

Mary Kom storms into semi-finals of Women's World Boxing Championships

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M. C. Mary Kom on Thursday guaranteed a medal at the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships as she stormed into semi-finals. The seven-time world champion from Manipur on Thursday defeated Colombia's Ingrid Valencia in the quarter-finals at Ulan Ude in Russia. This would be her eighth medal at the World Championships. Mary Kom is seeded third in the competition. The boxer from Manipur got huge support from the crowd, appeared calm and assured in the quarter-final match. From the second round, Mary Kom, a mother of three children, got aggressive, and managed to corner her opponent from all sides. Mary Kom defeated Colombia in a straight 5:0 verdict. The semifinals match will be held on October 12. In the semi-finals, Mary Kom would face second seeded Cakiroglu Benusz of Turkey. Cakiroglu defeated Cai Zongyi of China to enter the semi-finals. Mary Kom had defeated Jitpang Jutamas of Thailand in the pre-quarterfinals on Tuesday. In addition to Mary Kom, two more female boxers from Assam - Jamuna Boro and Lovlina Borgohain have also reached quarter finals of AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships.

World Sight Day 2019 observed

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"World Sight Day 2019" was observed today at Heirok High School in Thoubal district under the supervision of District Health Society Thoubal and Lions Club Kakching Greater, National Program for Control of Blindness, Thoubal under the theme of "Vision First". The programme was attended by Image TV, Editor, N.Utamkumar and also President of Lions Club Kakching Greater, District Family Welfare Officer (DFWO), Dr. Ksh. Memcha Devi and also NPCB Thoubal, DNO and Heirok High School, Head Master, Kh. Kesho as dignitaries.

Government act tough on criminal mob, but forget to deal with minor victim

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It was heinous of the heinous crime, committed not only to the married woman, but to the 9 years old daughter of the lady who was judged by an uncivilized mob at Upokpi Khunou in Bishnupur district. Thanks to the state government for its quick response to the mob culture by the state government law enforcing agency. All together 14 of them who were involved in such mob act were arrested and are in the process of awarding punishment as per the law of the land. But the government machineries seem to have forgotten is that, the minor girl child is

not only equally traumatized by that incident of October 6, but has been triple times traumatized remembering that incident. The video, that went viral on social media quite for some time showed the mental state of that girl child. However, what surprises is that the minor girl child was left with her father and was used by any visitor who actually wanted to know about the incident. The situation was found out when a team of Women Action for Development (WAD) visited Upokpi Khunou yesterday to collect reports of the incident. During a meeting with media persons at Wad office today afternoon, Mk. Saroj Khan, a volunteer of Wad said that

the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Bishnupur did come to the family and met the girl child. The CWC Bishnupur is likely to meet the minor girl again likely by tomorrow to provide her counseling and other service which ever required, he added. The incident happened on October 6 and the child has been left without any professional counseling till today, the Oct. 10, this means that the girl child is exposed to all form of trauma for 5 days. Nobody know what her paternal members including her father could have treated her as she had tried to save her mother when the mob attacked. She has been called by the locals of her father

residence to tell the incident which should not have been done. Many times Psychiatrist Dr. Lenin had stated that minors with growing mind are prone to suicidal tendency if they are disturbed. The situation witnessed by the volunteers of WAD showed that the government, while trying to act to assure that rules of law exist and nobody can escape from the rule of law, they have forgotten that saving the child victim is also guaranteed under the law of the land. The WAD also demanded speedy punishment of the RIMS staff who had rape a minor girl inside the ECG room by booking him under POCSO.

UPRFM calls 18 hours general strike on October 15

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Armed rebel group, United People's Revolutionary Front of Manipur (UPRFM) has announced 18 hours general strike in Manipur on October 15 protesting the dissolution of the Manipur State Legislative Council and merger of the Manipur (Kagleipak) to the Indian Union. A statement by L. Rolin @ Thoupaungba Meitei, Information and Publicity Secretary of the rebel group said that that day of 1949, where Manipur lost its freedom will be observed as Black Day. It said that Maharaja Bodhachandra of Manipur was forced to sign the

merger agreement under duress at Shillong on September 21, 1949, without the consent of the Manipur National Legislatures. The general strike will begin from mid-night of October 14 till 6 pm of October 15, the statement added. While elaborating on the historical events of how Manipur was annexed by India, the UPRFM statement also calls on people of the land the need to ponder on the life of the people after Manipur has been annexed. It said the discussion being taken place over the issue of September 21, 1949, merger agreement by various group is a sign of marching the revolutionary movement.

Entrepreneurship Culture Necessary for Sustainable Business in the State- Governor

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Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor, Manipur inaugurated the one-day Conclave of Local Craft Entrepreneurs, Traditional Craftsmen and MSMEs on 'Promoting entrepreneurship and harnessing untapped potential of geographical indications of Manipur' at hotel Classic Grande, Imphal today. The one-day Conclave was organized by Mission for Economic Empowerment of Traditional Artisans and Craftsmen (MEETAC) (An Autonomous body under Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of India) in association with PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries (PHDCCI) to deliberate on Startup India, Standup India, Government E-market place and Geographical Indications. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor complimented the organisers for their effort and commitment to uplift the local craft entrepreneurs, traditional artisans and craftsmen in the State. These traditional artisans in the handicraft industry in the State have long struggled due to lack of patronage. She said that she, the charm of hand-woven fabric handicraft has never faded and now there is more awareness among people about such product. The Governor further stated that to introduce these artisans to newer markets and to the shift in customer preference for sustainable products, the state Government has initiated the Mission for Economic Empowerment of Traditional Artisans & Craftsmen (MEETAC) in 2018 with an aim to revive the lives of Artisans by developing entrepreneurial competencies in them. The Mission concentrates on product development to capture the needs of the younger generation, larger

and high-end markets with a special focus on exports. New articles, collections and clothing line through product diversification, in collaboration with well-known institutions like National Institute of Design, Central India Regional Council (CIRC), Indian Institute of Packaging etc will be introduced through MEETAC. Dr. Najma Heptulla expressing her pleasure said that PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industries (PHDCCI), which is the National Apex Chamber working at the grass-root level with and with strong national and international linkage has joined hands with MEETAC to promote entrepreneurship in the State. The Chamber acts as a catalyst in the promotion of industry, trade and entrepreneurship and through its research-based policy advocacy role, positively impacts the economic growth and development of the nation. She also expressed her optimism that MEETAC with PHDCCI would be in position to make a long lasting impact on the economy of the State, the craft sector in particular. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched brand names like 'Make-in-India' to make the country an economic powerhouse along with programmes like Startup and Standup India. Startups are important for economic

growth of a nation and one of the main advantages of Startups is that it creates new jobs. It is necessary to develop an entrepreneurship culture in our State to deliver quality products to the consumers for a sustainable business. Similarly, Standup India scheme ensures that women entrepreneurs, an important cog in the craft sector of Manipur, have a fair chance for setting up their own business. She further stated that rural folks in various parts of the State possess unique skill and expertise to produce hand crafted products like handicrafts, jewellery, textiles other related products. Geographical Indications (GI) are tightly interwoven into rural lives which employ traditional methods, practices and know-how to produce these goods. With the protection assured by GI registration, pirates and counterfeiters cannot encroach on the markets and the consumers are guaranteed of the genuineness of the product and quality assurance. Minister (Textiles, Commerce & Industries) Th. Biswajit Singh speaking as the President of the function, pointed out that Providing Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has been another significant step of the present Government. Handicrafts sector have ample opportunity to show its product strength

from the rural and urban area. Artisans and their Self Help Groups or Federations with legal identity who can aggregate Women artisans and Micro-entrepreneurs, register them as "Seller" on Government e-Marketplace (GeM). GeM is a one-stop Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to facilitate on line procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organizations / PSUs. GeM provides local entrepreneurs a one-stop shop for marketing with minimal efforts. The Conclave was attended by Dr. D.K. Agarwal President (PHDCCI); Dr. Mahesh Y. Reddy, Secretary General (PHDCCI); Anurag Bajpai, IFS, CEO (MEETAC); Dr. H.P. Kumar, Former Chairman and Managing Director (NSIC); Shri Sanjay Joseph, Deputy CEO (Government E-Marketplace); officials from Ministry of MSME, SIDBI, Bank of Baroda; Quality Council of India; Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks; National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad; Founder of Biswajit Sarkar & Associates, an expert in Geographical Indications; other officials from PHDCCI, senior officials from the State Government, Local Craft Entrepreneurs, MSMEs, students of MBA and Department of Entrepreneurship from Manipur University etc.

Gangte Welfare Association misleading Former president of India - GSO

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Gangte Students' Organisation (GSO) has alleged Gangte Welfare Association (GWA) of misleading the former President of India through false, fabricated or concocted claims. A statement issued by the Information and Publicity Department, GSO HQ said that the so call organization Gangte Welfare Association is set to organise a 'Silver Jubilee' event on Oct 12, 2019 taking the base year of GSO Delhi. "It is a fact that the Gangte Students' Organisation (GSO), Delhi was established in 1994 whereas the Gangte Welfare Association (GWA), Delhi was formed in 1998. As such, GSO, D&NCR celebrated its Silver Jubilee with much fanfare on 7th Sept., 2019 at Sankar Srimanta Bhavan, New Delhi", the statement said. The statement further said that the organisers of the Silver Jubilee' event of the GWA. "At one instance they would claim it to be the 'Silver Jubilee of Delhi Gangte community. There is no wonder when they are placed at uncomfortable situations as if groping in the dark scurrying to find an

appropriate name to their function! Because, GWA is still short of attaining 25 years and 'Delhi Gangte community' existed long even before the establishment of GSO Delhi", the statement said. Termining it as unfortunate, the statement said that the so called GWA conspicuously ignored the existence of GSO Delhi. It said the GSO is the apex body of the Gangte students in Delhi and elsewhere. It can be deduced that this so called GWA is only tool and its leadership a puppet of some vested leaders back home who are hell-bent to obliterate the Gangte tribe and their people from the face of the earth as is evident from their activities. It is stated stand of the Gangte Students' Organisations that Gangte as a distinct tribe should maintain its identity at any cost. The GWA or other bogus organizations may fool others, but they can never fool or distort the truth. We stand by the truth. The GSO, Delhi appealed all Gangte residing in Delhi & NCR not to extend any forms of cooperation-moral or anything- to the bogus function being organised in the name of GWA and to distance themselves from such unjustifiable functions organisations.

World Mental Health day observed

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World mental health day observed on 10th October 2019, by the Department of Psychology, Manipur University. The function was inaugurated by the V.C. of University, Jarnail Singh with the release of pamphlet highlighting mental health and suicide prevention. With little awareness about mental health, which is the state of psychological well-being, in our region

and a global scale of suicide every 40 seconds, the department recognised the gravity of suicide prevention. Faculties and students took this opportunity to raise awareness and campaigned about mental health in other departments and distributed pamphlets inside the campus. The pamphlets talked about suicide as of the leading cause of death, risk factors, our role in intervention of it. The event was concluded with a tree plantation drive inside the campus.

Film centre studio inaugurated

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A film centre studio called "N-KAMBT Studio" was inaugurated today by Chairman of Film Forum Manipur, Samjeshabam Mangoljao at Thoubal Kshetri Leikai. The center aims to provide opportunities to youths interested in Cinematography, Photography, Editing, Film Equipments and Recording. The inaugural programme was

attended by Film Forum Manipur, Film Maker, Treasurer, N.Tomba, Thoubal Municipal Council Ward no.3, Councillor, P.Jote, N-KAMBT Studio, Owner, Krishnand Ningombam and known artists. Film Forum Manipur, Chairman, S.Mangoljao said that Film Forum Manipur is not for one community but for all. He added that the forum's priority is to nurture artists by guiding them in the field of film related activities.