

National Girl Child day Celebrated; Scholarship worth Rs.2.5 lakh given to Meritorious Girl Students

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People's Initiative for Girl's Education, Churachandpur (PIGEC) scholarship worth Rs. 2.5 lakh and certificates were distributed to a total of 23 meritorious girl students from economically marginalised section of the district today during the significant celebration of National Girl Child Day 2019 under the auspices of Churachandpur District Administration.

It may be worthy of mentioning here that the funds for the scholarship for the meritorious girl is being appropriated to corpus fund created out of the proceeds of the FootGal-2018 (night Futsal tournament for girls held in October last year) as well as contributions made by DLOs and the general public. The meritorious girls were selected through an examination held earlier this month.

National Girl Child Day 2019 was celebrated with grandeur at DTC Hall, Tuibong with Thari Sitkil, IRS, Assistant Commissioner (Dept of Taxes), Govt of Manipur and Shyam Lal Poonia, DC, Churachandpur as the Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Thari Sitkil lauded the efforts of the district administration for the cause of the girl child and appealed to the parents to create enabling



atmosphere for the girl child wherein they can realise their true potential and help build a more inclusive Churachandpur. DC Poonia said appreciated the efforts of various government functionaries and civil society at large in creating the much needed awareness about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiatives. He confided that with the participation of all stakeholders in a constructive way, the sex ratio scenario of the district will get positive impact in days to come.

BBBP Nodal Officer from ICDS, medical and education along with DLOs, mothers, students, teachers and civil society members numbering around 500 joined the district

level celebration.

In an attempt to create more awareness on BBBP, a video album of the District's BBBP Anthem was released on the occasion. Besides, more than 50 mothers coming from different parts of the district who had delivered girl child during the last three months were honoured by presenting customized traditional baby sling with BBBP logo embossed on them. Also, about 70 mothers who have completed 100 percent immunization for girl child were felicitated. Frontline workers from ICDS and Health Dept who have contributed towards institutional delivery and counseling of mothers were also felicitated.

Guddi-Gudda (Girl-Boy) boards meant to be displayed at all Anganwadi Centres of the district under 7 ICDS blocks were handed over to CDPOs. The boards will reflect gender-wise child birth in the area and will help in collection of real-time data for better future planning.

Gift hampers containing sanitary pads, pen BBBP badge, hair clip, etc were handed over to the participating girls.

Stalls displaying various interventions and on spot enrolment of beneficiaries for various schemes under Education, Medical and ICDS were put on display while EVM VVPAT awareness was also carried out by the sideline of the event.

Chandel Battalion A R Celebrates Republic Day With Veer Naris, War Widows And Ex-Servicemen

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To commemorate Republic day and to celebrate the essence of the auspicious day in its true sense by felicitating and expressing gratitude to the Ex-servicemen, War widows and Veer Naris for their selfless service to the nation, Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a veteran interaction and felicitation programme at Chandel Battalion Headquarters on 24th January 2019.

The aim of the programme was to reach out to the veteran and their families and to resolve their problems related to pension, health and spreading awareness on various welfare schemes. The event was attended by a total of 151 ex-



servicemen, Veer Naris, War Widows and their families from Chandel Battalion. During the event a Medical Camp along with a Pension grievance cell was established, wherein all pension related anomalies of the attendees were dealt with. The War Widows, Veer Naris and Ex-servicemen were also

briefed on the various welfare schemes and policies of the Government. A Badakhana was also organized to honor the veterans and their families. The families and Ex-servicemen expressed their heartfelt gratitude and commended the efforts of Chandel Battalion.

A R Provides Water Storage and Supply System Cum Veterinary Camp

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Joupi Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) provided a Water Storage and Supply System to villagers of Joupi, District Chandel under Op Sadbhavana 2018-19 on 23 January 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, village headman lauded the efforts of Assam Rifles and Security Forces towards uplifting their way of living. Officials from the unit also thanked the villagers in restoring normalcy in the area and said that the Assam Rifles will continue its support for the people to help them attain self sustenance by providing such amenities.

The system was handed over in the presence of local populace. The locals conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for this gesture shown by Assam Rifles and



pledged their support towards the Armed Forces.

A Veterinary camp was organized by Joupi Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) at Hollengiang village, Chandel District on 20 January 2019 under Op Sadbhavana 2018-19. A team of one Officer and two veterinary staff from 14 Mobile Field Veterinary Hospital conduct the event. Joupi Battalion as part of its civic

action programme reached out to the villagers and treated/vaccinated as many as 68 pets/livestock during the camp. Free consultation and medicines were provided along with guidance on various veterinary issues by the veterinary team. The villagers expressed their gratitude and appealed the Assam Rifles authority to take up more such camps and other development works in the future.

Centre reconstitutes tribunal to adjudicate ban imposed on 8 insurgent groups

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The Centre on Thursday reconstituted a tribunal to adjudicate matters related to extension of ban imposed on eight insurgent groups in Manipur for five more years over continued involvement in unlawful and violent activities.

In a notification, the Home Ministry said the tribunal has been set up under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and will be headed by Delhi High Court judge Justice G S Sistani.

The tribunal will adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring

the Meitei extremist organisations of Manipur as "Unlawful Associations", the notification said.

On December 12, 2018, the central government had constituted the tribunal headed by Delhi High Court judge Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal. However, due to certain reasons, Justice Sehgal could not continue with the tribunal and hence the tribunal has been reconstituted with Justice Sistani.

The organisations which were banned in November 2018 include Peoples' Liberation Army generally known as PLA and its political wing, Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), United

National Liberation Front (UNLF) and its armed wing Manipur Peoples' Army (MPA), Peoples' Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) and its armed wing 'Red Army'. The others are Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and its armed wing, also called Red Army; Kanglei Yal Kanza Lup (KYKL); the Coordination Committee (CorCom) and Alliance for Socialist Unity Kangleipak (ASUK).

The home ministry said the eight Meitei extremist organisations of Manipur were involved in 756 violent incidents in the past five years from January 1, 2013 to July 31, 2018 during which

they killed 86 people, including 35 security personnel.

The groups have been indulging in acts of intimidation, extortion and looting of civilian population for collection of funds, making contacts with sources abroad for influencing public opinion and securing assistance by way of arms and training for the purpose of achieving their secessionist objective, the ministry said.

They are also indulging in such activities for maintaining camps in neighbouring countries for the purpose of sanctuaries, training and clandestine procurement of arms and ammunition, it had said.

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Itanagar, Jan 25,

The Indian Air Force Thursday started its normal operation at Vijaynagar Advance Landing Ground (ALG) in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh

after its helicopter was prevented by local residents from landing Wednesday at the ALG.

The local residents had spread across the ALG runway of Vijaynagar Wednesday to prevent landing of the helicopter to protest the IAF chopper not

carrying cardamom produced by them to Miao.

Shillong-based defence spokesman Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh said in a statement that IAF has always been supporting the locals around all ALGs and border areas.

However, because of some miscommunication, the official request for carriage of civilians and the load was not available on Wednesday.

The normal operation with IAF load to build up Vijaynagar ALG has been restored on Thursday and based on requisition by state authority, carrying of civilian load and passengers has commenced, Singh said.

IAF is committed to revive the Vijaynagar ALG for fixed wing aircraft operation which will bring great support to locals of the region, Singh added.

The renovated Vijaynagar ALG located on the tri-junction of India-China-Tibet, since its inauguration by the then Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) J J Singh on November 18, 2011 after landing of an IAFs AN-32 transport carrier, had turned a boon for the needy and poor people of the valley.

Nagaland bags award for being one of the top five states with excellent Beti Bachao Beti Padhao performance

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Nagaland State was awarded among the top five States/UTs for excellent performance in Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) under state competition category in recognition of the "over all support, guidance, monitoring and achieving the targets of BBBP" during the National Girl Child Day Celebration on January 24 2019 at New Delhi.

According to mission director for State Resource Centre for Women-Nagaland Chapter, Daisy Mezhrur, this was the first time that states and UTs were awarded for their good

performances under BBBP.

The award was given away by union minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi to Social Welfare secretary, Sarah R Ritse, on behalf of the state government. Speaking on the occasion, Ritse said, "I am proud of the team work that the State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW), as the implementing Agency for BBBP, has done under Social Welfare department."

She was hopeful that the achievement would be a moral boost not just for the department, but for the state, to work harder for the upliftment of women and

children. The department also acknowledged the support rendered to team SRCW by Governor, chief minister, chief secretary and the community. Meanwhile, Wokha district administration has also been awarded amongst the 25 districts for its good performance on BBBP in the category "Effective Community Engagement".

DC Wokha, Dr. Manazir received the award on behalf of the district. Ms. Erenbeni P. Lotha, one of the 'local champions for BBBP' from Wokha was invited to share her experience as a local champion along with three other local champions from across the country.

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Guwahati, Jan 25,

Tired of seeing black flags during functions and public rallies, the BJP in Assam has decided to hoist white flags on the venue the very next day wherever and whenever the party leaders were shown black flags by people agitating against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016.

Assam Finance minister and convener of the BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) said this on Thursday while addressing a meeting of the BJP workers at the Sarusojai stadium in Guwahati. "Wherever the agitators

show black flags to our party leaders, our members should hoist white flags 100 times more than those black flags at the same venue the next day," said Sarma while appealing to party workers to be courageous enough to support the Bill openly.

He also termed the move to show black flags to BJP leaders as a gimmick to attract media attention. "I was told that they (agitators) do not show black flags. These agitators wait till the arrival of media persons and run with the black flags to grab media attention," said Sarma.

"Do not fear anyone. Tell everyone openly that Our Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has brought the Bill and that you support the Bill," said Sarma, adding Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and each BJP worker will turn into a Maha Nayak (super hero) if the Bill is implemented in the state. Dozens of organizations and individuals have been opposing the contentious Bill ever since it was passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8. While there have been protests on the streets across the state in last few days, some organizations, including the Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS), have also started showing black flags to BJP leaders wherever they go in the state.