

Sit-in-protests at Khurai area condemning the Bomb blast at the residence of the Khurai Assembly Constituency's MLA.



Chief Minister distributes irrigation pump sets to farmers



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To ease out the woes of the farmers in the present drought like situation in the State, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh distributed Irrigation Pumpsets to the farmers today. The distribution of the Irrigation Pumpsets to the farmers was held at Manipur Minorities & Other Backward

Classes Economic Development Society (MOBEDS) office located at North AOC, Imphal. Speaking at the function, Chief Minister said that such measure is to combat the drought like situation in the State. 157 River Lift Irrigation (RLI) schemes have started

functioning to provide water in the paddy fields of the State, he added. He mentioned that Minor Irrigation Department is working rigorously to provide irrigation facilities in various parts of the State. Chief Minister stated that the Agriculture Department and MOBEDS would be providing

around 126 Irrigation Pumpsets to the needy farmers. Another 100 pumpsets would be procured in next 4-5 days to deal the situation, he added. He urged the elected representatives to approach the Agriculture Minister and other concerned Ministers for agriculture related support including water pumpsets. During the function, around 40 Irrigation Pumpsets were distributed to the farmers. Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian, Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, MLAs and officials of MOBEDS department were present during the function. The Irrigation Pumpsets were distributed under the Economic Development Programme (EDP) scheme of the Manipur Minorities & Other Backward Classes Economic Development Society (MOBEDS).

Democracy will only be successful after the citizens are fully empowered – Dr. T. Meinya

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Former Member of Parliament Dr. T. Meinya today gave a critical outlook to the present democracy in India saying that the adoption of Democracy in India is not timely. Speaking at the launching function of Korou Sanitary Pads by M/S SO Enterprise, Moidangpok at Manipur Press Club, Dr. Thokhom Meinya said that the real taste of democracy will only be felt after citizens are fully empowered.

"Democracy will only be successful after the citizens are fully empowered", the former MP said and added that everyone knows how election are conducted in the country. The way the Panchayat members, Municipal Councillors, MLAs, MPs are elected is known to everyone, he said. "Taking advantage to the ignorance of the citizens certain people are using all form of machineries including money and muscle powers to get elected in the election to run democratic form of government", Meinya said. The former MP gave not only his critical outlook to the



present democratic form of government but also suggested how to make democracy meaningful. He said education is the only means to empower the citizens.

"Democracy will be successful only after empowering the citizens and for empowering them giving right and proper education is the only means", Meinya said. Former Chairperson of the Manipur State Women Commission, Dr. Ch. Jamini, who presided the launching function of the Sanitary Pad

appraised the effort of the M/S SO Enterprise saying that such an effort is to empower the women. Women always experience certain difficulties in their cycle of life and the new product will help women in fighting the difficulties by using the new product. Dr. Ch. Sheelaramni, Principal, D.M. College of Arts, Imphal Dhanamanjuri University, A. Robita, Secretary, Woemn Against Crime and Yengkhom Ojit, Proprietor of M/S SO Enterprise also attended as dignitaries of the launching function.

Thoubal Police seizes drugs, recovers two wheeler bikes

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A team of Thoubal district police seizes huge quantity of illegal SP Capsule while conducting search operation at the house of Md. Hibjur Rahaman (40) s/o (L) Md. Juma Khan of Hayel Labuk Mayai Leikai, Thoubal on Thursday

evening. A police source said that the search operation was conducted from 8 pm to 9 pm yesterday under the supervision of district SP. 388 number of SP capsule were seized from his possession. Along with the illegal drugs 2 mobile handsets and a sum of Rs. 4500/- were also seized. On

the other hand the police team also recovered one Honda Dio bearing registration number MN01AB 5146 and one numberless Honda Activa 5G red in colour from the house of Md. Itan s/o Md. Abdul of Hayel Labuk Awang Leikai and Md. Najimuddin (30) s/o (L) Md. Mubarak of Hayel Labuk Mayai Leikai respectively.

Need to include six waste management rules in syllabus

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A two days Capacity Building Programme on Six Waste Management Rules, 2016 began today at the City Convention Centre, Palace Compound, Imphal East. The programme is organised by National Productivity Council (NPC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA) and hosted by Directorate of MAHUD. During the two days programme, resource persons will discuss on the six waste management rules notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change namely Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016; E-waste Management Rules, 2016; Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016; Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016; Construction and Demolition Rules, 2016 and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Movement and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

Speaking as the chief guest of the inaugural function, MAHUD Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar observed that there is a need to introduce syllabus on waste management from the primary level. Stating that the early introduction to the topic will help in spreading awareness and also help in environmental conservation; he urged all the stakeholders to jointly work for the successful implementation of the six management rules in the State.

Lauding the officials for presenting saplings to the dignitaries at the function, he

said that the trend started by the Forest Department of presenting sapling of various plants/trees to the dignitaries at functions is an initiative to save the environment and hoped that the trend will be followed by others. Concerned over the plastic waste pollution including in the Loktak Lake, he said that the two days programme will surely help the various department officials will come together to choke out plan to solve the problems faced by the State. He hoped that the two days programme attended by officials of various departments will surely spread awareness and benefit all the departments.

M. Joy Singh, Commissioner, MAHUD said that for the successful implementation of the waste management rules, a collective effort is needed from all the stakeholders including the citizens of the State. On the inaugural day of the programme attended by around 300 participants, a video message of Dr. Amita Prashad, Director General, NPC was screened. Various stalls displaying products made from recycled plastics, tyres and others materials enthralled the crowd at the City Convention Centre. File cover and pencil made from recycled paper were distributed to the participants today.

National Productivity Council (NPC), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is serving as National Programme Coordinator for the Capacity Building Project on six waste management rules. The project seeks to strengthen institutional capacities at Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and amongst

- Shyamkumar

stakeholders towards collection of wastes, promote 3 R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiatives and dissemination of good practices and facilities integrated efforts towards achieving improvement in general health of city environment among others. Imphal has been selected as one of the 100 cities under the programme and the two day programme will enable various stakeholders to implement the waste management rules and in performing duties towards achieving the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission.

Resource persons today discussed on Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016; E-waste Management Rules, 2016 and Plastic Waste Management Rules. On the second day tomorrow, resource persons will discuss on Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016; Construction and Demolition Rules, 2016 and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

The function was also attended by Th. Harikumar Singh, Director, MAHUD; Suyendo Shivakar, Assistant Director, National Productivity Council; Swati Singh Sambyal, Programme Head, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE); Dinesh R. Bandela, Deputy Programme Manager, CSE; Sonia Henam, Deputy Programme Manager, CSE, New Delhi; officials of various State departments and various stakeholders including NGOs and Self Help Groups.

Combined security team seizes Rs. 8 cr worth drugs

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A combined team of security forces consisting of 43 Assam Rifles with DSP CDO and OC CDO of Moreh along with Moreh police seized around 11 kgs of suspected Methamphetamine from New Champai at Moreh sub division. The combined team apprehended Ch. Jamkhomang Mate (33) s/o

Jilpao Mate of Moreh Ward no.1, Moulhoi Veng, Tengnoupal district along with the drugs at around 3 pm yesterday. On a detailed examination of the bag he was carrying, 11 packets of the drug was found neatly concealed inside packets of Tea leaves. The value of confiscated drugs in the international market is approximately Rs 8 crore. It is one of the biggest

seizures of Methamphetamine along the Indo-Myanmar border town of Moreh and the major drug-busting operation shows a new trend among that international smugglers of shifting from smuggling WY tablets and Heroin powder to Methamphetamine, also known by other name such as crystal meth, ice, etc. through the use of strategic position of Moreh as a transit point to Indian market.

Protest staged at Khurai condemning bomb attack at MLA's residence

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Sit-in-protests were stage at various places of Khurai Assembly constituency condemning the Bomb blast at the residence of the Khurai Assembly Constituency's MLA. A powerful bomb exploded near

the residence of BJP legislator L. Susindro at Khurai Sajor Leikai in east Imphal yesterday. Police sources said the blast took place in the afternoon near the back side of the Legislator's residence under Porompat Police Station. No one was injured in the blast. No militant outfit has claimed

responsibility for the blast so far. A police case has been registered in connection with the incident and investigation is on. Speaking to reporters a protestor demanded immediate clarification from those responsible for the attack. Placards condemning the blast were displayed during the protest.

ISKON chariot for Rath Yatra attacked

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Unknown miscreants attacked the Rath Yatra Chariot of ISKON by trying to burn it. Portion of the Chariot was found burnt but was timely rescued by extinguishing it. Reason behind the attack could not be known.

Vendor stalls set ablaze

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Unknown miscreants set ablaze vendor stalls located at Sadhu Chiru Waterfall at around 2.30 pm. Reason behind the burning of the stalls is not yet known. Police team had taken stock of the situation.

Meetei Christian applauds Govt.

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Meetei Christian Churches Council Manipur applauded the Directorate of Minority Affairs, Govt. of Manipur for including sixteen Meetei Christian Families among the beneficiaries of Housing grant 2016-17. The Meetei Christian Churches Council Manipur appealed the govt. to continue such service for the welfare of the minority community