

3-Day Festival of Dance Drama inaugurated by Governor of Manipur underway



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A 3-Day Festival of Dance Drama was inaugurated by Governor and Chairman of JNMDA Dr. Najma Heptulla yesterday at the Auditorium of JNMDA, Imphal. The function was presided by Vice Chairman of JNMDA Prof. H. Tombi Singh. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Governor said she is privilege to have the opportunity of witnessing the Dance-Drama "Shakuntala" choreographed by Late W. Lokendrajit Singh, a renowned Choreographer of Manipur on the occasion of completing 43 years of the Production Unit of JNMDA. The Jawaharlal Nehru Dance Academy was established in the year 1954 under the patronage of the late Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. It is the first National

Institution of its kind in India for Manipuri Dance. When Pandit Nehru visited Manipur in 1952, he saw a presentation comprising of a number of Dances such as Manipuri, Naga and others. He observed, "The normal Dances that we see elsewhere in India (excepting, of course, the classical dances like Bharat Natyam) seemed pale and insipid in comparison with the show at Manipur". It goes without saying that Manipur is today best introduced to the world through her rich performing arts and culture and not through her geographical position and size. It is through the Manipuri dance that the world has known the existence of such a tiny State in this far-flung North Eastern part of the country. Artists from this State have given innumerable shows in our country and abroad and have brought commendation and recognition from

various foreign countries. The grace and power attracting the viewer's mind is superb in the elegant Manipuri dance which is a delicately sensitive type of classical dance. Governor reiterate that Manipuri dance is not the art of Manipur alone, it is also an art of India as a whole. Hence, its development is as important as the development of other aspects of our total cultural heritage. It is, therefore, our bounden duty to preserve, nurture and enrich Manipuri dance and culture so that it may continue to enrich the Indian culture. The Academy is at present conducting various courses in Raas, Lai Haraoba, Nata-Sankirtana (Ishei), Nata-Sankirtana (Cholom), Nata-Sankirtana (Pung), Tribal Dance and Thang-ta. She is happy that the J.N. Manipur Dance Academy, which was established more than

60 years ago with the sole objective of preserving and propagating Manipuri culture, particularly dance, has been devoting itself whole heartedly to this noble cause since then. Later, a Dance-Drama "Shakuntala" was performed by JNMDA, Imphal which was Choreographed by Late W. Lokendrajit Singh. "Ghana Baari Barikhata" by Nartanlalaya, Kolkata and "Maan Vikshya" by Manipuri Jagoi Marup, Imphal will be played on January 17 & 18 at 4 pm each at JNMDA Auditorium. The 3-Day Festival of Dance Drama was organised by JNMDA, Imphal on the occasion of 43 years of Production Unit of the Academy which is featuring the best three productions of three prominent dance groups- JNMDA, Imphal, Manipuri Jagoi Marup and Manipuri Nartanlalaya, Kolkata.

In Search for 15 Trapped Meghalaya Miners, Navy Divers Spot Body After 33 Days

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Navy divers on Thursday spotted the body of one of the 15 miners trapped inside a rat-hole coal mine in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district, 33 days after the incident. The divers have managed to bring the body to the mouth of the mine and it will now be retrieved in the presence of doctors. The body was spotted with the help of one Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle used by navy divers for searching objects underwater. Interestingly, the water

level inside the more than 350-feet deep mine remains same, even as several litres of water has been pumped out till now with effective high power pumps. Ten 63 Horsepower pumps were brought in by the Odisha Fire Rescue team that were made operational with much difficulty. The UWROV used by Indian Navy had also got stuck inside the mine several times. The body has been located after 20 days since the multi-agency rescue operation began only on the 16th day of the incident. The tragedy took place on December

13, 2018, when a group of labourers went down the rat hole coal mine, not apprehending the danger. While four of them managed to survive, 15 others remained trapped as river water gushed inside. Anxious family members had since been waiting for news — some of them who visit the site daily are even helping in the rescue operation. Sources said the few survivors provided vital clues in establishing where the miners could be. The NDRF team, along with help from SDRF and civil administration, was the first to start the

rescue operation the next day of the incident. However, because of lack of available resources and heavy duty pumps, work was stalled after a few days. The NDRF had ensured that there was no one in the main shaft of the mine though it was impossible for the Navy and NDRF divers to go to the desired depth without a drop in the water level to at least 30 metres. Without a map or blueprint, the greatest difficulty was to ascertain where the miners could be and in which direction inside an unregulated and unscientific mine.

Assam Rifles organised One Day Free Medical Camp at Behiang

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Continuing its endeavor towards ensuring better health care in the remote areas along Indo Myanmar border, Singnat Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of Churachandpur Sector Assam Rifles organised a one day free medical camp today at Behiang under Singnat Sub Division of Churachandpur District. The camp was organised under Army Op Shadbhavna Project. A team of two Medical Officers from the Battalion



took part in the Camp. A total of 221 villagers including villagers from

adjoining villages and even from across border were benefitted from the Camp.

Free medicines were also distributed during the course of the Camp.

4th Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament begins today



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The 4th Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament, 2019 begins today and will be concluded on Statehood day- the 21st January, 2019 at Mapal Kangjeibung. Director, Manipur Tourism, W. Ibohah Singh during a press conference held yesterday at Sangai Hall, Hotel Imphal announced the details of the tournament. W. Ibohah, while

welcoming the participating teams from different countries, said that organising such Polo Tournament was a great privilege of the State to promote the game to different parts of the world. The tournament would also help Manipur Tourism in highlighting the rich culture and tourism potential of the State to the players from different countries, he added. President, All Manipur Polo Association, Dr. K.

Saratchandra said that women had been taking part in many sports, however Women Polo had lagged behind and as a part of women empowerment, Women Polo must be promoted. The Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament is a flagship event of Manipur Tourism aimed at promoting the State as the Birthplace of Modern Polo to the World. The tournament is a pioneering showcase of

international women's polo and establishes Manipur as the centre for Polo in India. Teams from USA, Canada, Argentina, Kenya, India (Indian Polo Association) and the host team India (Manipur) will participate in the Tournament to be held at Mapal Kangjeibung. Team India Polo Association (India) and Team Canada will play the opening match at 2pm while Team India (Manipur) and Team Argentina at 3pm today on 17th January, 2019.

Assam Rifles Provides Sports Item

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To motivate the local youth and to instill in them the spirit of sportsmanship, Kakching Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles provided sports items to the organizers of "First Winter Under-13.7-a-Side Football Tournament" during the final match which was played between PYC Waikhong and Mangal Football Academy, Kontha Khabam. To encourage the young talent which lies in abundance in the

country, the young football players of both the teams were rewarded after the match which was eventually won by Mangal Football Academy, Kontha Khabam by 6-2. Medical support was also provided during the match by the Waikhong Temporary Operating Base. The organizers and the public appreciated the gesture shown by the Kakching Battalion and expressed their gratitude, reaffirming the importance of the role of Assam Rifles in bringing a positive change in the society.

NIA Conducts Raids In UP, Punjab As ISIS-Related Probe Intensifies

Source NDTV
New Delhi:

The National Investigation Agency or NIA today carried out searches at eight places in western Uttar Pradesh and Punjab in connection with its investigation against an ISIS-inspired group, which was allegedly planning suicide attacks and serial blasts, targeting politicians and government installations, in Delhi and other parts of north India. The agency has arrested 12 people in this connection since December 26 last year. The fresh raids come five days after the National Investigation Agency or NIA arrested 24-year-old Muhammad Ahsan from Hapur on January 12.

The NIA said that searches were being conducted based on inputs from interrogation of the people arrested for allegedly being part of "Harkat-ul-Harb-e-Islam" module of global terror group ISIS. The agency had earlier said it had seized a locally made rocket launcher, material for suicide vests and 112 alarm clocks to be used as timers besides recovering 25 kg of explosive material - Potassium Nitrate, Ammonium Nitrate and Sulphur. The group had allegedly purchased remote-controlled cars and wireless doorbells to use their circuits in assembling remote-controlled improvised explosive devices.

Corrigendum

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