



PM reiterates his commitment for a cleaner planet

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The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has reiterated the commitment for a cleaner planet on World Environment Day. "Our Planet and Environment is something we all cherish greatly. Today on World Environment Day, we reiterate our commitment to ensure a cleaner planet. Living in harmony with nature will lead to a better future", the Prime Minister said.

Green Manipur campaign soon

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the State Government will launch a campaign known as 'Green Manipur, Clean Manipur' with a solemn objective to protect environment and combat climate change soon. A Cabinet decision in this regard would be taken at the earliest, he added. (Details on Page 4)

IMA plants sapling

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The Indian Medical Association, Manipur State Branch observed World Environment Day 2019 by organizing a tree plantation programme in and around IMA House, Lamphelpat.

A statement said that a total of around 100 numbers of fruit bearing and decorative trees were planted on this occasion under the leadership of the newly elected MP of Manipur Dr. R. K. Ranjan and President and State secretary of IMA-MSB Dr. Shyam Kumar Laishram, Dr. Nelson Loitongbam along with active IMA members took part in this occasion.

MP R.K. Ranjan stressed that IMA should ensure the survival of today's plantations and that he will personally monitor the growth of the plants that was planted today. IMA-MSB also assured the Hon'ble MP that all due care would be taken by the organization to sustain the trees planted today.

Crisis over leadership in BJP led govt. looms

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Political theatre in the N Biren Singh led Government is landing in serious crisis after the reality of the crisis among the BJPians over the race for leadership comes up at public space.

The announcement by the Chief Minister for reshuffling of the Ministry within this month and simultaneous reaction to some of his cabinet Ministers, at which he stated that "they will get the result for what they did and I will get the fruit for what I did" sparks anger to some BJP high profile leaders.

Source said that N. Biren Singh is trying to reach out the Central leadership over the new development. The Chief Minister also called on the Governor, Dr. Najma Heptulla at around 7.30 pm yesterday. The purpose of

the meeting is stated to be a courtesy call in connection with the Id-Ul -Fitre, but source said that the Chief Minister might have been consulting with the governor for the reshuffle of his Ministry.

Post Lok Sabha Election saw major shifts in the state political theatre and the rumours about reshuffling and dropping of Ministers from coalition NPP partners emerges. But source added that not all the four of the NPP will be dropped out. Crisis between BJP leaderships too comes up in the public space.

Whether there will be dissidents against the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh or not is a matter need to be watched, but for sure there will be protest from the Ministerial colleague over the allotment of portfolio if the Ministry reshuffled.

Kangla Fort Board renamed as Kangla Board

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Kangla Fort Board has been renamed today as the Kangla Board. The decision to rename the Board as Kangla Board was taken during a review meeting held today at Kangla which was chaired by the Chief Minister.

After of the meeting the Chief Minister inspected the developmental works being taken up inside the kangla. The meeting discussed the

details about the construction of 'Nongpok Thong' of Kangla among others.

In his facebook post the Chief Minister wrote - " Chaired a meeting of the kangla Fort Board at the Kangla and inspected developmental works-in-progress inside the kangla. Discussed in detail on the constructions of a 'Nongpok Thong' of the Kangla and other issues. The Board has also approved to rename the 'Kangla Fort Board' as the 'Kangla Board'.

2 bombs found at two different places in Imphal East

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Amidst claimed by the state government on the improvement of the law and order situation in the state, two bombs - (Chinese hand grenade pack with nails in tin can of Zarda wrapped by black tape) were placed at two different places in Imphal east district.

As per report reaching here, the first bomb was recovered from Khurai Thoudam Leikai at a residence of a contractor identified as Yumkham Dinesh, located near NRL Pump, while the second was recovered from Bishop House at Mantripukhri, Lamlongei, as per police source.



The report further said that both the bombs were first suspected to be IEDs as they were placed inside a tin can wrapped by black tape with wires and nails. The two were almost similar and police source said that those would have been placed by a same party or individuals. It further added, the bombs which were recovered from the front gates of both the places were safely detonated today morning at around 9 am.

As of now , no party has so far claimed responsibility.

'No other project except National Sport University at 44- Yaithibi Loukol'

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Land Donors Association of 44- Yaithibi Loukol staged a torch rally from Langthabal Khunou to Lousi khongjao, Imphal Moreh Road, yesterday evening in protest against the proposal for establishment of Fruit park instead of the National Sports University.

The protestors strongly opposed the proposal saying that "No Other Project Except National Sport University At 44- Yaithibi Loukol".

In a press statement the protestors said that the locals

of the area has consented in giving up their farming lands in consideration of welfare and progress in the future when the state government had proposed to construct a National Sports University. Now, the Sports University has been constructed elsewhere. The people of the 44- Yaithibi Loukol now demanded the State government to return their farming lands as soon as possible.

"If the government didn't listen the voice of the 44- Yaithibi Loukol various kinds of agitation will be launched", the statement said.

KSO's general Strike from today midnight

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State wide general strike called by Kuki Students Organisation (KSO) Gunpi block, over the arrest of its 10 executives members in connection with the arson of the St. Joseph School, Sugnu on April 25 this year, is set to begin from today's midnight.

The student body took the decision in its meeting of Central Executive Council of KSO which comprises of all the district branches of KSO in Manipur, held in the state capital Imphal on June 4 where it also unanimously resolved to demand the unconditional release of the ten executives of KSO Gunpi

Block who are allegedly held under judicial custody. The Kuki Students Organisation (KSO) Central Executive Council (CEC) meeting also declared that it cannot condone the continued detention of the KSO Gunpi Block executives who were accused of arson of St. Joseph School, Sugnu on the fateful night of April 25.

The KSO Tengnoupal Block appealed all concern public and vehicular owners to extend full cooperation so as to avoid any untoward incidents and troubles. And also warned that any one defying the said bandh will be at his/her own risk, the KSO Tengnoupal Block will not be held responsible.

ATRPFM lauds govt. for creation of Pension cell for ADC employees

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All tribal Rights Protection Forum Manipur (ATRPFM) has lauded that present BJP led government both at center and the state for creating a pension cell in the Directorate of Tribal Affairs and Hills for ADC Employees stating that such a cell will give a great relief for thousands of ADC Employees, both tribe and non-tribe.

A statement of the ATRPFM said that creation of the pension cell in the Directorate of Tribal Affairs and Hills for ADC Employees has been published in Manipur Gazette vide No. 15/04/2016-HILLS(PT) vide Office Memorandum dated 02.02.2019 read with Notification dated 02.02.2018. The statement said that the Governor of Manipur had framed Rules under Section 51(2)(vi) of the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Council Act, 1971, for giving service pension in respect of ADC employees and a notification has been issued by the Commissioner (Hills), Government of Manipur to that effect vide Notification dated 18.07.1991, bearing No. CHA/79/83-Pt. which was published in Manipur Gazette on the 18th day of July, 1991.

The said Rules shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of July, 1991. However, the State government could not implement the same.

Again, the same Rules was notified by the Principal Secretary to the Government of Manipur on 29th August, 2006 which was deemed to have come into force on the 28th of February, 2006, vide Notification No. CHA/79/83-Pt. But State Government is reluctant to implement the said Rules in spite of repeated approach and requests by ex-employees, employees and civil organisations(ATRPFM). The Governor of Manipur further amended the 'Scheme

for Payment of Pensions to the Employees of District Councils of Autonomous Districts of Manipur issued under Notification of even number dated 22/08/2006. A Notification dated 8th January, 2007 to that effect was issued by Commissioner (Finance), Government of Manipur and published in the Manipur Gazette on 30th January, 2007.

It is clearly mentioned at Item No. 1.7 under Para 2 of the said Notification that the Government has decided to provide fund under Demand No. 14 - Development of Tribal and Scheduled Castes to meet the expenditure on account of payment of pension/family pension, gratuity, other retirement benefits, etc. as per the Manipur Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1977 to the District Council officials and staffs. The scheme would take effect from 28/02/2006 as per the Notification.

Manipur creates record on World Environment Day: Over 50,000 saplings planted in 950 schools and 80 colleges in 1 hour

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It was a record breaking initiative and the Education Minister Th. Radheshyam has done it. Over 50,000 saplings were planted in just one hour time at 950 schools and 80 colleges to mark the World Environment Day celebration on Wednesday.

The initiative taken up by the Education department with the Forest Department and All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) not only aims in planting of trees but also monitoring the survival of these trees that are planted.

Speaking at the inauguration of the campaign of Mass Tree Plantation programme at S. K. Ideal High School, Konthoujam, Education Minister Radheshyam stated that on the World Environment Day planting a tree sapling is very easy but making it survive, grow and attain its maturity is a big challenge. He said that the Education



Department in collaboration with the Forest Department and All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) is all set to take up the big challenge of planting more than 50,000 saplings, and monitoring for the survival and growth of these trees.

Th. Radheshyam explained that every sapling being planted today has a name tag of the student, teacher and staff which indicates that these individuals are in charge of the trees planted. The teachers and students are the owners of the tree saplings

and it is their responsibility to nurture the plants to make it survive and grow until it attains its maturity. He highlighted that the target to plant more than 50,000 saplings was carried out in and around the educational institutions throughout the State.

With the students as the taskforce to care for the saplings planted, Th. Radheshyam said that it is the need of hour that the students become a part of the positive change that is needed for the environment. He said that afforestation and preservation of the forest are two important things to be followed in order to safeguard the environment and planting more trees is the best way to be followed. He also expressed his delight for the guardians and elders of the students also took part in the campaign. He opined that involvement of people from all walks of life is a must for the society to advance.

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