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8th Annual Regional Principals' Conference of KV Sangathan, Tinsukia Region begins at Imphal



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The 8th Annual Regional Principals' Conference of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Tinsukia Region began at Classic Grande, Chingmeirong, Imphal, today. The Conference will be held for 3-days i.e., from 22-24 July, 2019. There are 1,290 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Country and 38 Kendriya Vidyalayas are in Tinsukia region - 6 in Nagaland, 9 in Manipur, 16 in Arunachal Pradesh and 7 in Assam. The main reason for selecting Manipur is because of the excellent academic performances of the 9 Kendriya Vidyalayas in different districts of the State. The Conference of the Principals is held annually to do SWOT Analysis wherein the strength, weaknesses, challenges among others of the Sangathans are assessed. New proposals are put up for discussion and plans implemented and adopted in the preceding year are also assessed to check whether it reached the set target. Discussion is also held on areas which will help in achieving goals set by the Sangathan. B. K. Behera, Deputy Commissioner In-charge, KV,

RO, Tinsukia speaking during the function said that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the leading group of schools in the country. The pass percentage of students was 98.27 percent in Class XII and 99.47 percent in Class X which is the best in almost all groups of schools. In the last two years, the Sangathan have been continuously improving the quality of education and as a result the performances of the students in the examinations have been excellent across the country. The Sangathan is focused not only towards academic excellence but have also taken up steps for holistic development of the students. It is a matter of pride that the students of KV Imphal 3 will participate in the Subroto Cup in the 2019-20 National Games. Speaking at the inaugural function as the Chief Guest, Th. Kirankumar, IAS, Director, Education (S), Govt. of Manipur said that Kendra Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have brought laurels for the past many years. Appreciating the efforts of the teachers of the Sangathan of the State in making the academic atmosphere unaffected by bandhs and strikes, he said, it shows the dedication of the

teachers towards education. He requested the principals and teachers of the Sangathans to give suggestions in drafting the National Education Policy to bring changes in the education sector in the State. He also added that with the increase in the number of Districts in the State, there is necessity to open more numbers of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State. Speaking as Guest of Honour, Hmangte Lerte Kom, MCS, Additional Director, Education (S), Govt. of Manipur, said that the Sangathan have been rendering a good service to the people. He expressed hope that the Principals will work wholeheartedly in taking the Sangathan as the top prestigious institution. He said that Thoubal Kendriya Vidyalaya is in the pipeline and the Government is keen in opening Kendriya Vidyalayas in every districts of the State. S.V. Joglekar, Assistant Commissioner, KV, RO, Tinsukia, and Shri M. Paswan, Principal, KV, Imphal No.1, Lamphelpat were also present at the inaugural function. Principals of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Tinsukia Region, staffs of KV Lamphelpat and students were present at the inaugural of the 3-days Annual Conference. Cultural shows were also presented by the Students.

Assam Rifles commemorates Kargil Vijay Diwas

IT News
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In an event to commemorate 20th anniversary of Kargil War (Operation Vijay) celebrated at various locations of the state under command IGAR (South) on 22nd July 2019. Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles organised an 'Awareness Programme on Kargil War' at Emanuel English Academy, Yaingangpokpi. The event commenced with a motivational talk on the Kargil War. The event also included a weapon and equipment display organised for the students showcasing the valour of the Indian Armed Forces. The youth were fascinated seeing the display and showed tremendous inquisitiveness regarding the technical knowhow of the weapons and equipment. The exhilaration and exuberance of the youth was visible during the interaction wherein various queries of the students were answered. A display gallery

was also laid out at the venue showcasing the Kargil War by various audio-visual scenes, photographs, battle arrays etc. Over 600 students enthusiastically filled the message boards with their appreciation and love for the Indian Armed Forces. Students were seemingly encouraged to join the forces and take selfies with Graffiti, soldiers, weapons and equipment. The students were captivated after witnessing the event and hearing the glorious history of the Kargil War. They were highly motivated to join the Forces and serve the motherland. The event concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees. In an event to commemorate 20th anniversary of Kargil War, Shangshak Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles organized a wreath laying ceremony at Shangshak War Memorial. The war memorial service was organised to pay homage to our brave hearts of Operation Vijay who laid down their lives

for the country. Shangshak Battalion organised a wreath laying ceremony followed by guard of honour at Shangshak War memorial. The officers and soldiers of Shangshak Battalion including the Commandant laid wreaths at the memorial. The memorial is located atop village Shangshak and the ceremony was attended by civil and military dignitaries including war veterans. The event was the first in a series of activities planned across the week in Ukhrul and Kamjong districts to commemorate Kargil Diwas. Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles celebrated 20th year of Kargil War (Operation Vijay) with a veteran meet at Bongyang post which was attended by 10 veterans. To commemorate the Kargil war week long events are planned which includes a veteran meet, motivational lectures to share the stories of gallant battles fought at snow capped mountains of Kargil and screening of documentaries on Kargil war at various Schools and Colleges in Chandel district.

Product Development Programme for IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) at Kakching Khunou Thingnam, Ningthou Leikai, Manipur

News Desk
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Export promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) an apex body of handicrafts exporters for promotion of exports of Handicrafts from country and projecting India's image abroad as a reliable supplier of high quality of handicrafts goods & services and ensured various measures keeping in view of observance of international standards and specification. EPCH has started a 20 days product development programme at Kakching Khunou Thingnam, Ningthou Leikai, Manipur from 20th July, 2019 to 7th August, 2019. The objective of the programme is to improve international competitiveness of locally produced exportable products and also to provide marketing platform to the lesser explored craft of the area which will enable the engaged artisans to improve their livelihood. From the cluster, Ten (10) skilled artisans has been selected and the team headed by one experience Designer of EPCH, Y. Jaghyashwori Devi, Assistant Director, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) also attended the program at kakching Khunou. High end prototypes will be developed during the programme and after completion of the programme; the developed products will be placed before the international buyers in the most significant and distinct handicraft sourcing platform in Asia - IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2019 from October, 16-20, 2019, at India Expo Mart & Centre, Delhi - NCR. This exposure will enable the participants from North East States to understand the needs, Marketing strategy, Design requirement, packaging specifications as required by the overseas for selling the product in the international stores. Further, display at International Trade Platforms will create continuous recall value and evokes interest amongst the target audience, which in our case includes buyers, wholesalers, retailers, chain stores and decision makers coming from all over the world. EPCH has engaged Ms Maibam Surjamala Devi for the programme and Surbala Weaving Unit from Manipur will market these products in various exhibitions and trade fairs organized by EPCH. The artisans from NE States with the support of DC (Handicrafts) has given opportunities for participation in IHGF Delhi Fair organized by EPCH to explore exports & undertake Brand image promotion campaigns in traditional as well as non-traditional markets. Every year Council participates on an average 30 exhibitions abroad with



exporters of handicrafts and conduct brand image promotion seminars for creating awareness and market intelligence & linkages. EPCH has conducted 101 comprehensive capacity development programmes for the handicrafts of North East covering 4,323 beneficiaries (Entrepreneurs / Artisans). Further EPCH has provided retail and export opportunities on long term basis to the entrepreneurs & craft persons of the North Eastern States of India w.e.f. 2015-16 to 2019-20 (till date). The project focuses on entrepreneurs / exporters to withstand the fierce & competitive international market and increase employment opportunities, thereby improving livelihood of artisans of the region. EPCH has projected the NER handicrafts' specific image by setting up of thematic display of North Eastern Handicrafts in international level exhibitions in India as well as trade shows of prime repute, overseas. In addition to above, to promote the handicrafts of North Eastern Region, EPCH with the support of DC (Handicrafts) NER Office has started the Project "Promotion of North Eastern Crafts in International Market" to provide a direct market linkage to the artisans of the crafts clusters and promotion of their crafts in international market. The program has been organized by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) with the support of DC (Handicrafts), North Eastern Regional Office, Guwahati. The program interventions are

1. Development of Product Catalogue (for 3 clusters in 1st phase)
 2. Development of common website (details of the products will be made available)
 3. Promotional video focusing on the craft, production process and the lifestyle of the artisans.
 4. Registration of Artisans / Entrepreneurs in GeM Portal
- For registration of artisans in GeM Portal, Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has opened two help desk at Guwahati (Assam) and at Imphal (Manipur) to assist the artisans / micro entrepreneurs for registration under Government e Marketplace (GeM) with the support of DC (Handicrafts), NER. The help desk has been set up at the Regional Office of EPCH Guwahati and at Handicraft Service Centre, Imphal. For any assistance, artisans can contact Bhaskar Baruah (94018 44963) and Maibam Surjamala Devi (87876 30214).



IFWJ seeks justice for Tiranga employees

By a Correspondent
Guwahati, July 23,

Indian Federation of Working Journalists (IFWJ) has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to save the journalists with other employees of satellite news channel Tiranga Television who face imminent dismissal. IFWJ president K. Vikram Rao in the appeal to PM Modi revealed that nearly 200

employees of the Noida-based English news channel presently face sackings without even a 6-month payout. As the employees start resenting the channel that was launched prior to Lok Sabha polls and continued critical views on Modi and Bhartiya Janata Party has disappeared from many platforms and no live programs have been telecast for few weeks now. Earlier journalist Barkha Datt,

who is associated with Mrs Kapil Sibal owned channel, lashed out at senior lawyer and Congress leader Sibal (and his wife) on her Twitter account explaining an appalling turn of events at Tiranga TV and said, 'Man who acts holier than thou in public has treated journalists in a hideous way'. Barkha also alleged that seniors like her hadn't been paid for a year, adding that she was being threatened

with defamation and ordered to withdraw her emails comparing Kapil Sibal to Vijay Mallya (the liquor tycoon currently in the United Kingdom). The IFWJ chief also appealed to the UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath to order his labour machinery to initiate legal action against the news channel owners and proper dues to the employees including journalists.

12 Rohingya stopped from entering Tripura

Agency
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The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday said the force has thwarted an attempt of at least 12 Rohingya Muslims to enter into Indian territory through Tripura from Bangladesh. Two men, five women and as many children had tried to enter Sipahjala district, about 50 km from here. "Our troops thwarted their attempts to enter into our territory through Futia village in the international border on Thursday. We have successfully

prevented their entry. They are still on the zero line," BSF Deputy Inspector General C.L. Belwa said. A company commander-level flag meeting was held two days back on this with Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) which was followed by a battalion commander-level meeting, he said. "We have seized biscuits and soft drinks from their (Rohingyas') possession, which were manufactured in Bangladesh. These were provided by the World Food Programme, at Cox's Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh," he said.

During the meeting on Thursday, the BGB accepted that Rohingya came from Bangladesh side and sought two days time for a final decision, Belwa said. According to sources in the BSF and the police, over 250 Rohingya Muslims have been detained during the past one year from different parts of the North-East, which share 2000 km long border with the neighbouring country. The youth of the villages and counselled them regarding numerous opportunities available to them including options for higher education. The event witnessed

participation of 68 enthusiastic youths including locals from Phaisang and near by villages. The audience also took active part in the concluding open house wherein their doubts and queries were heard and cleared. Such events are steps being taken by Moltuk Battalion to wean away the local population especially the youth and the children who are the most impressionable away from the militancy by opening up various employment prospects achievable through education and are being highly appreciated by the locals.