

## Dr. Heptulla lauds the nurses of Manipur; says they are highly demanded outside the state

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"I feel proud of the fact that nurses of Manipur are very popular for their mild mannered and behavior and skill", Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur lauded the nurses of Manipur while speaking on the International Nurses Day observance at Jubilee Hall, RIMS here in Imphal. This year's theme for the International Nurses Day is "Nurses: A voice to lead - Health for all". The train Nurses Association of India

has been observing the day commemorating the service of the Florence Nightingale popularly known as 'the lady with a lamp', to mark her birth anniversary on every May 12. Train Nurses Association of India Manipur state branch observed the day today to remember the day. Dr. Najma Heptulla, who attended as the chief guest of the observance said that nurses from the state are very much in demand in other state and even abroad. The governor also expressed acknowledgment to the present state of health care

service which needed to be improved. "The service delivery role of nurse practitioners in primary healthcare has not improved as much as many originally envisage", Dr. Heptulla said and added that the reason for that were many and for that the government is making serious efforts to address them. She however said that improving the health service with greater numbers of more widely qualified nurses is not the whole answer. To focus properly on safe, quality care and spend the maximum time

caring for patients, rather than messaging keyboards and endless paperwork, she said and added that better service can be provided to the patients with a stronger emphasis on quality and improving patient contact time. On the occasion rich tribute was paid to the Florence Nightingale. The observance was also attended by Vumlunmang Vualnam, Principal Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Dr. K. Rajo Singh, Director (Health & Family Welfare) and Dr. A. Shanta, Director RIMS as dignitaries on the dais.

## Campaigning reaches its peak for last phase of Lok Sabha elections

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Campaigning has reached its peak for the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections. 59 constituencies spread over 7 states and one union territory will go to polls in this phase on Sunday. Star campaigners of various political parties are holding multiple rallies in different parts of the country to woo the voters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address rallies at Mau, Chandauli and Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh and Mathurapur and Dum Dum in West Bengal today. BJP President Amit Shah will address a rally at Maharajganj and will hold a roadshow at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. Congress President Rahul Gandhi will campaign in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh and Patna in Bihar.

## Kumbi BJYM president threatened by State Veterinary dept. staffs



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Staff of the state veterinary department allegedly threatens the president of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Kumbi Branch for complaining about the death of nearly 12 cattle in Wangoo area following the spread of an unknown disease. Speaking to media person Sh. Bangkimchandra, President of the BJYM, Kumbi Assembly Constituency said that his attempt to meet the Joint Director of the State

veterinary department was foil by a staff of the department for around five times saying that he was not in the office. He said that one Filed Assistant identified as Biren called him to meet the Joint Director. But when he went to meet him the said person threaten of dire consequences if he did not say that no cattle are dead due to epidemic in the area. Bangkimchandra however said that he stand by his word as there had been cases where around 12 cattle are died due to a mysterious disease at Wangoo area of Kumbi Assembly

constituency. He further said that he can prove that there are cases of cattle being died of the mysterious disease. The BJYM President while demanding an enquiry on the incident urged the Veterinary Minister to head the enquiry committee as he and the villagers have lost faith in the department authority. He also stated that the veterinary offices located at Terakhong, Borayangi and Wangoo are not functioning. "We can show the prove that these veterinary offices are not functioning properly.

## Staffs of Catholic schools refutes allegation of molestation to the Principal by KCP-MC

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Teaching and the non-teaching staff of the Catholic School Canchipur today denied the allegation leveled by an armed group KCP-MC against the school Principal. A meeting held today discussed the allegation leveled against the school principal today afternoon at

the school premises. On the allegation, a statement released by the Teaching and the non-teaching staff of the Catholic School Canchipur after the meeting today evening appealed to the outfit that to the knowledge if the staffs that the school has received no complaints about the molestation charge so far. And about the school

admission policy, each school under Catholic Educational Society is independent in the decision making, there is no question of handling the admission of other schools. We acknowledge our sincere and honest appeal to the outfit that the allegation is false. If the allegation is true, let there be a proper procedure for the establishment of justice.

## Name Change

I, Alice Kanghujam of Grace Colony, Tarung, P.O.Lamphei, P.S. Imphal West District, Manipur, declare here that my parents name, 'Kanghujam Rajamohon Meetei' (Father) and 'Kanghujam Geetarani Devi' (Mother) are changed to Kanghujam Rajamohon and Kanghujam Geetarani as all my academic documents bear the correct names. So, hereafter, my new passport and documents will bear the correct names of my parents 'Kanghujam Rajamohon' and 'Kanghujam Geetarani'.

Sd/-  
Alice Kanghujam

## 'School PHAGATHANSHI' campaign only at initial stage; criticism to it is more like killing the baby before birth says Edn. Minister

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Education Minister Th. Radheshyam today break silence to the criticism by students bodies on the state government ambitious mission "Go to School". "School Phagathansi" which literally means lets improve School campaign is an initiative taken up for improvement of the schools by the government and it is in the initial stage, said the education Minister in a press conference held at his office Chamber today afternoon. Radheshyam was responding to allegations and claims by students' bodies which questioned the credential of the Go to school mission. The Education Minister while responding to the students' body DESAM which they called the "Go to School" a name shake mission said, "There is no mission in the name of "Go to School". DESAM had grilled the state of the government schools and after finding government failure to fill the needs of the

school had came down heavily to the authority of the school education department. Th. Radheshyam, however said that there is a campaign called "School Phagathansi" and not "Go to School". And the mission to improve the condition of the school is at initial stage.

"Criticism to a mission which is at initial stage is no different from killing a baby before giving birth, the angry Minister said while adding that it will still take time to make a change in the school education sector. He said that the campaign started by selecting 60 schools from every constituency to upgrade it to a certain level. He added that they have taken as a holistic approach to reinforce the school by upgrading lab, furniture, lack of teachers and many more.

Radheshyam further said that as different schools have its own unique problem and they focus on finding solution for the problems in a unique way. Highlighting various improvements in the

educational sector Radheshyam said that the pass percentage for government schools has been increasing in recent years. He added that the pass percentage of class 12 for government schools increased from 51% to 62% this year. He further said that the enrolment in government schools has increased drastically this year. "We can't focus on all 2000 government schools at one time", Radheshyam added.

He said that everyone from all spheres should work together with the intention to bring quality education so as to bring qualitative change in government schools similar to the private ones. The Education Minister appealed the student body not to repeat such acts which will demoralize the students defying all the government efforts but sought suggestion to the respective departments and the concerned ministers. He assured that the people of the state will surely see the change the people expected.

## 80 % of mental disorder patients do not consult doctors

By- Chingkhel Luwang  
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Just 20 percent of the total mentally disorder patients consult doctors for treatment of their illness while the rest fails to meet the doctors for their own treatment. Highlighting the reasons for the patient in their failure to attend to medical experts, HOD of psychiatry dept. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Dr Lenin told to Imphal Times reporter that four main causes hindered the treatment of mentally disorder patients. He stressed that one of the main reasons is ignorance and doesn't have the appropriate knowledge about it. He further said that superstitious belief also hinder in consultations with the doctors and also with the lack of facilities people fail to consult them. He added that lack of affordability was also a reason behind where he highlighted that as mentally disorder patients need man power as well as money people can't afford it.

According to national health mission survey the percentage of mentally disorder patients of Manipur with lifetime prevalence is 19.9% which is much higher than the national average which is only 13.9%. And the percentage of the current prevalence where the surveyors found out about mentally disorder patients in the past one month for the

state is 13.9% which is also again higher as compared to the national average which is 10.5%.

"People considered that mental disorder only affects and disrupt the mental condition of the person but it can affect other parts of the body highlighting symptoms of back pain, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, constipation, and diarrhea which is the symptoms of Somatoform disorder", added Dr. Lenin. Highlighting the frequency and changing pattern of patients Dr. Lenin said to Imphal Times Reporter that as more people became aware of mental disorder around 150 patients came to doctors per day on an average which is very quite different with the earlier days as 20 was the maximum no of patients that came to seek doctors help. He added that even students in school uniform came to consult psychiatric doctors nowadays revealing their identities removing the previous stigma of consulting psychiatric doctors where they considered as a bramsick in the past days.

"Mental disorder treatment needs a prolonged treatment but unfortunately people thought of treating it as a short term. After seeing some improvements patient neglected to see the doctors again which than started to see the symptoms of the same old sickness. Thus

creating a misled idea that mental disorders can't be treated", Dr. Lenin stated. He further clarified that satisfactory improvement for the patients can be seen. He added that many of the patients can still go to work and have a normal life even having a family too. He also said that various positive steps has been taken up in recent years. Nowadays NGOs and CVOs has also focus primarily on mental health, he added.

Efforts were taken up by government as well as NGOs like 'Share and Care' for promoting positive mental health and treatment of mentally disordered patients. Under National mental health program which was established in 1982 various efforts have been taken up to make aware about the mental health and the treatment of it. Highlighting various needs for psychiatry department Dr Lenin said that as the number of patients increased there arises the need for the increased of staffs and facilities. He also added that a state mental hospital is a must for every state and unfortunately there isn't any mental hospital for Manipur. He appealed to all the people to not hinder in consulting psychiatric doctors by stigma considering mental health disorders is more like a harebrained.

## New Vespa /Aprilia outlet opens at Thoubal Okram

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A new outlet of Sales Service and Spare part outlet of Vespa /Aprilia was opened under the proprietorship of Okram Shymananda Singh at Thoubal Okram. The outlet

was inaugurated by Soubam Deepu Singh, General Manager of Piaggio 2 wheeler Main Dealer Imphal with a team from HDFC two wheeler Loan. This is the fourth outlet of Vespa /Aprilia after CC.Pur Sangaiprou and Kakching with increasing Customer,s

demand and need, it is very much required to open many outlets at various place and Thoubal is the most awaited place to open. The outlet aims to minimize the servicing issue of Thoubal customers said Soubam Deepu Singh, General Manager of Piaggio Main

Dealer Imphal who is also present at the event. The New outlet is offering the loan Facility at lowest interest rate and easy documentation. Thoubal customers can get Vespa /Aprilia on loan instantly and also get their servicing done without any hassle.