

CM meets Thang-Ta gurus, representatives of different bodies; Assures annual martial arts meet from this year

**DIPR
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In an effort to popularise Manipuri martial arts (Hueiyen Lallong and Thang-Ta), Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has announced that the Chief Minister's Annual Indigenous Martial Arts Meet (*Meihourlogi Thang-Ta Amadi Hueiyen Lallong Changdamnaba*) will be organised as a calendar event of the State Government from this year onwards. He informed that required fund for the said meet would be earmarked in the State budget. He made the announcement during a review meeting cum interaction session with

Thang-Ta Gurus and representatives of different indigenous martial arts bodies of the State at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. During the meeting, N. Biren Singh directed the officials concerned to form a committee with Commissioner (YAS) as the chairperson to identify the requirements of different martial arts institutes/schools of the State. All the active institutes/schools must be registered with the State Government, the Chief Minister said while adding that the committee would also record the number of students and trainers. Representatives from selected Thang-Ta bodies and high ranking

officials from the Finance, Art and Culture, Education-S and Planning Departments would be members of the committee. The Chief Minister further said that the committee would submit its report/findings by June 20, 2019 apart from suggesting a tentative date for this year's indigenous martial arts meet. During the meeting, Shri N. Biren Singh also shared his thought of building up a healthy society and also to inculcate discipline into the mind of youth and children through Manipuri martial arts, which is undoubtedly identifying the State to the world. N. Biren Singh also urged different Thang-Ta

associations to shun all the differences and come together under a single leadership or an apex body. He also appealed to all concerned to join hand in this concerted effort to promote and preserve Manipuri martial arts. Manipur Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker K. Robindro, Yaikul AC MLA Th. Satyabrata, Principal Secretary (Finance) Rakesh Ranjan, Commissioner (YAS) Bobby Waikhom, Commissioner (Planning) Sumant Singh, Director (YAS) Armstrong Pame, Education-S Director Th. Kirankumar and Art and Culture Director A. Shivadas also attended the meeting.

Five run-away cadres of three rebel group arrested



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Five cadres of three different rebel groups were arrested by Assam Rifles troopers of the Singnat battalion, while trying to enter at Indian side from Myanmar. A source from the Assam Rifles said that the five rebels were arrested during a 3 day long operation conducted by the Singnat Battalion under the aegis of Churachandpur Sector. According to the Assam Rifle source the arrested rebels belong to UNLF, PREPAK (RA) and PREPAK. It added that they were run-away rebel

from their camps in Myanmar and were illegally crossing the India-Myanmar Border. Those arrested are between the age group of 19 to 35 years and have had basic training in their camps across the border. Poor living conditions, extremely low salaries and the constant danger looming over their head prompted them to escape from these camps, the source said. Post questioning and ascertaining their identity the insurgents were handed over to the Police. The Assam Rifles source added that the arrest of five hardcore insurgents without

any collateral damage proves the highest levels of training of Assam Rifles and the security forces and speaks volumes about the bravery of our men in uniform. It has not only thwarted the nefarious intentions of these Insurgent groups and proved and re established the writ of the government in the remote parts of the state bordering the Indo Myanmar Border but is also a sound indicator of transition to normalcy and the same will go a long way in maintaining peace and tranquility in Manipur and North East as a whole, which is the aim of Assam Rifles, the Assam Rifles source said.

Theatre training course

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An annual one month long theatre training course organised jointly by theatre mirror and Manipur state Sumang Leela Council will commence from June 9. Speaking to reporters at Iboyauma Sumang Leela Sanglen Padmashree Awardee and Project Director Naba Wareppa said that the month long theatre training program was a continuous process. And this year falls silver jubilee celebration. Naba added that art form like Dance, Music, Martial Arts, Filmic Arts, Theatre, Sumang Leela and Khongiom Parva will be elaborated in the training course.

Research scholars of MU locked rooms of Dean, Registrar and Dy. Registrar over non-disbursal of Non-NET Fellowship

**IT News
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2017 batch research Scholars of the Manipur University today locked the rooms of

Dean of Students' Welfare, Registrar and Deputy Registrar (Academic) in protest against the non disbursal of the non NET Fellowships awards to the

scholars at around 2 pm. The fellowships were instituted to be granted to all the research scholars i.e. those enrolled in M.Phil and Ph.D courses at the Central Universities across the country. But, at Manipur University the scholars are being denied the fellowship, the amount for which has not been released since 2017. However there was no report of any talk being held between the University authority and the agitating students. Report said that the DEAN, Registrar and Deputy Registrar have approach to the Administrator and was consulting over the matter. (Page 3- NEFIS Condemn non disbursal of non NET fellowship)

Manipuri players doing well in Natl. Chess Championship

**IT News
Imphal, June 3,**
A day after Manipur's young talent opened medal account in the ongoing 33rd National Under 7 Open & Girls' Chess Championship, at New Town Hall School Kolkata, Manipur's players is going ahead by scoring more points from their respective opponent. Report reaching here said that

Lemba Sougajam has scored 2.5 points and Reagan Thoudam with one point at the end of sixth round. On the other side, at the end of 5 round Thokchom Preeti score 2 points, Nongthombam Anjelena with 1 point, Ngairangbam Lanthenba with 1 point tallied to the point account for Manipur State. 6 round game is going on for the later three players.

Training prog. on first aid held

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A one day training program on "The importance of First Aid" was conducted with the employees of GR Infra Projects Ltd. Khangshim village, Kakching Lamkhai. Athokpam Rightkumari Devi, Principal, saina Institute of Medical sciences school of

Nursing, Chinikon and Khaidem Miranda, Tutor, saina Institute of Medical sciences school of Nursing, chinikon attended as resources person of the training programme. First Aid on snake bite, Heart Attack, Burns, stretcher making and General Idea on First Aid where the key points of the training program.

The training programme was organized in collaboration with Athokpam Rightkumari Devi, Principal, Saina Institute of Medical sciences school of Nursing, Shiv shen, Manager, Safety Department and Ashish Rabi Das, Manager HR of GR Infra projects. Ltd. under the supervision of Anjani Kumar choubey, project Manager, GR Infra projects. Ltd.

Awareness campaign against drug abused organised by CADA

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As a part of awareness campaign against drug abused organised by Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA), a public meeting was organised at Kodompokpi Mamang Leikai, Imphal West at 2 pm on 2/6/2019.

Hijam Priyokumar, President, CADA, Toijam Nupimacha - Member, Yaipha Ehou Women Association, Kodompokpi Mamang Leikai, Oinam Chaoba - President, Senior Club, Kodompokpi Mamang Leikai amang Konthoujam (o) Radhe - President, CADA Imphal West District presided the meeting. Geetchandra Mangang - Secretary General, CADA attended the program as the resource person. Geetchandra Mangang said that substance abusers, particularly heroin, were earlier mainly those who belong to the rich families. However, we see another trend these days. Use of narcotic has spread in both youths of Imphal mayol and outskirts; both in rich and poor families and drug abuse



is constantly increasing in youths who will be the pillars of the society. Earlier only men used to drink alcohol, these days' women are also drinking alcohol and lots of unwanted incidents are happening due to these issues, Geetchandra Mangang added. The impact of narcotics is not just limited to people who consume it but also to entire society directly and indirectly. Presidium Member Oinam Chaoba who is also the President, Senior Club, Kodompokpi said the ban of alcohol will be more fruitful if the ban is not limited to those who drink and sell also imposed on those who are manufacturing alcohol.

Furthermore, the government should honestly make efforts to curb the menace of drugs and alcohol in this society. Hijam Priyokumar said that if the government can curb the activities of the insurgents, they can definitely combat this matter. Everyone knows that at some places heroin no. 4 is manufactured but no government agencies has done anything on this matter. Other presidium members added the need to fight the menace of drugs and alcohol for a better society and honest participation of the government in this endeavour. They also sought the participation of people in this campaign done for the society.

Ningols of Heirok launched poster campaign to save Heirok and Wangjing Rivers



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With a mission to conserve and protect the Heirok and Wangjing River, Ningol Club Heirok of Thoubal district today launched a poster campaign under the theme 'Protection and conservation of Heirok and Wangjing River. The launching function of the poster campaign held at Heirok Champra Thong in Thoubal district was attended by Debala Leiphrakpam, Divisional Forest Officer,

Khundongbam Sophia, Secretary Ningol Club Heirok, Mayanglangbam Diana, Women Co-ordinator, Human Initiative Manipur, Delhi Unit, Ashakiran International Model, Rabi Takhellambam, President Wild Life & Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) and Dipanjit Ningthoujam, Vice President, Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) as dignitaries on the dais. Applauding the initiative taken up by the one and only women club "Ningol Club

Heirok' to conserve and preserve the sanctity of the Rivers, DFO Thoubal Dabala Leiphrakpam said that the kind of initiative by the one and only womens' club in the district to protect rivers is the first of its kind. "Among the most polluted rivers in India 9 rivers are in the state of Manipur and of the nine Heirok and Wangjing River is included as per report of the National Green Tribunal" Debala said adding that the pollution level of the rivers of Manipur are very

high that there is a fear of water born epidemic likely to spread. She said, It is right time that the Ningols of Heirok comes out and take up the initiative to protect and conserve the river. The DFO also stressed on the need to spread awareness among the people about the consequences that are likely to be faced by the people of the state particularly those residing in the bank of the river. She said that people of the state should know that the cause for the dying of the river is the mass deforestation that has been taking place in the river encasement areas and the high level pollution in the river is the fall out of the people. "Knowingly or unknowingly, people throw plastic waste and garbage in the river and the river get polluted" Debala said. She appealed to stop deforestation as well as throwing plastic waste and garbage in the River.