

National Executive Meeting of IJU inaugurated Minister Biswajit appeals to journalists for a well balanced report with clarity

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IPR minister Thongam Biswajit Singh today inaugurated two days long National Executive Meeting of Indian Journalists' Union (IJU) at the conference Hall of MIMS, Manipur University. Addressing the gathering, Minister Biswajit stated that the media fraternity has a key role to play towards bringing vibrant democratic society. As journalists are providing voice to the voiceless people, their reports should maintain clarity and well balance. Minister also maintained that journalists should perform their duties with dynamic outlook as they have to perform multiple tasks. He also encourages journalists to specialise in various areas of reporting.

Minister also highlighted various initiatives taken up by the Government for the welfare of the Journalists. He informed that Manipur State Journalist Welfare Scheme was first implemented in 2017 after the formation of new Government. And the scheme is providing one-time financial assistance to the accredited and recognised journalists of Manipur for one-time ex-gratia relief on an urgent basis to journalists and their families. He also asserted that the government is putting all efforts to increase monthly pension for retired journalist and family pensioners and will be increased soon after cabinet approval. Minister also observed that National Press Day is observed on 16 November



every year to ensure that freedom of Speech is maintained. Minister also informed that a site for constructing Press Park and press Academy has been selected. He urge journalists to work with a vision for a better society. Minister also appealed to members of IJU who came from across the country, to visit Manipur Sangai Festival and write about Manipur and its rich cultural heritage. Speaking on the occasion Vice President of International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Sabina Indrajit highlighted the frequent attack on journalists carried out in the country. She

also called for setting up special court to look after the case. As media is the fourth pillar of democracy, if media is vibrant, democracy will thrive in the country. Addressing the gathering president -in-charge of Indian Journalists Union, Geetartha Pathak stated that journalists are lowly paid and they are not getting any facility. He maintained that wage board should be implemented in the State and pension for journalists should be increase up to 15,000. President of All Manipur Working Journalists' Union, (AMWJU) Bijoy Kakchingtabam stated that

Manipur Working Journalists Scheme was introduced in the year,1996. He also spoke on various welfare schemes implemented by the government for the welfare of the journalists in the State. Inaugural Session of the meeting was attended members of All Manipur Working Journalist Union, officials and students of Mass Communication Department, Manipur University and 50 members of Indian Journalists Union from all over India. The meeting is being organised by AMWJU in collaboration with Mass Communication Department, Manipur University.

Imphal East district administration distributes around 1000 re-usable sanitary pad to girl students

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District administration of Imphal East today distributed re-usable sanitary pad to girl students of government and government aided schools of the district.

Deputy Commissioner of Imphal East who attended the inaugural function of the distribution held at

Wangkhei High School in Imphal east talking to journalist at the sideline of the function said that the initiative is taken up under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in collaboration with the DPO Imphal District, ICDS Cell, ZEO Zone -II and Global Shapers Community Imphal. " We now have 5000 re-usable sanitary pad donated from Shahikiran Charitable

Trust, the district administration will pick up 5000 girl students after identification and we are distributing to around 1000 school today", Dr. Rangitabi said. The Deputy Commissioner also stated that school dropout rate of girls students is high as they could not afford sanitary pad. She said that programme will continue in the coming days.

KBZ Airlines' Imphal-Mandalay Flight Service commission

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In a historic move to boost air connectivity between Myanmar and India, Myanmar's private carrier Air KBZ started its chartered flight service between Mandalay and Imphal today. The inaugural flight which departed from Mandalay landed at the BirTikendrajit International Airport at around 11:30 a.m. The maiden flight was welcomed with the traditional water cannon salute. Minister for Health and Family Welfare L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister for CAF&PD KaramShyam, Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam, Chairman of Tourism Corporation Manipur Limited Dr. Sapam Ranjan, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Principal Secretary P. Vaiphei, Director of Transport Department Mercina Panmei and others received the passengers with traditional



lengyan(shaw). Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam said that launching of such chartered flight service would enhance the air connectivity with neighbouring countries especially with Myanmar. The chartered flight will be operational thrice a week, he added. The Minister further maintained that the State government is persuading the Ministry of Civil Aviation for granting regular Imphal-Mandalay flight service. Th. Radheshyam informed

that the first Air KBZ flight carried around 72 passengers from Myanmar and the return flight will depart Imphal with 48 passengers including 5 officials. He appealed to the people of Manipur to support such noble initiative from the Government of Manipur. It may be mentioned that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh earlier announced that the Imphal-Mandalay flight service would be available from BirTikendrajit International Airport in Imphal from 23rd November 2019 onwards.

Hopeson Ningshen of NSCN (IM) sentenced life imprisonment

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NSCN (IM) cadre Hopeson Ningshen has been awarded life imprisonment sentence by a trial court of Delhi High Court. Hopeson Ningshen was sentenced for life for abducting and murdering three government officials in Manipur in 2009.

Ningshen and his men abducted Thingnam Kishan Singh, sub-divisional officer of Kasom Khullen in Ukhrul district in Manipur, and five others on February 13, 2009. On February 17, 2009, bodies of Kishan Singh, Y Token Singh and A Rajen Sarma were recovered from the banks of the Tuphau Kuki river.

Ningshen, of NSCN (IM), was arrested on May 25, 2009, after investigations pointed towards his involvement in the abduction and the triple murder. He was sentenced for life by a trial court in 2014 and the Delhi High Court bench of Justice G S Sistani and Justice Chander Shekhar upheld the trial court's verdict.

COCOMI reiterated stands to stay away from Sangai Festival

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Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) which has been spearheading alert demonstration for disclosure of the content of the agreement reached between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India, has reiterated its stand to stay away from the Sangai festival.

"We know that the festival is important for the state of Manipur, but at a juncture when the future of Manipur is hanging in a thin thread, we don't have mood to smile, entertain or enjoy", Co-covener of the COCOMI Kh Athouba said. The sentiment of the people have never been understand by the Government of India as we the people of the state had

many times forget our goal and enjoy with festival, Athouba said and added that this time the people of the state should show that the issue about the integrity of the state is serious one and we should together show that we have reached our limit and we don't want Sangai festival this time. He appealed the people of the state particularly those in Uripok to stay away from the Sangai festival by shutting their shops and other business establishment during evening time from tomorrow as a befitting reply to the government for not understanding the sentiment of the people. Meanwhile, alert sit-in demonstration were staged at various places in Imphal area.

Tension runs high in Chin state of Myanmar after mixed breed son of Indian and Myanmar shot dead a lady teacher

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Murder of a lady teacher in Tuiveizang Village under Tonzang Township of Chin state has irked tension in the neighbouring country sparking a possible tendency of breaching the age old relationships between the two countries, after major human rights group from inside Myanmar putting the matter with serious concerns. A reliable source with Imphal Times said that

the gruesome murder was however, committed by a mixed breed of a Meitei (Indian) father and Zou (Myanmaese) mother identified as Binod (40 years), who settled in Tuiveizang Village under Tonzang Township of Chin state of Myanmar since the last 8 years. Dim Lun Mang, a 27 years old teacher, who hailed from 9 mile, Khaikam Myu in Chin state, was found brutally murdered at Tuiveizang Village under Tonzang Township of Chin

state, Myanmar, where she was posted, on the evening of November 17 this year. Dim Lun Mang has a highly decorated academic background. Source with the Imphal Times said that tension runs high among the people of the region as the crime was blamed to Indians in general and armed rebel groups of Manipur in particular, with some human rights group from Myanmar putting up the matter to the Myanmar government as the place of crime is close to the

Indo-Myanmar border. The source with Imphal Times however said that Dim Lun Mang was shot at by Binod, the mixed breed of a Myanmar mother and Indian father on the evening of November 17 at around 10 pm and she succumbed to her injury before reaching to the hospital. Binod allegedly shot the lady teacher over her denial to hand over his daughter who was reportedly handed over to her by his wife. Binod's wife handed over her 16 years old

daughter to Dim Lun Mang for her education as Binod being a jobless and drunkard would not be able to give her proper education. Binod allegedly fired to the lady teacher with a 12 bore gun and fled along with the gun. Where about of the murderer is not known but is suspected to have been taking shelter somewhere Sialsih Village under Churachandpur district of Manipur India, where his father along with his Myanmaese mother settled.

3rd New Era Week IT News Thoubal, Nov.23

New Era Higher Secondary School, Thoubal today observed its 3rd New Era Week cum Prize Distribution-2019 at its premises in Thoubal Wangmataba and published its 3rd ever school magazine "Khonthang".

FEGOCTA cease work strike enters 4 days; protest staged

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Cease work strike by the college teachers' body Federation of Government College Teachers Associations (FEGOCTA) demanding implementation of the 7th UCG recommended pay scales enters 4 day today. A protest was staged at Imphal College by the members of the association today. Speaking to media persons Vice President of FEGOCTA Khurajiam Mohan Singh said that the government had assured to implement the demand by the college teachers twice; however the UGC recommended pay scale has not been implemented so far. He further added that they will continue the protest until their demands are meted.