

World no Tobacco Day at Kangpokpi

Kangpokpi, Imphal June 1,

The District Health Society Kangpokpi district today observed the World No Tobacco Day at Model English Higher Secondary School, Saikul, Kangpokpi district with the theme "Tobacco and Lung Cancer". The function was attended by Superintendent of Police Kangpokpi Shri Hemant Pandey IPS; Dr. Kimmeng Misao CMO/ District Mission Director DHS Kangpokpi; SDO Saikul Shri Subinso Saram MCS; ZEO Kangpokpi Smt. Lhingnekim Kipgen and President Kuki Inpi Saikul Seimang Lupo as chief guest, functional president and guests of honour respectively.

Other dignitaries present in the function were Dr. J. Touthang District Immunisation Officer; Dr. Mangboi Haokip MO; Smt Neijahat Lhouvum CDPO ICDS; Demerak OC Saikul; Principal MEHSS L.L. Henjou; staffs of MEHSS and various CSOs.

Speaking on the occasion SP Hemant Pandey emphasised on the need to control the prevalence of tobacco sale as one cannot stop its production and users directly. He also assured all necessary cooperation from his department in effective implementation of NTCP in the district. SDO Subinso Saram also advised the students and



youths against using tobacco product as a trend. Giving the key note address, DR. John Lupheng highlighted the various effects of tobacco on human health and appealed to the gathering to ensure govt.

Institutions, schools and colleges are not place for harming our lungs. Functional president Dr. Kimmeng Misao emphasised on the need to prevent the harmful effects of tobacco and related products on the

human body. She also appealed to all stakeholders to give co-operation in making a health society free from tobacco. A joint pledge was also taken by the gathering not to use tobacco.

Assam Rifles Conducts Friendly Volleyball Tournament

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a friendly volleyball tournament at Yaingangpokpi Company Operation Base (COB) With an aim of strengthening the



bond and mutual trust between locals and Security Forces. Yaingangpokpi Company Operating Base organised a friendly volleyball tournament. The tournament witnessed participation of four teams from Mongleijiang, Ngarumphung and New Cannan villages of the area. The young players from the nearby villages showcased their talent and competitive spirit which was visible throughout the tournament. Each team played against the balance three in the best of three sets and the top two teams played in the final match. The final match was conducted between team of Mongleijiang village and Cannan village in which Cannan village team emerged winner of the

tournament. All the teams participating in the tournament played with great zeal and enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship during the tournament. At the end, a prize distribution ceremony was also conducted in which the winning teams were felicitated with sports equipment and T-shirts. The tournament concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees. The event provided a forum to the youth of the area for interaction with troops of Assam Rifles. The villagers and youth appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles to promote sports and ensuring healthy environment by developing good relations with the local populace.

Amur falcon radio-tagged in northeast reach breeding ground in China

Source: The Assam Tribune Imphal June 1,

The radio-tagged female Amur falcon, which returned to the Indian sub-continent in the first week of May after completing her winter sojourn covering thousands of kilometers in African countries, has reached her breeding area in northern China. Confirming this, scientist R Suresh Kumar of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) said, the migratory bird arrived at her breeding grounds in Northern China in the wee hours of Saturday (May 25). The bird covered a distance of about 120,000 km from her wintering grounds in South Africa to her breeding grounds in Northern China after passing her various roosting sites in India including NE states since she was radio-tagged three years ago.

Longleg, a female Amur falcon (Falco amurensis) named after Nagaland's district was radio-tagged in October 2016 in Nagaland by WII scientists as part of studying the flight route of these long-distance migratory birds and



environmental patterns along the route besides taking up a joint conservation effort of local communities and forest department.

The bird arrived in India in May first week after her non-stop 4-day return passage from Somalia with flying at a speed of 45 km per hour from her winter sojourn in South Africa and left northeast India on May 6 for Myanmar way to her breeding grounds, Suresh Kumar said. But the bird did not stay in Nagaland in her return journey this time.

WII scientist, who is currently monitoring the route of the migratory bird, said that this is the third time Longleg reach her breeding grounds since tagging and it

is approximately 937 days (2 years and seven months) of our continuous tracking. "She will at her steppe habitat for the next four months."

The previous two years of tracking Longleg arrived at her breeding site on May 30 in 2017 and May 20 in 2018, he added.

Two more Falcons-Tamenglong (female) and Manipur (male), were also tagged in Tamenglong district in Manipur on November 4, 2018. Unfortunately, Manipur was found dead four days later while Tamenglong has lost contact after reaching Zambia.

However the WII scientist appreciated the continuous efforts of the local communities and forest department officials both in Manipur and Nagaland for the conservation planning of Amur falcon.

The Amur falcons that spend their summers at their breeding grounds in northern China migrate to their wintering grounds in South Africa. On the way, they stop in NE states for food for their non-stop flight.

Sport News

'Jealous' Andre Russell reveals why he kept bowling bouncers at Pakistan batsmen

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Andre Russell is a proud man. If he is on the field, he will give it his all. A body battered with injuries is testament to Russell's tenacity in a year that has already witnessed him plunder 52 sixes in the IPL. But he is a fast bowler too. Fast, mind you, not medium-pace. He loathes that term. And it took him exactly 18 deliveries to reclaim that status before injury, his old friend, forced him to limp off the field feeling for his knee.

Some other day will be spent reminding bowlers how murderous he can be with the bat. But a three-over spell of one maiden and two wickets for four runs should satiate Russell's thirst for now after West Indies bagged an easy seven-wicket win against Pakistan, riding handsome returns from their fast bowlers. Oshane Thomas led the tally with four wickets but Russell landed the most telling blows.

"A lot of people have been saying that I have been coming in the team as a big hitter. A lot of people don't remember I'm a fast bowler. I think they underestimate me. I have been getting jealous in the past couple of years with people calling me a medium pacer. When my name comes on the big screen it says medium pacer. I say 'who you talking to?' I show them I can bowl 90. I think they should put some respect on my name, that medium pace should go to fast," said Russell. Fakhar Zaman will vouch for that. Shaping to pull Russell, Zaman found the ball hurrying on him and take a ricochet off his helmet grille before rolling over to dislodge the bails. Haris Sohail was next on Russell's crosshair. He breezed in to

unleash a 90m/hr short delivery that Sohail could just fend to the wicketkeeper. Job done, Russell paved way for the rest to go in for the final kill. Thomas, a fellow Jamaican who watches 'Fire in Babylon'—a documentary on the great West Indian side from the 1970s that crushed teams with their lethal fast bowling attack—for inspiration, followed in.

"Andre Russell started it and it was working so I just followed him. We mixed it up, pitched it up, went short and it worked," Thomas said. A product of Kingston's Melbourne Club that has among its alumni Michael Holding and Courtney Walsh, Thomas swooped in with big strides to make Pakistan's batsmen hop around. "I just picked up where he left off," said Thomas. Pakistan's suffering continued.

Babar Azam was given a life on 12 but Thomas dislodged him quickly with an outswinger that was lazily poked at, prompting Hope to lunge to his right to complete a fabulous catch. West Indies captain Jason Holder, who interestingly had featured in the opening credits of 'Fire in Babylon', too chipped in, removing Imad Wasim and a very reluctant Sarfaraz Ahmed, who couldn't survive wicketkeeper Shai Hope's call for a review after the umpire had adjudged the Pakistan captain had not edged the ball. Had it not been for Wahab Riaz's courage, spanking Holder for a six and a four, Pakistan couldn't have breached the hundred-run mark. And despite their fast bowling talent, this was too low a score to defend. Backed by chants of 'Amir, Amir', Mohammed Amir

gave a glimmer of hope by taking all three wickets West Indies lost in the chase. But Chris Gayle was ominous in his presence. Struggling with a back problem, Gayle opened up to cart three huge sixes and six boundaries to race to a 34-ball fifty before Amir induced a top edge to point. Only 29 required from there on, West Indies finished the chase T20 style, wrapping it up in just 82 balls.

It's been a dreadful summer so far for Pakistan. First came the thrashing at the hands of England in the ODI series. Now this, one of their worst starts to a World Cup. "If you lose the toss in these conditions, and lose wickets, it's hard to come back into the game. Have to play positive cricket here. We didn't do well as a batting unit today. We know they're going to come hard with their pace bowlers. We didn't play well against the short ball."

Ahmed's analysis was pithy. From what we have learnt watching Pakistan over the years, their first match has never shaped their destiny, especially in tournaments as big as this. Pakistan's game normally oscillates between extremes. One day they are scintillating, bristling with in-your-face energy. Another day, the same team rejects rational behavior as players start overreaching each other with their naivety. On Friday, in front of a partisan crowd heavily decked out in green, Pakistan's collective sanity took a nosedive so rapid that lunch didn't have to be served at the Trent Bridge. On their way out, the most distraught Pakistan fans kept reminding each other how the Champions Trophy in 2017 had paved out for them after the defeat to India.

Tulihal A R Saves Snake Bite Victims

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Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) provided timely treatment to two snake bite victims.

In two separate incidents, a 28 year old man of Luker, Imphal West District and a 39 year old woman of Takyel village were bitten by poisonous snakes. Both the snake bite victims were evacuated to the Unit Hospital located at Tulihal where they were readily attended by the medical team under Regimental Medical Officer and were administered necessary life saving



treatment. The locals have expressed profound gratitude and appreciation for the noble gesture and prompt response of Assam Rifles at a crucial time to save the precious lives.

Assam Rifles Conducts Anti Drug Campaign

IGAR (South) Imphal June 1,

Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted an anti-drug campaign for drug free Manipur at MaibamKonjin Social Progress Organisation Office (MKSP), Imphal West District on Yesterday.

The drug rally under the theme "UNITED WE STAND TO FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS FOR A DRUG FREE MANIPUR" was organised by MayangImphal Company Operating Base (COB) in coordination with volunteers of MaibamKonjin Social Progress Organisation (MKSP). The campaign was planned in response to the concerns expressed by villagers, parents and meirapapibis during the monthly security meet regarding apprehensions of youth of the area falling prey to the drug menace. As part of the campaign, an



interactive lecture was conducted to generate awareness about the ill effects of drugs and to guide them to lead a healthy life. The lecture gave the audience an insight about harmful effects of drugs on the human body. The lecture was followed by an anti drug peaceful procession march which started off from MaibamKonjin Social Progress

Organisation office (MKSP) and finished at Maibamcommunity hall followed by a public meeting. The procession march witnessed energetic participation by over 300 locals of the area including elders, ladies and children. The campaign was a success in educating the locals on this sensitive issue and various measures to counter the drug

menace. The event concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees. The locals expressed profound gratitude to Assam Rifles for organising such awareness campaigns from time to time and appreciated the efforts and commitment of Assam Rifles to the cause of making Manipur a drug free state.