

## After drugs, now Thoubal Police haul up arms smugglers chain

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*No matter how stormy is the sea, if the captain of the ship is dedicated and equipped with wisdoms of how to overcome by building trust and confidence of crew members, they make it to a safe shore. Once upon a time Manipur Police was known across the country for its expertise on counter insurgency operation and of course alleged fake encounter, but today the state police is proving its intellect on investigations by not only pulling up dozens of drug smugglers along with the illicit items but had successfully destroyed several illegal heroine No. 4 factories at various parts of Thoubal district. Report about drug haul in the Thoubal district was rampant when Dr. S.*

Ibomcha Singh, the MPS cadre took charge as the Superintendent of Police of the district.

After drugs, the district police of Thoubal have successfully traced a chain of arms smugglers and arrested at least 2(two) of them yesterday, another two are on the hunt. The investigation was done by selected police officers of Thoubal district under strict supervision of the district SP Dr. S. Ibomcha after combined team of Assam Rifles and Thoubal district Police Commando arrested one Arms smuggler identified as Riyazuddin @ Tomba from Kalakhong area in Thoubal district on October 13. Two AK-47 Rifles and one 9mm Pistol along with magazines were reportedly recovered from his possession. As per released of the Assam Rifles, the weapons were recovered



while searching his residence at Kalakhong in Thoubal district.

Briefing media persons at Thoubal yesterday evening, district Superintendent of Police Dr. S. Ibomcha said that an investigation has been carried out following the arrest of armed smuggler Riyazuddin @ Tomba after registration of a case under FIR No. 107(10)2019 at

Lilong Police Station under section 400 IPC and 25(1-C) A Act. During the course of interrogation it was learnt that Riyazuddin @ Tomba purchase the seized two AK-47 Rifles from one armed dealer namely MD. Azad Khan @ Md@MD Ali Khan (aged about 45 years) of MD. Abdul Ajiz of Lilong Turel Ahanbi Yangbi Leikai. The pistol seized was

reported to have been purchased from one of his associate arms dealers namely Md. Tabarak from Kwakta Ward No. 8 in Bishnupur district.

"At around 10.30 am (October 16) our police team led by Shri Sachidananda Soibam MPS, Additional SP (Ops), Thoubal, assisted by Shonjakhup Haokip MPS, deputy SP CDO, Thoubal,

Inspector N. Sadananda, OC /CDO Thoubal, Inspector O. Ajit OC/ Lilong PS, Sun Inspector Md. Isha Khan arrested the arms dealer Md. Azad Khan @ Ad. Ali Khan from his residence at Lilong Turel Ahanbi Yangbi Leikai", Dr. Ibomcha said.

He added that some tools which have been used in making illegal arms were also recovered from the house. The arrested arms dealer also reportedly revealed that the weapons seized from Md. Riyazuddin, who is in police custody were sold by him two months back. He also disclosed that the similar arms seized were purchased by him from one Md. Tabarak from Kwakta Ward No. 8 in Bishnupur district. The police team also recovered another pistol hidden by Md. Riyazuddin at the back of his house, Dr. Ibomcha added. He also came to know that MD Azad Khan is a

professional arms maker. Dr. Ibomcha while talking to the media persons said that some months back he handed over one Single barrel gun, which he made, to one MD Ayujuddin, son of (Late) MD Sanato of Moijing Awang Kangleibung Leikai. The single barrel gun was recovered by the police team.

Dr. Ibomcha further said that Md. Ayujuddin could not be arrested as he managed to escape. On the other hand the police team also raided to house of Md. Tabarak (the one who sold the pistol) at Kwakta Ward No. 8 in Bishnupur district but could not find. Tabarak was originally from Phaohekha Konuma presently staying at Kwakta.

## Awareness Camp on Skill Development



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A mass awareness on skill development courses was jointly organised by Humanism Foundation and 11 Gurkha Rifles at Ngaikhong Siphai Community Hall. Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation, Wahengbam Rorkyachand Singh; Pradhan of Ngaikhong Khullen Gram Panchayat, Moirangthem Bala Devi; President of ULASO Club, Ngaikhong Siphai and Major of 11 GR, Rajan Kumar attended the awareness as presidium members.

During the awareness camp Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation, Rorkyachand extensively talked on courses being offered by Humanism Foundation under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash Yojana scheme of National Skill Development Corporation at it's skill development center situated at Lakoipat, Bishnupur.

While encouraging youths of the locals, Pradhan of Ngaikhong Khullen also appreciated the skill development initiatives being jointly implemented by Humanism Foundation and 11GR in Bishnupur District.

## JFA expresses dismay over relentless journo-murders

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Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) has expressed dismay over relentless incidents of killing of scribes in different parts of the country and urged the Union government in New Delhi to formulate special protection laws to safeguard the media personnel and ensure justice to the bereaved families. The latest incident of journo-murder has been reported from Andhra Pradesh, where a young reporter was hacked to death by miscreants. K Satyanarayana, 50, who worked for Telugu daily 'Andhrabyo', was targeted at Annavaram village of East Godavari district on the night of 15 October 2019.

"Local scribes revealed that Satyanarayana was targeted in an earlier occasion too and it was reported to the police. We appeal AP chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to take personal initiative to

identify the culprits along with their motives and punish them under the law," said JFA in a statement issued to the media.

Previously, a Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh) journalist was murdered allegedly by his neighbours. Radheysyam Sharma, 55, a local reporter of Hindi daily 'Aaj' and also a part-time teacher in a private college, was killed by slitting his throat on 10 October. The police have already nabbed an accused and UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath has reportedly asked them to solve the case urgently.

Prior to these incidents, a Thiruvananthapuram based scribe (K Muhammed Basheer, 35) lost his life as a running vehicle, driven by IAS officer Sriaram Venkitaraman had mown down the Malayalam daily 'Siraj' reporter on the street on 3 August. Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan had already made it clear that proper actions would be taken against Venkitaraman,

who is presently under suspension.

Earlier three incidents were reported from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh this year, however, all three cases need specific investigations if the journalists were targeted because of their journalistic exercises. A magazine editor of Nityanand Pandey and a news channel contributor Anand Narayan of Maharashtra were killed in separate incidents. Similarly an MP freelancer, Chakresh Jain was found dead with severe burn injuries.

"We as a nation lost six journalists (Navin Nischal, Vijay Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Syed Shujaat Bukhari, Achyuta N Sahu and Chandan Tiwari) to assassins last year. We also demand a national action plan to safeguard our interest in the line of military, police and physicians on duty" added the JFA statement issued by its president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

## Minister Shyamkumar distributes vegetable seeds to 32 selected farmers of 12 districts

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Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme today distributed vegetable seeds to 32 registered farmers of 12 districts. The vegetable seed distribution function was held at the Training Hall, Khonghampat, Horticulture Complex, Imphal West.

Speaking as the chief guest of the function, Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Th. Shyamkumar said that the department is distributing winter seeds to the registered farmers every year so that they can plant the seeds at their respective land or courtyard. Th. Shyamkumar further said very soon a meeting will be held with the officers of the department and the farmers in order to address to the grievances and to discuss for the welfare farmers. He advised that the farmers



should keep the habit of collecting and preserving some portion of the seeds for the next season to become self-reliant.

S. Rajen Singh, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board, MLA Lamsang Assembly Constituency highlighted the imported food products which are occupying the market in the State. He said it is alarming situation which is threatening the indigenous and locally grown food products of the State.

M. Hareskrishna, Commissioner, Horticulture and Soil Conservation stressed that timely

distribution of the seeds to the farmers is necessary for better yield of crops. He said the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department is focused on early disposal of grievances. He also spoke on organic farming and conventional method of farming.

The function was also attended by Kh. Sayakiran Devi, Director, Horticulture and Soil Conservation (H&SC), N. Premananda Singh, Mission Director, MIDH, (H&SC), N. Joymati Devi, Deputy Director of Agriculture (H), Directorate of H&SC, farmers among others.

## Orientation programme on disabilities held at INA Moirang

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National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) organised a "One Day Orientation Training Programme on Holistic Management of Infants and Children with Intellectual Disabilities" at INA Moirang in collaboration with Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons and State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

Dr. Mary Anurupa, (Resource Persons) had explained NIEPID as an autonomous

body that operates under ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and its headquarter is located at Manovikas nagar Secunderabad. She said that with the objective of empowering person with mental retardation NIEPID is extending various training programmes and services in many part of India from the past 34 years. As a part of it the services are reaching in all North East States. The hardest thing for any parent to hear is that their child has a physical or mental disability. It may come as a complete shock; you may have thought that your child was just a little



slower than others their age. After the fear subsides and you realize you are not alone and your talk it out in

counseling and with your partner, the guilt and confusion is likely to set in. You wonder if it's caused by

something you did while you were pregnant and you wonder why on earth this has happened to your child.

Ravi Prakash Singh, (Resource Persons) Lecturer in Special Education, NIEPID RC, Navi Mumbai, elaborated on various topics such as types of disabilities, causes, prevention, inclusiveness of persons with disabilities in the classroom, society and home, etc. There are also many causes and volunteer works done to promote greater awareness of disability situations all over the world. Every year, celebrities, athletes, philanthropic organizations, civic groups

and many others stage events to bring the limelight to various disabilities.

Mugesh Thulasikantha, (Resource Persons) Occupational Therapy, NIEPID, Hyderabad, Talking to other parents who have children with disabilities and joining a support group is the easiest way to deal with the news. These are great places to find out about programs you can enrol your child into and how to care for someone with a disability. The three sessions went with audio and video presentations with interactive sessions in between and the programme.