

## CM, Ministers and BJP MLAs rush to Delhi; Central leadership likely to find a way

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Following failure to settle the differences among the BJP legislators, the central BJP

leadership is likely to interfere and find a way to solve the crisis soon. As almost all BJP legislators including Minister Th. Bishwajit and his team who were revolting for replacing N. Biren Singh from the post of Chief Minister are camping at Delhi. The Central leadership had called Speaker Yumnam Khemchand to take stock of his political narrative regarding the crisis. Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar had also rushed to New Delhi in connection with the crisis. Chief Minister convened meeting of the BJP legislators to sort out the differences day before yesterday but as not many BJP MLAs turn up the meeting could not be held.

A cabinet meeting held yesterday also saw some few Ministers absent. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Education Minister Th. Radheshyam also left Imphal for New Delhi today. Source said that the Chief Minister was summoned by the central leadership to talk about the development. The source added that this time the Chief Minister went along with all his supporters legislators. Political analyst are of the view that if the BJP Central leadership fails to resolve the crisis by sorting out the disagreement between the BJP legislators, the center may impose President Rule by putting the state assembly under animated suspension.

## Joseph Joute passes away



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Co-Editor of Hmasawnathar, a Hmar language Daily Newspaper published from Churachandpur district, Mr Joseph Joute passed away today morning at RIMS Hospital. He has been undergoing treatment at RIMS since the last few days after suffering from a chronic liver disease associated with other ailments. He was officially declared dead there at 2:15 pm today. Team Imphal Times condole the untimely demise of the Journalist Joseph Joute and share the pain and sorrow of his family.

## River cleaning to be taken up in mission mode

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New Delhi June 28,

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat today said river cleaning will be taken up in a mission mode across the country. Participating in a Cleanathon event of Namami Ganga in New Delhi this morning, Mr Shekhawat said, the rural sanitation coverage has reached 99 per cent from 39 per cent in October 2014.

He said, Similarly, the cleaning of river Ganga and its tributaries will be taken up in a mission mode. Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State for Jal Shakti Rattan Lal Kataria said, apart from Ganga, Yamuna, Kali Bhagirathi, Alaknanda and Koshi will be brought under the Cleanathon Project. He said, today the Cleanathon was carried out at 8 Ghats in Delhi.

## KCP-MC says that they have no ill feeling to the inauguration of the Sanamahi Layingthou Kiyong

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Armed rebel group KCP-MC in statement said that they have no bad feeling towards the organising committee of Layingthou Sanamahi Kiyong temple and the matter of inaugurating temple. The outfit however said that the KCP-MC was compelled to react due to the high handedness of the state leaders. It added that the Meitei society is keeping the rage for hundreds of years but the day that the inauguration of Sanamahi Layingthou Kiyong temple would inspire and give hope and trust to the people. The KCP-MC statement said that they have no bad feeling

towards the inauguration of the temple but they are not happy on why the leaders of the state who were supposed to attend the inaugural function stay away. The KCP-MC said that there were talk about some people forcing to stay off from the function due to Gao Rakshak. Unfortunately, on the night of the inaugural function the two leaders who were supposed to inaugurate the temple were found enjoying dinner with an outsider. The Communist party stands truly and firmly against the feudalism. The State government who is adopted by the RSS party would not be our culture head. KCP-MC would not be heated if they had already announced for not attending the function.

## 10th Dr. Thingam Kishan Memorial Lecture held

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The 10th Dr. Thingam Kishan Memorial Lecture organised by Dr. Thingam Kishan Foundation was held today at Imphal Public Library, Uripok Sorbon Thingel. Delivering the lecture on Human Trafficked survivors their experience in North East India Prof Ajaliu Niumat of Centre for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad highlighted that the trusting parents mostly from the hill areas of Manipur easily tempted by the trafficking agents by their false promise of assuring their education and jobs in the metropolitan cities.

She added that they were easily trap because of the vulnerability as they were facing with poverty. Regarding her studies with the introducer to the agents of traffickers she said that neighbors and friends were the primary introducer believing in the false promise and assurance of jobs and education. Ajaliu said that the pattern of trafficking has changed with times and different in various places. Highlighting the things which hampers in doing research studies regarding human trafficking in the state she said that there is a huge scarcity of secondary data except for few newspaper clippings, the availability of literature seems to be zero for the state.

Clearing the concept of human trafficking where many people believed that human trafficking only dealt with sexual exploitation Ajaliu highlighted the definition given by UN stating that Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation of persons for the sole purpose of exploitation. Recalling the days where her inspiration for doing research



studies on human trafficking she said that the experience she had on the summer of 2008 where a woman's younger sister and friends daughter had been employed by a recruiting agent to work as maid in Singapore. She added that Assam and Manipur were the source and transit points of human trafficking and Guwahati being the gateway of North East India for being trafficked to the metropolitan cities. She narrowed down the state of Manipur, Assam and Meghalaya in doing her research.

She further said that the case of human trafficking in Meghalaya decrease because of the strict implementation of immoral human trafficking act and POCSO act. She also added that Manipur doesn't have the case of trafficking as the people of the state have strong community feelings. Highlighting the character of the departed Dr Thingam Kishan, Ajaliu said that Dr Kishan was a statesman who stands for truth and for the marginalised people. Filmmaker Bobo Khurajam in his introductory speech said that not only in academic spheres the Memorial Lecture was organised to spread the

ideas about the lectures to the masses. He said that the DTKF tries to touch the issues of film, sports, theatre and many more not only focusing in the political issues. He congratulated the well wishers who help to organise the memorial lectures for the 10 times without any gaps. Meanwhile floral tributes were also paid to Dr Thingam Kishan. The Memorial Lecture was chaired by Board Member of Child welfare Selection Committee N. Jeevanamma. N Jeevanamma highlighted the needs to care for the victims

though many focus primarily on punishing the culprits. Member of Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights Ahanthem Montu also delivered on the Lecture during the occasion. Dr Thingam Kishan Foundation was established with a concern to bring about social, cultural, legal, economic advancement of the society. DTKF engage and work on various spheres mainly with regard to the field of knowledge, research, social and economic justice, and empowerment of the underprivileged.

## Missing minor girl rescued

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Three minor girls of Luwangsangbam area who were reported missing since early morning today have been rescued by a team of Pallel Police. As per report

the three girls – all minors went for morning walk and did not return. As per source they were taken till Thoubal by some person and left their to proceed till Pallel. Reason behind their journey could not be ascertained.

## District Level Workshop on Propagation & Utilization of Bamboo



IT News  
Thoubal, June 28,

The Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal Forest Division organised a two days District Level Workshop on Propagation & Utilization of Bamboo begins under the National Bamboo Mission at FDA hall DFO Thoubal today. L. Devala Devi IFS DFO Thoubal, H. Priyokumar Singh Manager (Trg) CBTC, Pulak Kumar Manadad Asst. Manager (Trg) CBTC and Dr. T.C. Bhuyana Retd. Scientist Spoke on the topic "Bamboo Propagation, Nursery Raising & Commercial Plantation & Management". The workshop was also attended by officials and staffs of Thoubal Forest, experts, artisans from different villages respectively.

During the workshop, resource persons H. Priyokumar Singh Manager (Trg) CBTC spoke on the topic - "Utilization of Bamboo, Various Treatment and Preservation", Pulak Kumar Manadad Asst. Manager (Trg) CBTC spoke on "Primary Processing of Bamboo at Village Level" and Dr. T.C. Bhuyana Retd. Scientist Spoke on the topic "Bamboo Propagation, Nursery Raising & Commercial Plantation & Management". The workshop was also attended by officials and staffs of Thoubal Forest, experts, artisans from different villages among others.

## Ashok Veilou's look at the Sky wins best short film in 12th idsffk 2019

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The 30 minute long Poulah film- Look at the Sky directed and written by Ashok Veilou won the Best Film in Short Film category of the recently concluded 12th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala 2019 held from 21 to 26 June at Thiruvananthapuram. The festival, which had over the years evolved into the key platform for non-fiction filmmaking in the country, was organised by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy as a part of its endeavour to catalyse a vibrant documentary and short film movement. The film made in Paulah dialect spoken by Poumai tribe in



Senapati District was among 19 films selected for the competition section of the category. The citation read, "A subtle, gentle but emphatic portrayal of political dissent that is also of great anthropological value in the way it documents the life of the indigenous community, its

culture, beliefs and philosophies". The film narrates about a man outcast by his village for not supporting the village candidate in the election. He shows courage and fights for his right. The film features Ngoale Hepunii of Koide village in Senapati district in the lead role. The wife is played Angela Pou and the two sons by Sousei Veipou and Thole Rahavei. Hai is a 40-year-old villager with a wife and two sons. He lives in remote Purl village in the state of Manipur in India's northeast. His family is outcast by the villagers for not supporting the popular candidate during the election. Despite all odds, Hai fights for his individual right - the right to vote and elect his representatives. Hai's family

undergoes a series of emotional, spiritual and physical tortures from the villagers. Yet, unashamed and ambitious Hai fights for dignity. He defiantly displays inner truth and courage by saying 'no', loudly and proudly, to the villagers. Hai and family at the end faces crushing experience of absolute powerlessness when the whole menfolk's of the village perform social curse upon the family. The mass whooping is followed by shouts "Whoever does not follow the village ways, let them die before the year ends". The film ends with the grandpa giving blessing to Hai's sons "Cross over many rivers and mountains; Overcome all evils and troubles; May your live for the greater purpose of humanity". (Contd on page 3)