

CM launches fps automation system for the first time in the state



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To bring transparency, inclusion and exclusion errors and minimise other issues pertaining to distribution of PDS items in the State, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched the Fair Price Shop (FPS) automation system, fake and bogus ration cards would be easily identified and minimise the leakages in the distribution of

Speaking at the function, Chief Minister stated that such system would bring transparency and streamlining the distribution of PDS items to the beneficiaries. Under this Fair Price Shop (FPS) automation system, fake and bogus ration cards would be easily identified and minimise the leakages in the distribution of

PDS items, he added. He mentioned that beneficiaries will get the food grains through ePOS (Electronic Point of Sale) device with proper authentication like Aadhar or OTP. Chief Minister highlighted that the FPS automation would be made available in 10 FPS for the first phase in the State. He mentioned that there

are 2324 Fair Price Shops and 23,87,949 beneficiaries with 5,69,688 ration cards in the State. The monthly allocation of National Food Security Act (NFSA) rice in the State is 131632.45 quintal. He recalled that since the installation of the present government, the government is committed to bring good governance and positive changes at grassroots. The officials made a demonstration on the usage of the ePOS machine during the function. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar, Minister for Art and Culture L. Jayantakumar, Minister for CAF&PD Shri Karam Shyam, Minister for Forest and Environment Th. Shyamkumar, Minister for PHED Losii Dikho, Minister for Agriculture V. Hangkhanlian, MLAs, Chief Secretary, Commissioner, DCs, Director and officials of CAF&PD, Agents of FPS attended the function.

Women Hawkers Association formed and started delivering local evening dailies



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For the first time in Manipur an Association of only female hawkers named Socialist Women Newspaper Hawkers' Association has started delivering evening local dailies in the state from yesterday evening with the sole purpose of empowering the women and helping in delivering the news to the masses. The inaugural function was organised by Socialist Women Association at the office of Imphal Times situated at Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai yesterday evening. Addressing at the function Editor of Kangleipak Ki Meira Wangkhemcha Samjai

stressed the role of women in the state. He said that the work culture in the state has to be built up.

Reminding one lady hawker where her husband was a disabled person, he said that the lady along with her husband has maintain a livelihood just by selling the newspaper and can even send their children to a boarding school.

With this initiative to deliver the newspaper of daily evening Shyamjai said that news and information will be spread far and wide. Editor of Imphal Times Rinku khumukcham highlight the mindset of the people where the people find unattractive of the local dailies and preferred the national one. He also said

that the media houses were adulterated by big corporate houses.

He further said that there is a rising need for the journalist to write with strong determination for the society regarding its socio, political, economy and added that such news and information needs to be disseminated.

Such dissemination of the news and information will be done by the hawkers, he concluded.

Editor of Paonikhon Ch. Meghabarna, Editor of Paojel Oinam Ranjit, and Secretary of SWA Sarungbam Bijenti attended the function as dais members.

Later 5 bicycles were also given to women hawkers for delivering the newspaper.

Minister K.shyam Distributes TLM kits to persons with intellectual disabilities

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CAF & PD, Revenue Minister Karam Shyam said that, every person even if differently abled, is endowed with a unique potential and ability and we should nurture in them the essence of living by showing humanity, love, compassion and encouragement so that they walk in the society in parallel with others with pride. He was speaking as Chief Guest



at the Teaching Learning Material (TLM) kits distribution programme for persons with intellectual disabilities (Divyangans) at Manipur Press Club today.

The programme was organised by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) in collaboration with the office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Manipur and Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, Manipur.

R.K. Kumarjit Singh (MD), State Commissioner for Disabilities, Government of Manipur; Bantee Singh Konthoujam (MCS), Joint Director (ICDS), Social Welfare Department, Government of Manipur; Dr.G.Mary Anurupa, Assistant Professor (Paediatrics), NIEPID, Secunderabad; Mughesh Thulasikanthan, Lecturer in Occupational Therapy, NIEPID, Secunderabad and K. Romesh Singh, District Social Welfare Officer, Imphal West attended the function as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

Minister Karam Shyam further expressed that we should appreciate persons with disabilities and co-operate with them instead of

underestimating them. "Parents should identify the hidden talents and personalities of children with disabilities and hold pride of their calibres. Lets try to flourish them and give them no room for depression or disappointment", he added. Dr.G.Mary Anurupa highlighted that firstly, they try to identify children with intellectual disabilities and subsequently, distribute TLM kits to them as part of the

overall programme. Such programmes that have been successfully implemented for the last 5 years since 2015 in Manipur are useful in helping them acquire the needed skills, she also stated.

Bantee Singh Konthoujam mentioned that the Government is also seeing to the concerns and grievances of intellectually disabled persons during the monthly Meeyangi Numit.

Speaking as president of the function, R.K. Kumarjit Singh reiterated on the need of extension of exam duration and doubling of allowances for persons with disabilities. Plan is in the pipeline for carrying out similar programmes in Senapati, Kangpokpi and Bishnupur districts of the state.

TLM kits were distributed to persons with intellectual disabilities belonging to different kendras of Manipur in 2 phases during the function.

No further amendment; Repeal UAPA: Popular Front

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Popular Front of India Chairman E Abubacker has in a statement called on the Union Home Ministry to abandon the attempt to further amend the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, instead repeal the law immediately. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill 2019 introduced in Parliament by Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy seeks to empower the governments to designate individuals as terrorists. This law has been so far misused by successive governments to ban

opposing organisations after putting terrorist tag on them. Now due to the proposed amendment the scope of this threat has been extended to even on an individual whom the government considers a threat to it. Such an amendment can lead to all kinds of misuse.

The 2008 amendment of UAPA has already made it highly controversial. It provided the governments ample powers to act against citizen's fundamental rights. As it was feared by civil right organizations from the very beginning, law was widely misused predominantly to target Minorities, Dalits, Human Rights Activists and

People with dissenting voices. Several cases have been reported in recent years that innocents implicated in false cases had to spend years behind bars because of the provisions of UAPA charged on them and to be acquitted later. Thousands are still languishing in jails as under-trials without bail. Amending the law again by adding more draconian provisions will only make it an even more dangerous for a democratic country. He appealed opposition leaders and human rights activists to convince the parliament members and put pressure on the central government to refrain from bringing more draconian amendments.

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All Manipur Muslim Students Organization (AMMSO) volunteers today inspected Rahmania High School and found out that huge lack of facilities for the School. Highlighting the various lack of facilities of the school Secretary General of AMMSO Yunush Ali Khullakapam in a



press release said that the school didn't have any teachers for English, Social Science and Meetei Mayek. He stated that the school was run by 11 teachers teaching a total of 285 students and also there were no separate toilets for boys and girls.

The school lacks desk, bench, computer white board, school uniform, mid day meal, drinking water tank and many more for the class room, Yunush added.

Yunush further urged the authority to make Rahmania High School a proper government school as the present school was an aided one.

Clarifying the events that took place yesterday where

volunteers of AMMSO tries to lock down MOBC Boys' Hostel which is situated at DM College of Commerce Yunush said that they have no relation with the ones using the name of AMMSO who tried to lock the hostel.

He said that the ones using the names of AMMSO and terrifying the hostellers should come to them. And he further warned that strong actions will be taken up against those who terrified the students, if they fail to come to them.

Yunush also said that AMMSO will never do anything which is against the welfare of the students.

He appealed the people to take care of the ones who are using the names of AMMSO.

Blood donation Camp held

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JN Hospital Pharmacy Association (JNPA) along with Blood Bank and Transfusion Unit, JNIMS today organised a voluntary blood donation camp at JNIMS blood bank. The blood donation camp was supported by State Blood Cell, NHM Manipur. Speaking to media persons General Secretary of JNPA Ningshoujam Jagajit said that they have organised such event with a sacrificial spirit having a sole purpose in taking part of saving precious lives of the people. He further stressed that their organization have organised three blood donation camps before. He said that the blood donation camp will be done as a calendar program every year of JNPA on 10th of July.

Around 80 blood units will be donated by the members and volunteers of JNPA, Jagajit concluded.