

Curtain Raiser for Chakaan Gaan–Ngai 2019 held at Raj Bhavan

We Must Remember Our Cultural Roots Regardless Of Our Achievements: Governor

DIPR
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Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla today said that we must remember our cultural roots and practice our cultural tradition regardless of the achievements made in our life. The statement was made in the opening ceremony of the Curtain Raiser of the State Level Gaan–Ngai Festival to be held on 19th January, 2019 at Chingmeiong.

This is for the first time in the history that the Curtain Raiser of the Gaan–Ngai festival is celebrated with the Governor at the Raj Bhavan. The event is organised by the State Level Gaan–Ngai Celebration Committee, Manipur in collaboration with the Tingkao Ragwang Chapriak Phum (TRCP).

Gaan–Ngai is the greatest festival of the Zeliangrong community. It literally means the festival of winter season (Gaan or Ganh means winter or dry season and Ngai means festival). This is a festival heralding the New Year.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Najma Heptulla expressed her happiness that the Gaan–Ngai festival is beginning from the



Raj Bhavan and hoped that the celebration will continue every year at the Raj Bhavan. She also wished the people of the State for a good harvest, prosperity and development. Reiterating the statement of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru made during his visit in Manipur in 1952, she said that there is nothing like the cultural variety and diversity

that is found in Manipur. She also reiterated the statement of Pandit Nehru that the cultural variety of Manipur has no match anywhere in the country.

Governor said that the tribes and sub-tribes have their cultural activities, different festivals at different time of the year focussing mainly on the agricultural sowing and harvesting seasons. She

urged the people of the various communities to continue their cultural tradition as it makes Manipur a unique State in the country. Chaoba Kamson, Advisor of State Level Gaan–Ngai Celebration and General Secretary, TRCP (Assam–Manipur–Nagaland) and members of TRCP Youths took part in the Curtain Raiser ceremony.

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Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today inaugurated the newly constructed woen Market Shed at Japhou in Chandel district. The Market complex was constructed by the Manipur Police Housing corporation. Along with the market shed Chief Minister N. Biren Singh also inaugurated 3 Revival Drinking Water Scheme and also two boys hostels constructed for Maha Union Higher Secondary School and Larong High School. Besides inaugurating the completed

structures, the Chief Minister also laid foundation stone for transit accommodation for doctors and teachers for Chakpikarong and Chandel as well as for upgradation of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Bidyalaya.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by the Works Minister Th. Bishworjit, Revenue Minister Karam Shyam, IFCD Minister Letpao Haokip, Education Minister Th. Radheahyam, MLA Brojen and MLA Samuel Jendai kamei during the inauguration and foundation stone laying function.

Speaking on the occasion

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that taking up developmental work for people is the greatest challenge of his government. He said that his government priority is equal development in both and Hill district. He also highlighted the various welfare schemes for the poor including the CMHT programme and organization of various festival at Hill district.

The Chief Minister also stated that the government will soon take up go to school programme to make sure that condition of the government school improves.

CAB a policy to put the NE under the authority of the outsiders- KCL

IT News
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In a press released President of Kangleipak Chaokhatna Lup (KCL) Loukrakpam Sumanta claims that the recently passed Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 in the Lok Sabha is just a policy to put the indigenous people of North east under the authority of the outsiders. He stated that by allowing the immigrants and refugees under the CAB and converted them into a citizen of India is a tool to woo the

vote banks in the upcoming MP elections by the BJP party. And if the said bill is passed in the Rajya Sabha also and becomes an act the consequence of it in the North East is well known. He questions the government if they want to make the faith of the North east like those of Tripura were the indigenous people of Tripura were made a minority in their own homeland. He further said that it is unfortunate to give assurance to the people of Manipur by the government

as if the Manipur peoples Bill can protect it. And also condemns the government for being a mute spectator regarding the CAB where many of the fellow leaders of the North East stand firmly against the controversial bill. Sumanta finally concludes that more intense agitation against the CAB is prepared and assures that their organization will support the movements organize by the people and the organization of the North East against this controversial Citizenship Amendment Bill.

Edible items, blankets distributed to deprived family

IT News
Kwakta, Jan 16
Former candidate of Moirang Constituent assembly Thongam Shanti along with Moirang Kendra Progressive Front (MKPF) handed over edible items and blankets to a family of two members - an old lady Ramatoon Bibi (60 years) and her disabled son who is deaf, dumb and blind Khullakpam Ibochou (30 years) from Umbu Leikai under Kwakta Gram Panchayat Ward No 9, Moirang.

The family conditions has aggravated since the sole bread earner of the family Ramatoon Bibi has also been unwell and bedridden since long time back. Earlier also Shanti and the volunteers of MKPF arranged a doctor to treat them.

Edible items like rice pulse and oils and blankets were given as a donation to the family.

MKPF under the supervision of Social worker Th. Shanti assures that they will help the needy families residing in their constitution.

Protest against CAB continues

IT News
Imphal, Jan 16,

The passing of the controversial CAB in Lok Sabha has become a mess in the North East region. Series of agitations and movements still continues everyday

against the bill. Today also women vendors of Lamlong Keithel Nupi Lup shut down their market and staged sit-in-protest at Lamlong Keithel demanding for the withdrawal of Citizenship amendment Bill 2016. Slogans like “Withdraw

CAB immediately” and “CAB can't pass in Rajya Sabha” outcries in the air.

Yesterday too protest staged in the heart of Imphal town had paralyzed Khwairambandh keithel. The protest was spearheaded by students.

Ban Liquors seized and destroyed



IT News
Moreh, Jan 17

Combined team of 43 Assam Rifles and Moreh police conducted random raids at various shops at various part of border town Moreh and seized huge quantity of illegal beer cane, bottle and liquors. The seized intoxicants were reportedly smuggled from Myanmar and the cost is estimated at around Rs. 93,000/-.

The raid is being conducted teA series of clashes and road rage due to consumption of liquor were witnessed in the past. To check this a Joint foot patrolling was initiated, aggressive domination of the

Moreh town ensued by Moreh police and 43 ASSAM RIFLES, team of police was led by Adtl SP Kh. Robinsun(MPS), SDPO Sandip Gopal Das(IPS), DSP CDO Thomas(MPS) Maj Ankit led the 43 AR patrol party with 10 other ranking Officers.

The route was Police station, Hanuman Mandir, Forest Gate, Chikim veng, Ward 8, dalpati ground, ward 1, ward 2, and ward 5.

Random raids were carried out across various shops resulting in seizure of huge quantity of cheap liquor (cost approx Rs 93,000/-) which was imported from Neighbouring country Myanmar and handed over to excise department

subsequently and crushed under a JCB at late night yesterday.

Since from Yesterday itself Moreh Police had totally banned the liquor inside and near the Town, on the otherhand 43 Assam Rifle at Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 1 & 2 had banned the Importing of Alcohols under the command of Col. Sumit Sood and Town Commander Major RK. Sharma led by Major Ankit as to keep Moreh town peace and free from liquor, to stop frequently occurred Clashes as well as to stop road rage due to consumption of Liquor in the Town.

Tamenglong ADC By-election ended smoothly

DIPR
Tamenglong, Jan 16,

By election of ADC Tamenglong ended peacefully with 71 percent voters cast their votes for the by election of 2- Chaton District Council Constituency under Autonomus District Council of Tamenlong. 46 percent turn out at 2/1 Chaton-1 polling station, 58 percent at 2/2 Chaton-2 polling station, 87 percent at 2/3

Makuilongdi polling station, 94 percent at 2/4 Dunong polling station, 60 percent at 2/5 Illeng polling station turn out to cast the vote.

Polling was conducted on 14th January from 7 am to 3 pm and as per the information from the district administration the polling ended smoothly. Counting of votes will be conducted on 21st January at DC Complex of

Tamenlong headquarter. NPF candidate CPL Guangta and BJP candidate Kadjanbou contested for the by election of 2- Chaton District Council. It may be mentioned that by election was conducted because NPF elected member Late Tutanbou expired on 8th April 2018.

Altogether 40 polling officials staff were present for the smooth functioning of the ADC By-election.

Social Service Day and Free Eye Screening Held At Heirok

IT News
Imphal, Jan 16,

As part of the National Youth Week Programme, The Nehru Yuva Kendra Thoubal and Social Cultural Educational and Sport Development Organisation, Heirok organised Social Service and Cleanliness Drive at Heirok Bazaar on the 15th January 2019. The Programme was conducted to celebrate National Youth Day and Youth Week in Thoubal District.

Heirok Nagar Panchayat Councillor Shri N. Dilip Singh inaugurated the Cleanliness Drive in a function held at the Heirok Nagar Panchayat Hall. The District Youth Coordinator

pointed out the Brith Day of Swami Vivekananda is being celebrated as National Youth Day on the 12th January every year. The National Youth Day is for owed by National Youth Week from 12-19th January 2019. The Philosophy, teachings, message of Swami Vivekananda was discussed at length among the participating Youths.

The Cleaning work was also conducted by Heirok Nagar Panchayat at ward no.3 under the leadership of Shri N Dilip Singh Councillor at Heirok Ward No.3. Further, woman member so Heirok cleaned up the road in ward No.4 area under the supervision of Heirok Nagar Panchayat Councillor (Ward

No.4) Shri. Khundongbam Noyon Singh. Shri Noyon also invited application forms for construction and repairing low cost sanitary latrine in Heirok Nagar Panchayat.

Further the Social Action Development Organisation (SADO) Heirok with Support from the Shija Eye Care Foundation, NPCB (NHM) and Handicapped Development Foundation organised Free Eye Screening & Cataract Surgery Camp at Heirok Part II Maning Leikai Community Hall on the Same Day. The effort made by SADO for the benefit of the people in Heirok area is being encouraged by Nehru Yuva Kendra Thoubal.