



Bodies of the remaining two drowned at Mapithel Dam water Storage lake found; Manipur witness thousands heroes at Ramrei accident

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There is no reason to be happy, but a sign of relief was notice to the people of the state as team on rescue mission at Ramrei area of Mapithel Dam Storage lake finally found the remaining 2 missing bodies of Saggapam Romen (31) and Ningthoujam Rina (20).

The body of Saggapam Rajiv (36), was recovered at around 3 pm yesterday from the lake by a villager of Ramrei.

The ill fated 3 persons –

Awareness Programme on Drugs and Alcohol

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As part of its ongoing campaign to eradicate intoxicating substances, Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) organises awareness programme on drugs and alcohol at Ikop Ningthou Laibung, Wangbal Mayai Leikai, Thoubal District, in a collaboration with Wangbal Women Development Association, Social Development Club, Wangbal Mayai Leikai, Social Welfare Club, Wangbal Maning Leikai and CADA Thoubal District Committee on 'May Day' afternoon.

CRPF weightlifting and wrestling tournament concludes

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Brig. S.K. Sharma, DIGP Range Imphal inaugurated the Inter Gc/Bn(Ops) CRPF weightlifting and wrestling tournament organized by 109 BnCRPF under the aegis of IGP, M&N Sector CRPF at Kumanlampak Indoor Stadium yesterday. Nine teams drawn from 32, 69, 86, 78, 87, 109, 143, 173 Bns & Group Centre CRPF participated. Speaking on the occasion Brig. S.K. Sharma, exhorted the players to play the game in the spirit of the game and such tournaments not only build up team spirit of corps but also make one fit and healthy. The closing ceremony and prize distribution function was also graced by Brig. S.K. Sharma.



Dead body being recovered



A team among the thousands heroes

among whom two are brothers drowned in the artificial lake on April 28, around p.m after the boat they were enjoying picnic ride turned upside down after a deadly cyclonic storm hit the boat. Some of the persons on the same boats were rescued but the 3 bodies went missing since then. Hectic efforts to search the dead bodies were on since the day.

For the first time the state government too took special effort by sending the rescue

team from the state fire service department and the National Disaster Response Force soon after receiving the news. As the search failed to find the missing persons, the state government even invite the Indian Navy team to help in finding the dead bodies. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh was perhaps the first to visit the spot to take stock of the situation. He even indicated to ban the unauthorised boat from tourist spot like

Chadong/Ramrei, Loktak, Sinda Dam and Khuga Dam. What is more interesting is the concern of almost all the people to the tragedy at Ramrei. Many people from across the state rushed the spot to show their solidarity. The state security had to stop the visitors at Yaingangpokpi as the number of visitors so large and as it disturbed the search operation. The once upon a time divided Hill and Plain people united and pray for finding the dead body.

Among the people of Ramrei Village who have been shifted to a safer area after their village had been submerged under the water, tears were seen rolling on their cheek as they pray for the three souls yesterday.

Co-incidentally, minutes after the Villagers of Ramrei prayed to the almighty along with the Pastor, the dead body of S. Rajiv was found by the locals. The other two bodies was found by the Navy team today. What is more interesting is the selfless sacrificed of all the people while rendering their service in the effort to find the body of the trio. Even a local expert – a Manipuri muslim by birth, came to give a try in finding the dead body.

The Ramrei incident had taken the lives of 3 persons among which two are brothers and another a girl in her early 20s. But the incident unites the people of the state.

Congress MLA Govindas who happened to be a distant relative of the ill-fated deceased was also seen only to see the body found to perform the last rite.

Ruling or opposition unites, the Muslim, the meiteis and the Tangkhuls unites. And Manipur witness a thousand heroes at Ramrei incident.

Bodies alleges Negligence to the investigation of the twin blasts at Minuthong

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Disheartening with the silence of the government and not even visiting the injured victim of the twin bomb blast occurred on April 22 at Minuthong in Imphal East, spokesperson of Co-ordinating body Khurai Bon Khurai said that the government has been neglecting the injured person for the last 10 days. Speaking in a press meet held at Press club today Bon said that they have waited for the last many days to know the miscreants. He added that they felt surprise as the government fails to identify the miscreants of the twin bomb blast in the last 10 days through their investigation while others involved in other bomb blast were identified in few days.

He further said that there wasn't any clarification from any sides both state and non state actors whether it may be an accident by armed

personnel or a planted one.

With such confusion Bon added that security guards should be deployed to the victim Santosh until the culprit was found out and questioned whether there is a conspiracy or an intentional twin bomb blast targeted to him. Spokesperson of Khurai Konsam Leikai Apunba Nupi Lup Nongthombam Radharani appealed not to repeat such inhumane act. She warned that intense agitation will be initiated if the truth and the person involved were not brought out to the lime light. She further appealed the government to help in stopping such incidents. It can be mentioned that the twin bomb blast was occurred on the night of 22nd April at Minuthong between the Assam Rifles transit camp and office of Manipur Mountain Trekking Association injuring 45 year old Santosh Kumar who is a lecturer of CC Higher Secondary school.

State youth attending 49th St Gallen Symposium at Switzerland

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Laipubam Nitish Sharma of Yumnam Leikai, Chinga Mathak, Imphal- West has been selected to attend the "49th St Gallen Symposium - Leaders of Tomorrow" to be held from 8-10th May, 2019 at Switzerland and to become a part of St. Gallen Global Community. He has written an essay entitled "Humanity and the Purpose of Capital" and his remarkable essay has ranked among top 100 contributions selected from almost 800 contestants, representing 350 Universities and more than 100 nationalities. Sharma will attend the 49th St Gallen Symposium - Leaders of



Tomorrow in which many Scholars, Ministers, Bankers and Broadcasters, Industrialists, Professors of different Universities from all

over the world are going to deliver speech on different topics and the number of speakers shall be more than 75. His trip to Switzerland and back will be organized by International Students' Committee (ISC) which will cover all the expenses for International flight, board and travel during the symposium, as well as participation fee. He is leaving India on 5th May, 2019 and return on 12th May, 2019.

Sharma is the eldest son of L. Upendro Sharma, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur dance Academy, Imphal and Smt. Gurumayum Ibemba Devi and is pursuing final semester of MBA in St. Joseph's Institute of Management, Bangalore.

AMWJU and EGM denounce biasness and arrogant attitude of DC Kamjong

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The All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) and the Editors' Guild, Manipur (EGM) strongly condemn the biasness and arrogant attitude of DC of Kamjong DC, Kengu Juringla towards media persons. DC Juringla banned a team of media persons, comprising ISTV News, Impact TV News, News 18, etc from covering the search operation for the

remaining two dead bodies in the Chadong waters at Mapithel Dam today. However, a particular media house's team was allowed to cover the search operation along with the official search teams by taking a boat in the waters.

The DC wrongly blamed the media for uploading video clips of recovery of the first dead body yesterday in the social media making them go viral. In fact, it's not the media but those in the search teams

who uploaded the video clips in the social media.

What's more shocking is that the DC did not even allow coverage of the search by a Drone camera from air. Such biased and high-handed attitude of the DC, especially on World Press Freedom Day, deserves condemnation in the strongest term by all sections of media and society. AMWJU and EGM appeal to the Government of Manipur to look into the matter and take appropriate action thereof.

Banana & Alternative Natural Fibres and Allied Products are New Hope for North-East - Bhubon

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AMITY University, Amity School of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (ASNRSD), Noida, India in association with the Shantha Handlooms and Handicrafts, Thongju-2, Manipur has conducted a "One Day Training on Banana/ Alternative Natural Fibre Extraction and Product Development" yesterday, the 2nd May, at the "Skills Training Centre" of CSIR-NEIST, Lamphelpat, Imphal west. Dr. H. Birakumar Singh, Principal & Senior Scientist, CSIR-NEIST, Lamphelpat, Prof. B.K.P. Sinha Advisor to AMITY University, Amity School of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

(ASNRSD), Noida, India; Jiten Thokhom, Secretary of Manipur Chambers of Commerce and Industries (MCCI) Manipur and L. Sadananda, Treasurer, MCCI attended the inaugural functions as the Chief Guest, President and the Guests of Honour respectively. The said one day training on Banana/Alternative Natural Fibre Extraction and Product Development" was organized as a part of the ongoing project of the AMITY University, Noida entitled "Natural Alternative Fibre Based Textiles: Assessment Market Potential & Techno-Economics Feasibility in Context of North-East" under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India" said by

S. Bhubon of Shantha Handlooms and Handicrafts, Thongju Part-2, Imphal East. Giving the key-note speech of the function, S. Bhubon continued that the banana and alternative natural fibres and their allied products are the new hopes for the North East region's economic development as such fibres can now be qualitatively produced from a number of indigenous plants and trees abundantly growing in the states of northeast. Dr. H. Birakumar Singh in his speech of the Chief Guest expressed happiness on conducting the training as CSIR-NEIST has also working in this area in the last few years that is experienced with enormous potential in this field for Manipur in particular and

entire North-East in general. He further said that the CSIR-NEIST is still engrossing in research works and possibly the best potential of the indigenous plantain tree (banana) popularly known as 'Changbi' which can give the longest thread reaching upto 15-20 ft long bearing good qualities that can be easily used as for weaving purposes without much difficulty of offently joining the threads. He added that the two banana fibre extractor machines installing in the CSIR-NEIST campus, Lamphelpat, the Skill Training Centre and all other machine and equipment can now used in free of cost by the entrepreneurs having interest in this field. Neeraj Sinha Coordinator of the project substituting

Prof. B.K.P. Sinha of AMITY University expressed happiness on findings of the project the rich potential of the North-East in the area of producing banana and alternative natural fibre extraction and allied production and more potentials available in Manipur state not only fully grown by natural fibre extractable plants and trees but also populated by highly skilled artisans producing world standard crafts of Kauna and Chumthang the world is demanding at best. Jotin Thokhom giving his speech of Guest of Honour expressed that the state has a potentials as traditional knowledge and practices in the field of natural fibre based productions existing as

prolonged occupations of the artisans of land and asserted that it is time for taking reference of others South East Asian Countries like Philippines and Malaysia which have been producing maximum production in the sector and also he said that the advanced machines for extraction of natural fibres and joining threads equipment produced by countries like China can be procured in the state for achieving better qualities and products. He added that the Manipur Chambers of Commerce and Industries shall extend support to this field at best capacities by incorporating in its venture of hunting for better economics ties with the state Manipur.