the Cluster University, new construction and renovation, vocationalisation of higher education and professional colleges.

He elaborated that Dhanamanjuri University, has been set up as a Cluster University, comprising five institutions namely, Dhanamanjuri College of Science, Dhanamanjuri College of Arts, Dhanamanjuri College of Commerce, LMS Law College and GP Women's College, which occupy common, adjoining or

neighbouring physical spaces. The university will increase the number of student's enrolment in Master's Degree in the State as this will provide another option to the students for admission to higher studies beside the Manipur University.

He said that in forty colleges 12 trades in collaboration with 14 Industrial partners have been introduced under the programme of Vocationalisation of Higher Education. He opined that through this programme many youths after completion of education will be able to make a livelihood rather than remaining idle.

He said that every student have a lot of innate talents like the small seed that hold a big tree. Teachers are akin to gardener, who nurture and nourish students to bring out the best qualities. Proper guidance and mentoring can guide the young minds to the right path. Teachers are shaper and should imbibe the children with moral values, punctuality, team work and ability to face problems and challenges that comes in life, he added.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Chairman, MPCB & KVIC, L. Radhakishore Singh, dignitaries, principal, teachers and students. The Minister also walked around the colleges compound inspecting the prevailing condition of the college.

Blast rock Ukhrl town

IT News
Imphal, Aug 30

A power IED blast rock Ukhrl town today morning at around 5.30 am. The blast was reported to have occurred in front of shop belongs to one Makhal located at Viewland market. No human casualty was reported. Following the blast shop runners in Viewland and Wino Bazar shut down their shutter in protest against the blast. As of now no underground groups or individuals has claimed responsibility of the blast.

Liquor seized; destroyed

IT News
Imphal, Aug 30

Volunteers of Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol (CADA) today seized large quantity of Country liquor (distilled indigenous liquor) and Indian made foreign liquor from 2 persons while conducting drive at Thangmeiband Lourungpural leikai and from the opposite of ABC godown. The seized liquors were burnt in front of public at around 2 pm today.

NSUC decries over frequent premature transfer of doctors from Chandel Dist. Hospital

IT News
Imphal, Aug 30

Decrying the frequent premature transfer of doctors from Chandel district Hospital, Naga Students' Union Chamdil (NSUC) had submitted a memorandum to Health & Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar.

In the memorandum the NSUC stated that quite a

number of specialized doctors and nurses from District Hospital Chandel are being transferred frequently prematurely.

It urged the Minister to intervene so as to put an end to such frequent premature transfers that has been taking place in District Hospital Chandel.

It further added that the District Hospital is in fact the only medical centre for

availing health facility in the district. He urged the state government to provide adequate doctors and equipments.

The memorandum also drew the attention of the health Minister to fill the vacant post of specialist doctors. It stated that the hospital is in shortage of specialist doctors and that there are no doctors of Orthopaedician, Medicines, Gynaecologist

and Microbiologist which is an integral and important segment of a district hospital. It further urged the Minister to open blood bank and installation CT scan in the hospital to respond to emergency situations.

On the other hand, NSUC also drew the attention of the Minister to complete the Nursing School (ANM) which has been lying incomplete.

Stop strangulating democracy; bring back transparency in governance -Popular Front

IT News
Imphal, Aug 30

Popular Front of India (PFI) said that the undemocratic and oppressive way the central government is function is aimed at diverting people's attention from grave issues including the economic slowdown being faced by the country. A statement of the 'Front' said that the issue has been deliberated in the National Executive Council meeting of PFI.

The statement said that almost all economic indicators show that Indian economy is facing an unprecedented slowdown. It is clear that this situation is the direct result of the brainless interventions

of the first Modi government like Demonetization and GST. Economists suggested that things are going to get even worse in coming months with millions losing their jobs and companies shutting down and downsizing. Instead of recognizing the situation and facing it with integrity, the central government is using an iron fist way of governance, unheard in the past.

"Controversial laws were amended making it more draconian without any regard for the concerns raised against them. Sectarian bills were passed in hurry without parliamentary scrutiny merely to appease the sentiments of polarised population. Power

was abused to target top figures in the opposition and intimidate voices of dissent", the statement added.

The PFI Executive Council further called on the government to immediately put an end to inhuman lockdown in Kashmir. It said people of the state are experiencing catastrophic effect. As per the reports because of the communication and transportation blackout people are running out of basic necessities including medicines. The PFI said that Indian media are not allowed to deal with the real situation in the state, however, international media report about the arrests and tortures of people by forces.

"This is a very disturbing situation not just for Kashmir but for the rest of India too. The entire country is being denied of their right to information and are forced to believe only 'the official version' of the story" the statement said.

While the government claims that everything is normal, even top leaders of the national parties are sent back from Srinagar without allowing to land or meet people there, it added.

The NEC of Popular Front demanded immediate halt to this inhuman deprivation and restore democratic and civil rights denied to Kashmir people and the nation at large in the name of Kashmir.

WBCC organises tree plantation campaign at Waithou Lake Area

IT News
Thoubal, Aug. 30

Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur and Divisional Forest Office Thoubal launched Mass Tree Plantation Campaign at Waithou Lake area today to counter the changing climatic condition on earth and the global warming to some extent. In the presence of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Thoubal Debala Laiphrakpam, ACF Thoubal Forest Division Vaneichong Singson, President of WBCC Manipur Rabi Takhellambam, Executive Engineer PHED Manipur Puyam Rambo Singh, WBCC Manipur in association with Water Resource (PHE) Department, Various Organizations and locals of Waithou area will plant trees in the region on massive scale

and will take care of the tree saplings so that they can grow to full maturity, said Romes Ningthoujam, Secretary General of WBCC Manipur.

The tree plantation drive was conducted to fight the present drastic change in climatic condition to some extent which is caused by large scale deforestation across the globe including Manipur. Such tree plantation drive will educate the public about the significance of planting trees in fight against global warming and hope that the future generation may develop the habit of planting more trees to preserve the nature, he added.

Members of Nungaipokpi Youths Sporting Club (NYSCL), Staffs of Forest Department distinguished personalities and public took part on the first day of the campaign.