

UTPO Support to 48 Bandh ATSLA's on Imphal-Moreh road

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The United Tribal Peoples' Organisation (UTPO), Tengnoupal District has extended its moral support to the 48 hours bandh called by the All Tribal Sand-stone Labour Association (ATSLA), Moreh starting from 5 am of tomorrow. The UTPO said that it is not the duty of Manipur Government to band stone-sand mining and transportation from in and

around Moreh including the national highway. "These small businesses support the livelihood of many people in small town and villages which the government could not supply to the poor. The banning only decreases the economy of Manipur, particularly, the poor and unemployed people" a statement by UTPO said. The organization appealed the Government departments, organisations, people or any one for that

matter, not disturb/ band the vehicles movement which carries stone, timber or sand in the national highway. The UTPO also questioned the rationality and the hidden agenda on the part of security check-post (s) to ask written permission to the forest department when people are doing small business from the products of their own land, which a legal business. "Do we need to take permission when we established a sawmill in our

own compound with the timbers grown in our own forest land owned by us since from our great-grand ancestors", the UTPO question. These kind of actions are irrational, illegal, unconstitutional on the part of forest departments. It violates the right of the tribal people. It's an illegal encroachment of our rights. It's nothing but, an indirect attacks on the tribals and their right to livelihood it added.

Colourful culture troops enthralled 10th State Level Children's Cultural Meet held

Four persons honoured with MACR Awards



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Like every year the 10th State Level Children's Cultural Meet, was held in 10th State Level Children's Cultural Meet 2019 On Saturday the 5th of October 2019 at Tribal Research Institute Auditorium Hall, Chingmeirong, Imphal. This is a major calendar event of the Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) which has been working in the field of child rights in association with Child Rights and You for the last 19 years in the state of Manipur/ Titular King of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba, graced the occasion as Chief Guest while S. Saratkumar Sharma, Former Chairperson, Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights presided the function. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, Associate General Manager, Child Rights & You (CRY), Kolkata and Montu Ahanthem the main behind the programme attended as Guests of Honour respectively. Pooja Elangbam IAS the special guest of the function gave an inspirational speech to the young children of Manipur.

In connection with the programme four persons who rendered remarkably contributions towards combating child trafficking, containing child sexual abuse, and showing proactive roles

of media for protection and promotion of child rights in the state. This year the MACR Child Rights Awards have been conferred to Thiyam Rajkishore Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee Imphal West, Thounaojam Brinda (MPS), Addl. Superintendent of Police Narcotics and Affairs of Borden (NAB) Manipur, Arambam Anilkumar (MES) Zonal Education Officer, Zone III Thoubal and Rinku Khumukcham Editor, Imphal Times

Speaking on the occasion Leishemba Sanajaoba stretch on the need to groom to children of today for the future of the society. He said that due to carb culture present society has been at the verge of exploitation. He appealed people to be aware of such incident need to be well culture so that children of tomorrow live a peaceful and prosperous live. A motivational speech by Pooja Elangbam IAS, kept the pack auditorium of TRI to a complete silence. However at the end of her speech the auditorium was again filled with applause. Montu Ahanthem in his keynote address highlighted that MACR since the year 2010, has been organizing the cultural meet which is indeed a joyful cultural extravaganza for children belong to different tribes and ethnic communities

of the state. It envisages providing a golden opportunity for showcasing their innate potentials and artistic talents. Performance of indigenous dances, folk songs and music, martial arts and short plays by the children hailed from different districts will mark the Cultural Meet. The very inter-community mega cultural event envisions inculcating the young minds with a sense of peaceful co-existence, the spirit of communal harmony and the emotional integrity of the state.

The theme of this year is "Break the Silence, End Child Sexual Abuse; Let's Make a Child-Friendly Manipur". MACR believes an individual's commitment and extraordinary efforts made towards safeguarding child rights, amid all odds and challenges, whichever profession the person is working with, will impact a lot to bring far-reaching changes in the lives of the deprived children of the state. This year, four individuals working in the fields of juvenile justice, journalism, education, combating drugs and alcoholism, with extraordinary efforts and commitments have been nominated. Previous year awardees were also facilitated by the dignitaries of the function at the Auditorium Hall of Tribal Research Institute (TRI) Chingmeirong, Imphal West.

Guv', CM among other greet people on Durga Puja festival

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Governor, Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh extended heartiest greeting and wished the people of Manipur on the occasion of Durga Puja festival. In her message Dr. Najma Heptulla stated that people celebrate Durga Puja festival with gaiety and devotion and it contributes to the strengthening of universal brotherhood as people cutting across caste, creed and community comes out to embrace Goddess Durga. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh while elaborating on the significance of celebrating the Durga Puja Festival wished the people to celebrate the festival to bring peace and prosperity in the state.

"May this festival provide an inspiration for us to follow the path of righteousness and reinforce the bond of brotherhood and amity among all sections of the society in the State for a more peaceful and prosperous Manipur" the Chief Minister said.

NFSA agents alleged misappropriations while reaching out Rice to the public

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A body formed by locals of 16 polling booths in Khangabok Assembly Constituency – called 16 Polling Development Association has alleged misappropriation of NFSA rice by some agents by distributing it to the beneficiaries deducting at their will. Talking to media persons at Khangabok Meisnam Leikai in Thoubal district, convenor of the Association Khundongbam Dolen said that there are 16 NFSA agents in Khangabok Assembly Constituency. Out of the 16, 13 NFSA agents are

distributing the NFSA rice to whomever they want forcing others to return back empty hand. The District administration including Thoubal DC and DSO turned deaf ear to the complaint made by the locals, Dolen alleged. He further added that details of the NFSA rice released for the beneficiaries have been obtained through RTI and as per the document, these 13 agents are misappropriating the people share, he alleged and urged authority to take immediate action. Dolen further said that the plea of the people of Khangabok area to change the 13 agents had been turn down by both the DC and the

DSO and instead of changing the agents to the wishes of the people and a notice circulated on October 3 put the name of the same persons whom the people have been complaining, as agents. "It is very unfortunate that the DC Thoubal fails to listen the demand of the people", Dolen said. He added that the State government should keep an eye on the matter otherwise serious agitation will be launched. The press meet was attended by members from the 16 Polling station. Co-Convenor, S. Brojen and Publicity Secy., M. Binoy were also present during the meeting with the media persons.

Sensitisation Programme on Wildlife Crime and Role of PRI Members held

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The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) Eastern Region Border Unit Moreh Manipur in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change Govt. of India Conducted a one day sensitization Programme on Wildlife Crime and Role of PRI Members on Friday at Slopeland Public School,

Khongjom in Thoubal District. The programme was Supported by Forest Department Govt. of Manipur and Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur was attended by Students and staffs of the Range Office Kakching and Thoubal. Joykumar Singh-IFS, DFO Thoubal L. Devla Devi Member of IVCN Dr Samungou, Member of IBCN

R.K Birjit Singh, Chairperson of PFA Ak. Prem Meitei, OC Khongjom Dilip Singh and Vice-President of Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur L. Bihari Singh attended as Chief Guest, President and Guest of honours respectively. The members were made aware about the conservation and protection of Wildlife in and around their natural habitat.

World Animal Day 2019

By: N. Munal Meitei

Our father of nation, Mahatma Gandhi once told, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." The country celebrates Wildlife Week from 1-7th October every year. The World animal day is also celebrated on the 4th October. In our face, the eyes, nose, teeth and ear etc. have their respective shapes and functions. Likewise, without the animals the world would be really a miserable place. This day calls for increased attention to wildlife habitats, endangered species, the

animal rights and their welfare and also the relationship between humankind and the animal kingdom. This day also make us remembrances and paying tribute to all animals and the people who love and respect them. Let every day be World Animal Day, and for that let's assumed ourselves to be the animal too. We can't ignore that animals play an important role in our lives. They not only provide support and enrich our lives but also give companionship and make us better human beings. The best part of this day is everyone can celebrate it without the restrictions of

nationality, creed, caste, religion, political belief or ideology. No matter which country you belong and where you go in any corner of the planet, animals will consistently have a strong impact on the region's culture. Every single culture in history contains animals in its folklore, traditions, costumes, mythology and art. The cave drawings of the oldest civilization to the modern fables, our affinity with animals is so ancient and pervasive that it is virtually universal. Many of us derive deep joy, companionship, and healing from the animals that

share our homes. We also connect with animals by identifying with their perceived characteristics. Researchers suggest that an affinity towards animals may be partially rooted in the similarities of emotional expressions that are shared across human and animal species. While studying the elephant's character, it showed elephants mourning their dead, much like we human do. Affection of animals may differ from person to person but regardless of your feelings, humans have lived and worked closely with animals for centuries. From

companion cats in ancient Egypt to messenger pigeons in the 19th century, the space warrior Laika to the bomb-detection military dogs today, we have long need of animals. We cared for animals because we have needed them for our survival. But Jacques-Yves Cousteau, a French explorer once said, "We only protect what we love, we only love what we understand, and we only understand what we are taught." But, though we are not taught, we now need to love and care for the animals. As we humans do, the

animals on earth have our similarities: that they all see, hear, touch, smell, eat, rest, play, mate, raise young, and die. Animals are our best of friends, they are loyal to us, love us and serve us and moreover, they can also defend and die for us. Mother Teresa told that, we should love animals because they give everything asking for nothing back, they are defenseless amid men's harsh and calls, they don't know hate or war, they don't know about envy or grudges, forgiveness comes natural to them, they love with loyalty and truthfulness, they recognize and appreciate respect, they don't buy love, they just expect it, they are our companions,

eternal friends that never betray and also there are a thousand other reasons they deserve for our love and care. In our locality, sometimes, we have seen, dogs can better welcome us and they can show more love and affection than even our friends. When we go through a setback, our dogs will never laugh at and look down on us. They can share our pain and sorrow. They may do all kinds of funny tricks and even make a fool of themselves to console us, and make us laugh and become happy. I cannot imagine a world without animals. (Contd.on page 2)