

## Shut down called affects normalcy in Thangmeibaid

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Normal life was severely affected in Thangmeibaid Assembly Constituency today after the JAC formed against the mysterious death of Ningthoujam Babysana re-launched its agitations by shutting all life in the constituency demanding justice for the deceased minor girl by handing over the case to CBI.

Since early morning today volunteers of the JAC burnt tyres at the Manipur State Legislative Assembly area to prevent any movement along the route. Shops and all business establishments remain close in the assembly constituency and the street looks deserted.

At around noon large number of people came out and gathered at DM College gate area and started enforcing the complete shut down by forcing all movements along the road. A large number of police force which rushed the spot dispersed the agitators by firing mock bomb and tear gas shell. Later, the police re-enforced and put the situation under control. The police also allow resuming vehicular moments on the street.

## 4th AMSSTA foundation day observed

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All Manipur School Students Transport Association (AMSSTA) observed its 4th foundation day at Kakwa Naorem Leikai, today on the motto "Children are the pillar of the future generation".

The programme was attended by Minister, CAF&PD, Karam Shyam, President, AMSSTA, Maibam Kennedy Singh, SP, Traffic Control Wing, Manipur, Khoisnam Sama Devi and Secy., All Manipur Student's Guardian Organisation, Sougrakpam Sumati as dignitaries.

Opening of the occasion a floral tribute was paid to the expired members of AMSSTA. Gifts were offered to the families of expired members.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister, CAF&PD, Karam Shyam said that in a develop society value of people lies on the responsibility and sincerity. He stressed on the need for punctuality in every works. He said that the students who are going in school transportare the future pillar of the State.

## Van Dhan Vikas Yojana will transform tribal economy: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Vikas Yojana will transform the tribal economy of the State. This was stated by him at the inauguration ceremony of Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram and State Level Advocacy Workshop at Classic Grande, Imphal today. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister announced that altogether 75 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras would be opened in the State. Under the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana, the State government will be focussing on collection, processing and value addition

of eight Non-timber forest products such as hill broom, gooseberry, wild honey, mushroom, wild apple, bamboo shoot, Indian Olive (chorphon) and turmeric.

Chief Minister mentioned that it is indeed great that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has initiated various welfare programmes and schemes for the NorthEast and tribal people of the region. The Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP) has been introduced for hilly states like Manipur to bring equal development in both hill and valley of the State. Tamenglong district would be getting 90 lakhs under the programme, he added. Chief

Minister said that Cold chain systems would be constructed in five hill districts of the State. Tamenglong and Noney would be covered under HADP. The three other districts viz. Imphal West, Imphal East and Pherzawl will be covered under the State plan.

On the occasion, Chief Minister maintained that in last two and half years, peace has prevailed in the state. With the support and cooperation of the people, the growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has doubled from four per cent in 2016-17 to eight per cent in 2018-19, he added.

Manipur has topped in terms of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) businesses registration among the North Eastern States of the country. He also stated that Manipur has also topped in women ownership in MSME businesses. Manipur women owned 50 per cent of MSME businesses, he added.

Chief Minister stated that the State Cabinet recently approved the 'Stand Up Manipur' scheme under the existing Start Up Manipur Scheme to provide subsidy and soft loans to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, OBC, Women and Minorities of the State for setting up

business. Stating that Manipur is facing menace of drug abuse and there is mass plantation of poppy in hill areas, Chief Minister said that the government has declared 'War against drugs' and mass destruction of poppy plantation is taking place in various parts of the State. The Government is actively providing alternative livelihood to the poppy farmers. Chief Minister hoped that Van Dhan Vikas Yojana would also help such farmers by improving their livelihood and income. The inaugural function is jointly organised by TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs,

Government of India and Forest Department, Government of Manipur. Minister for PHED Losii Dikho, Chairman, TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) R.C Meena, Chairman of Manipur Tribal Development Corporation Vungzigin Valte, MLAs Shri Khasim Vashum, O. Lukhloi, H. Dingo, Vice Chairperson TRIFED Pratibha Brahma, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, PCCF and Head of Forest Force K. Angami, Managing Director TRIFED Pravir Krishna, officials of Ministry of Tribal Affairs and others attended the function.

## Neurosurgery ward inaugurated at JNIMS; Foundation stone for 18 private Wards laid

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the Neurosurgery Ward of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) and laid the foundation stone for the construction of 18 Private Wards of JNIMS at JNIMS, Imphal today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that we need to work from

micro level so as to bring inclusive development in the State. It is our collective responsibility to find out the loopholes in the system so that we could move forward in the path of development, he added.

Mentioning that the present government is trying its best to improve the health sector in the State, he maintained that the government was keen to expand Neurosurgery department of JNIMS so that

poor and needy people could avail the healthcare facility at affordable rates. He said that huge money is being incurred for treatment of Neurosurgery related cases in private hospitals.

Stating that JNIMS has well qualified specialist Neurosurgeons, he appreciated the Neurosurgeons of JNIMS for successfully operating

various critical patients in the hospitals during the last 3-4 months. He announced that 5-6 Medical Ventilators would be procured for JNIMS soon. He said that JNIMS will soon have 18 Private wards.

Citing the frequent road accidents in the State, Chief Minister said that more than 70 people have died in road accidents in last four months in the State. Some of the factors for such road accidents are violation of traffic rules and regulations, corruption while issuing driving licence etc., he added.

On the occasion, Chief Minister appealed the people of the State to keep their surroundings neat and clean by organising routine cleanliness drive. He maintained that the construction work of the Private Wards have been awarded to the Manipur Police Housing Corporation (MPHC) and hope that it would be completed on time.

While delivering his Presidential address, Minister for Health and Family Welfare L. Jayantakumar Singh appealed the doctors to serve the people with sincerity, integrity and to maintain

professional ethics. He said that health is the most important sector among all the sectors. The government has introduced various health schemes such as PMJAY, CMHT etc. to provide affordable healthcare in the country.

Chairman of Loktak Development Authority and MLA L. Susindro, Principal Secretary (Health V. Vumlungnam, Managing Director MPHC C. Doungel, Director JNIMS Prof. Th. Bhimo, teaching and Non teaching staffs and students of JNIMS attended the function.

## MSWDC Chairperson assures free training on weaving, embroidery and tailoring to destitute women

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Manipur State Womens Development Corporation (MSWDC), Government of Manipur has inaugurated a weaving cum embroidery training center today at Potsangbam Tomal Hall Singjamei chingamakha Ningthoujam Leikai.

Speaking to mediapersons at the sideline of the inaugural function, Chairperson of MSWDC, S. Satyabhama Devi said that the Corporation has started the training center for Imphal West District and Imphal East District. Women of this district would get free

training on weaving, embroidery and tailoring for 6 months. After the completion of the training, all the trainees would get a certificate along with a set of equipment so as to enable them to start their own enterprise, who are not having any other source of income to maintain their family. This is a very beneficial program and during the course of the training all the trainees would be getting a monthly stipend also. In this function of 1st Batch vocational training for Handloom weaving for Destitute women under Manipur State Women's Development Co-Operation Ltd at Potsangbam Tomal Hall

Singjamei Chingamakha Ningthoujam Leikai. Today the Manipur State Women's Development Co-Operation Ltd inaugurated 5 five centre in Imphal East and west at the Imphal east Yorbung and Imphal West potsangbam Tomal Hall chingamakha, Yaiskul police land, Sagolband khanam Leikai, Sagolband Tera. The inaugural programme was also attended by Nikita Thangiam Asst. Director Manipur State Womens Dev Co-Operation Ltd, P. Shyatabati Devi Reid Teacher and Rk Bidiyarani Devi, Training Instructor as dignitaries on the dice.

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Thoubal, Oct. 14

A one-day targeted intervention programme on mental health was held today at the IRE College of Teacher's Education, Wangjing in Thoubal district.

The programme is organised by The National Health Mission Manipur and National Mental Health Programme. The aim of the programme is to create awareness on mental health, problem amongst adolescence and students and substance abuse amongst

students. The programme was attended by Thokchom Amitab Singh Councillor of Wangjing Laming Municipal Council Ward no 4, N. Rajivkumar Singh Principal IRE College of Teacher's Education and L. Premananda Singh Secretary Wangjing Women and Girls Society (WWAGS) as dias members.

Psychiatric Social Worker of District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) Thoubal M. Sushilkumar Singh delivered the welcome and keynote address. During the programme, the dias members spoke of how mental diseases are caused in humans; treatment methods

for people suffering from mental illnesses and how to incorporate patients with mental diseases in social affairs.

In the Technical Session, Resource Persons Dr. H. Jina Devi Psychiatrist District Hospital Thoubal spoke on the Topic "Over View of Mental Disorder and Mental Health Promotion", Psychiatrist and Nodal Officer, District Mental Health Programme, Chandel District Hospital, Dr. Kh. Robindro Singh spoke on "Suicide Prevention and Substance use Disorders" and M. Chandrakumar Singh Psychiatric Social Worker DMHP Thoubal Spoke on the Topic "Life Skill Education".

## Manipuri in Kolkata observes "Manipuri Poetry Day"

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Manipuri in Kolkata (MIK) observes "Manipuri Poetry Day" in collaboration with the Poetry and Fiction club, Manipur, at Manipur Bhavan, Kolkata on Sunday.

The observance was attended by Vikram, Assistant Resident Deputy Commissioner, Manipur Bhavan, Kolkata as the Chief Guest while Dr. Sukham Munikumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR - Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Kolkata gracefully presided the occasion. N. Ranjita Sarkar, Awardee Nongthombam Kunjamohon Translation award, 2019, Poet



Barja kumar Sarkar and Laishram Gopeshor also attended the observance as guests of honour respectively. In the open reading session 12 Manipuri eminent writers recited poems.

The key note address was made by General secretary,

Roshan Khumukcham, MIK Kolkata. In his statement, he mentioned that MIK is taking this initiative to this literary event for the first time and it will continue observation in the years to come.

In the words of President and chief guest, mentioned that it is a very good sing and

achievement of the event happening in Kolkata, and it should be encouraged to all and is a very good example to the young people and children too.

The function was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Women and child, lead, Dr. Nunglekpan Premi Devi.

## One hardcore ULFA(I) cadre apprehended in Upper Assam

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Close to the heels of the successful apprehension of one ULFA(I) cadre in the area recently, troops of Indian Army and Assam Police in a joint operation apprehended another ULFA (I) cadre in Upper Assam on 11 October 19.

Based on the intelligence, the joint team launched number of simulations operations in

the district of Upper Assam. During one such operation an active cadre of ULFA (I) identified as SS Sgt Rituraj Asom was apprehended from area of Kathalguri Reserve forest. Recoveries from the operation included one AK 81 series rifle, 60 live bullets and two magazines.

The apprehended individual and the recoveries have been handed over to police for further investigation.