

'Know your Kangleipak (Manipur)' quiz competition

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International Sanamahism Students' Association (ISSA) today organised the first state level written quiz competition 'Know Your Kangleipak (Manipur)' at the G.P. Women's College, Imphal.

"With the objective to know the land, the quiz was held to impart more knowledge about the land", said Khaidem Kangleingakpa, President of ISSA while speaking to media persons.

He further said that knowing the land and its current issue is very vital for the new generations and added that the present educational system lacks to impart regional issues and knowledge. Kangleingakpa also said that the competition will further strengthen their competitive abilities. The prize distribution of the said competition will be held on 29th of September 2019 which is the 6th foundation day of the ISSA to be held at Lamyamba Shanglein.

Medicinal trees planted

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All Manipur Handloom Export Development Entrepreneurs Consortium today planted medicinal trees in the complex of the Primary health Centre Bashikhong in Imphal East. Speaking to media persons president of the Consortium NG. Bimolata said that the tree plantation programme is being organised to fight the global warming. She said that the consortium will keep continue the plantation programme at the complex of other Primary health centre and hospitals. She added that planting medicinal plants will not only save the environment but will also benefit the people. She further said that as the consortium felt that the health service provider complex is the right place for plantation of medicinal plants.

Around 100 medicinal plants were planted by the volunteers of the consortium today.

Lady E-Rickshaw driver inspires many women as she become economically independent

Rabi Takhellambam
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When intellectuals, activists and politicians are rolling their heads for gender equality and women empowerment, when law makers are in dilemma to frame legislations about protections of women's right, a 49(forty-nine) years old lady picks up a job, which the society consider it as men's job and now become an inspiration to many women, as she successfully showed the society that there is nothing such that a woman cannot do that a man can do.

She is none other than Ningthoujam Ongbi Anita Devi, wife of N. Dilip of Laming Elangbam Leikai in Thoubal district. Mother of a son and daughter, wife of an ex-school teacher presently running a small shop, Anita is today a model who is much talk about in Thoubal town of Manipur.

Anita is the first lady to pick up the job of E-Rickshaw driver to support her family. After

seeing her courage, she now became a role model for all women of not only in her area but entire Manipur. Realizing her spirit people from all wakes of life today started supporting her. This reporter who happened to take a ride to her cozy E-Rickshaw was thrilled when Anita said that it was her love for the environment and her zeal to serve that people that she had chosen the job of driving E-Rickshaw.

"I want to serve people and make my place green free from pollution, that is why I picked up this job", Anita said when asked why she chose the job. This journalist expected a reply base on gender equality but to her she seems no bother about that. All she believes is that there is no barrier between man and woman when it comes to work. "Women can also take up this kind of job to show the society that we are not inferior to male folk", Anita said.

It was a company called "RaDiant Group" which



supported in fulfilling her dream. When she started thinking about picking up a job, it was the "RaDiant Group" that provided her loan for buying the E-Rickshaw. Today Anita is an economically free woman. She earned Rs. 600 to Rs. 700 a day. Every day she paid Rs. 300/- to the "RaDiant Group" and could save around Rs. 400 a day to

support her family. People from Thoubal, Wangjing, Khongjom, Wangbal etc. encourage her so much that they waited to ride her E-Rickshaw no matter how late are they. Why surprised this journalist is that Madam Anita not only care for support of her family with the fare she earn from her passengers but she

extended helping hand to poor aged people who cannot afford a motor ride. Today, having more confident, Anita want to encourage more women to join her. She wants to form an association of women E-Rickshaw drivers in the coming days. "As of now I don't have a parking as Association

members of other passenger taxi don't allowed us to park and I wish more women take up this job and together we can form an association to claim our right to park somewhere at Thoubal", a confident Anita said.

"As of now local vendor women use to contact me through cell phone for reserved of my E-Rickshaw but I hope we could have a parking to get passengers at time of their needs", added. Anita also plans for an organised E-Rickshaw Service run by women only. She dreams of opening a call center so that anybody can call them anytime at need of service.

When asked if she need any demand to the government, the lady wish a charging point is opened at some convenient area within the market periphery. She also wants the authority to relax the restrictions imposed to the movement of the vehicle at some places in Thoubal district.

Illicit Alcohol Set Ablaze



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Thoubal Excise department burnt a huge amount of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) which the department had seized during various raids or operations. The illicit liquors were destroyed in front of the office of the deputy superintendent of Excise Thoubal which is situated within the Thoubal mini

secretariat.

Regarding this, Thoubal Excise inspector L. Dino said, "The liquors we have destroyed today here's worth is rupees 2, 46,600 and there were beers and IMFL and they were handed over to Thoubal police station by groups who caught these items."

On the other hand, Khongjom Excise Department were destroyed Distilled Indigenous Country (DIC) Liquors worth around Rs.

93,300/- in front of Khongjom Police Station in Thoubal district today. The liquor destroyed today were seized by police and excise personnel during a drive conducted in Khongjom area.

Speaking to media OC Excise Khongjom and Pallel Kh. Yaima said the Police and excise team seized DIC Liquor 933 Ltr. Khongjom Police OC Dilip among others were present, when the liquors were destroyed.

Cross Country Race for mass awareness held

DIPR
Thoubal, Sept. 22

To make various programs of the government a resounding success in the district, District Administration, Thoubal organised today a Cross Country Race at Wangjing Sports Complex as an awareness campaign for various programs like Poshan Maah, Swachata Hi Seva, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Electors Verification Program, 7th Economic Census and Ayushman Bharat Pakwada. The programme was graced by MLA P. Brojen Singh, Thoubal Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha Hasina Begum, S.P. Thoubal Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh and Deputy

Commissioner, Thoubal N. Bandana Devi as the chief guest, the guests of honour and the President respectively. In his speech MLA, P. Brojen Singh thanked the District Administration for organizing such mass awareness campaign. He said organizing such campaigns will help the masses to know about the various welfare schemes taken up by the Government. Speaking on the occasion DC N. Bandana stressed on the need to make people aware of the various schemes given to the citizens by the Government. She appealed the elected representatives and Government officials to give

awareness to the public about such schemes. She said schemes like Ayushman Bharat which give benefits to the economically backward family needs to give awareness as the number of beneficiaries is still low in the District. Regarding Swachata Hi Seva, DC said nation would ban the use of single use plastic from 2nd October. She appealed the people to use reusable plastic and paper made items. Earlier the race was flagged off by the chief guest on the occasion.

The programme was attended by Pradhans, elected members, SDOs, BDOs and DLOs of the district. Prize were distributed to the winners of the race.

Sonowal flags off Guwahati-Bangkok Direct Flight Services

Agency
Guwahati, Sept 22

Nok Air, a low-cost carrier from Bangkok started its operations from Guwahati to Bangkok on September 22. The Chief Minister of Assam, Sarbananda Sonowal, flagged-off the flight from LGBI Airport, the first such direct flight by an international carrier from the city.

Sonowal said, "This moment is yet another realisation of PM Shri Narendra Modi ji's #ActEast vision & will boost Indo-Thai tourism & trade."

The two flight services that will operate on this route include DD4117 and DD4116. The flight took off from Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi



International (LGBI) Airport and reached Don Meuang International Airport (DMK) in under three hours. As per reports, fares will start at Rs. 6,999 and the introductory offer will also

include 20 kg of baggage allowance and free hot meals. Between the two operational flights, visitors can opt to travel on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

AR reviews security situation

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Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised security meets at Nambol & Patsoi Company Operating Bases (COBs) on 20 and 21 September 2019 to review the security situation. The security forums were attended by Meira Paibis, Ward Councilors and representatives of local youth clubs. As part of the security

meets, locals were updated on current security situation existing in the area of responsibility. There were also interactions carried out on necessary measures to be undertaken for maintaining strict vigil against illicit activities including drug abuse in the area and a roadmap for the same was discussed with the locals.

In addition to the security agenda, the locals were also informed about the upcoming Army Recruitment Rally

scheduled to be held at Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium in Imphal from 10 to 18 October 2019. Emphasis was laid on the modalities of online registration facility at the Unit headquarters and pre-recruitment training at the COBs. As part of the forums, there were also interactions on future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps. The security meets concluded with tea and refreshment for all the attendees.