

Assam Rifles seizes huge quantity of contraband drugs orth crores



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Tengnoupal Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) seized huge cache of drugs containing 12000 numbers of World is Yours (WIY) tablets, 96 grams of heroine and 1.644 kgs of brown sugar from Permanent Vehicle Check Post (PVCP) Khudengthabi yesterday. On the previous day the troopers seized contraband drugs weapons of foreign origin. As per report, the AR troopers acting on specific information regarding the transportation of drugs, a team of Tengnoupal Battalion, stopped a Maruti Brezza vehicle travelling from Moreh to Shillong for checking at Permanent Vehicle Check Post (PVCP) Khudengthabi at 1730 hours on 18 January 2019. The team diligently checked the vehicle and recovered Narcotic items duly concealed inside the vehicle. The driver a resident of Kangpokpi, Senapati district confessed to the illegal carriage of contraband drugs. The driver, contraband drugs and vehicle are handed over to Anti Smuggling Unit, Custom Division Imphal.

Discussion of Free speech

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The Human Rights Law Network (Manipur) is organising a prog tomorrow on the topic "Defending the Defenders" at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul Imphal to discuss the issues face by journalist and activists regarding the growing threats to freedom of expression. Many expert from across the country including lawyers from Supreme Court are expected to attend the prog.

State Settlement department says - no record of constructions in Agricultural land in the state

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Revenue Commissioner and the Settlement and Land Record department of the Government of Manipur seems to have to knowledge of what to be answered on question sought through the Right to Information Act . In queries by one Haobijam Surjit Meitei through RTI to the Revenue Commissioner to provide details of the constructions of houses , schools , colleges, brick firm , Hospital , stone crusher, Package drinking water in agricultural land , the matter was referred to

the Directorate of settlement and land record department , and instead of giving details reply the directorate said that - agricultural land or the Paddy field are protected under " Manipur Conservation of Paddy land and Wetland Act 2014" without replying information sought. The reply indirectly meant that there are no constructions of any kinds in agricultural land. Imphal Times had earlier reported that M.R. Roller Flour Mill, owned by one Mahendra Kumar Jain, is being located at Agricultural Land at Mantripukhri . Besides, Imphal Times have



also captured many constructions being carried out at Agricultural land. What is surprising is that the Directorate of Settlement and

Land Record of the Government of Manipur seem to have no record of constructions being going on at Agricultural Land in the

state of Manipur. Queries about the land property record of indigenous people as well as landless people of the state

are being answered as "not applicable" by the Directorate of Settlement and Land record. Well, as for the record for landless indigenous people the Directorate may presumed it as not applicable, but the queries was sought to the Revenue commissioner. As per the RTI, he being the competent authority has to take report from all the DCs of the district administration and reply to what the RTI activist had wanted to know.

As pert the directorate of Settlement and land record, constructions on the river banks have nothing to do with the department.

Rahul Gandhi condemns detention of Kishorchandra under NSA

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President of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) has strongly condemn the detention of Imphal based journalist Wangkhem Kishorchandra by N. biren Singh government under the national Security Act. In a letter written to Kishorechandra, Mr. Rahl Gandhi said, "This is another attempt to use the state machinery to silence dissent. Over the past few months, we have witnessed the BJP government's design to

trample on constitutional rights of the people of Manipur". Mr. Rahul Gandhi further said that regressive force continue to unleash violent with impunity, while those who seek accountability from the state are being jailed. "Fascist forces have not only attempted to destroy the idea of India but attack anyone who Challenges their distorted narrative", Mr. Gandhi said adding that the Congress party stands in solidarity with Mr. Kishorchadta and will extend every possible support.

Miscreants fire at doctor's residence, Sit- in-protest staged

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A Sit-in-protest was held today at Singjamei Mayengbam Leikai by locals and Meira Paibis of Singjamei Mayengbam Leikai against the firing of gun shots at the residence of Dr. Salam Nongthon an orthopaedic surgeon. The protest was organised by Social Development Organisation Club (SDO) and the local Meira Paibis. Unknown miscreants fire the gun shot on place on the 17th of January 2019 at the gate of Dr. Nongthon at around 7.15

pm. Earlier too, miscreants had blank fire on January 15. Speaking to media persons MK Ellawar President of SDO club said that they strongly condemn the firing at the doctor's residence. He added there may be personal reasons but firing at the residence in residential area creates a state of turmoil and panic to the family and the residence of the. Talks should be initiated to solve if there is any misunderstanding. He also appealed not to repeat such act in the future. And it was also informed that no prior demands or threats were received to the doctor.

Widespread Protest against CAB continues

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The contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 has led the state to be in a perpetual protest. Everyday different forms protest held at several places by different organisations and Meira Paibis but mainly spearheaded by the six students' organization and JCILPS. Meetings, conventions and discourse were also held to address the issues of CAB. Today as a part of the protest against the bill several Meira Paibis and clubs staged sit-in-protest against the bill. Speaking to media persons General Secretary of Iramdam Kanba Apunba Lup (IKAL) Wahengbam Luwangleima said that the protest was held to condemn the controversial CAB which passed at Lok Sabha. She

also appealed to withdraw the CAB. She added that the bill will highly impact on Manipur and it will also lead to genocide of the indigenous people of the North East. If the Bill is passed at Rajya Sabha and becomes an act, the migrants will surely flooded entire North East leaving the faith of the indigenous people at stake. She added that they will support the movements spearheaded by the six students bodies against the CAB and will also intensify it. The protest was organised by IKAL at Uripok near Cheirap Court. Also similar sit-in-protest against the CAB was held by the Meira Paibis, clubs and locals of Keishampat Keisham Leikai, Uripok Khoisnam leikai, Uripok Laikhurembi leikai and Ghari Awang Leikai.

Societal development depends on Human Resource Development: Dy. CM

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Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh has said that development of a society depends on development of human resource in the society. He was speaking at the Silver Jubilee Celebration of R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya held at Haotal, Pangei in Imphal East today. Deputy Chief Minister said, among the resources which are the parameters of development, human resource is one of the most important one. He said, imparting quality education to the younger generation for a better future is the aspect through which lots of efforts have been made from various quarters of society. Emphasising the need to impart quality education to the young minds, Joykumar Singh said, education is not merely the academic achievements but also to build character and develop personality. Building character and personality development requires inculcating extra and co-curricular activities in school life. Sports, culture of its own and other cultures around us should be taught



to students so that good moral discipline can be developed. By imparting these things, students can be developed to the best level and their ability to think will definitely be enhanced. Appreciating the efforts made by R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya in imparting quality education to the girls, Deputy Chief Minister said, for the last many years this institution has been contributing a lot in human resource development in the State.

Expressing concern over the increasing culture of private tuition in the State, Deputy Chief Minister said classroom teaching will be helpful if students can take time and digest what they learnt at the classrooms to their homes. They should be given enough time to digest and enjoying their studies. Vice-Chairperson of R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya Institutions T. Asha Devi said an honest and strong partnership with a holistic

approach between teachers, students and parents will lead to develop human resource in the state. It is in this direction that the group has been working for the last many years and will continue in future too. Deputy Chief Minister also opened an Art & Craft Exhibition at the school campus. Teachers and contributors who have been associating with the Vidyalaya were also honoured in the celebration.

Round table discussion on 'Conservation of Pony held

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The Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University today organised a round table discussion on 'Conservation of Pony' at Anthropology Department, MU. Speaking to media persons Vijaylakshmi Brara Associate Professor for Centre of Manipur Studies MU, she said that the plight of the indigenous pony is in grave danger. Many of the ponies died because of food poisoning, roads accidents and many other sickness and also then death rate of the ponies still increases. She said that none of the policies drafted in the gazette notifications regarding the conservation of ponies are seen to be implemented at ground level. She also said

that there is no proper breeding space and grazing ground for the ponies to be kept with care and protection. She also appealed that the school curriculum needs to include the knowledge on Manipuri polo as well as the children to be sensitised towards the cultural heritage which the game entails which is a proud heritage. And she finally concluded that there is an urgent need to protect and conserve the Manipuri Pony. Members of MHRPA and AMPA along with the players and veterinarians from USA, Argentina Kenya, Canada along with the Ambassador of Argentina as well as academicians from agriculture and animal husbandry and faculty and research scholars participated in the discussion.