

Editorial

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Ban on plastic use: More like an appeasement policy by fooling the common people

Much has been talk about the ban on plastic use. Maharashtra has banned the use of plastic polythene bag, the central government is all set to announce plastic polythene bag in the coming days and in the state of Manipur, the government is looking for a way out to ban the plastic polythene bag.

The adverse impacts of plastic bags are undeniable. Almost all place of Manipur is being polluted by plastic. Plastic indeed is becoming a threat to the environment. Leaving on the roadside or anywhere - may be at the cultivable land or at rivers which finally falls at major lakes, will spoil the soil. Burning it is not an alternative as it pollutes the air and create health hazard to the human life. Almost all indigenous aquatic life at all rivers of Manipur and that of the Loktak Lake are in danger due to the excess pollution of the plastic product. That is visible to all and it is not only the environment activists that have been taking the plastic pollution as a threat to the people of the state but even the government is aware of the situation. Perhaps that is the reason for the government to felt that there should be a law to ban the plastic use.

However, what kind of plastic is the government is planning to ban? Is it only the polythene bag they are going to banned or is it all plastic products that threaten to the environment? A matter need to ponder.

The pollution created by plastic polythene is seen by all but the quantity of plastic products at pollute our environment is the package plastic container that has been polluting the environment is much higher. For example, plastic bottled package water, the plastic package of various edible commodities like Uncle Chips, Kulkure, edible oil, and also luxurious items like the plastic bottle that are being used for filling cosmetic items etc. these plastic items are not ever mention for banning. The quantity of plastic seen polluting the environment by the plastic polythene bag is very less when compares to those of the containers of commodities produced by multinational companies. If the government is serious and committed to free the environment from the plastic uses, then they should think of banning all sorts of plastic whether it may be the one use by multinational companies or small private factories which manufacture bottled water.

A decision to ban only the polythene plastic bag is more like an imperialist thinking instigated by fascist mindsets who are looking for market only by making the poor poorer. How inconvenient will a poor person who could not afford a bag of any kind other than the plastic polythene bags which is available with just Rs. 1 or even free when they go for marketing. And as for the rich people who could manage luxurious bags, the ban of the plastic polythene bags will not affect then in bringing home those costly luxurious items packed in plastic products.

It will not be justified to be partial in the banning of plastic to only the polythene bag only. If the government think that plastic, they should have the courage to close down all the licensed drinking water bottle industries in the state. The government should also work out a policy for restriction of all pack plastic items of the multinational companies from entering the state. If this cannot be done the idea of putting ban to plastic polythene bag should be thrown out from their mind.

Saying so, this write up do not support letting the used plastic (any plastic) thrown anywhere where ever they like. This write up only suggested to frame a policy on how judiciously the plastic are used. They should encourage re-cycling of plastic of any kind to experts by providing them financial supports. Moreover, the government should initiate a plastic collector group at which anybody who ever collected some quantity of plastic could be collected at any times of need. This may be done either by outsourcing it, but the government authority need to utilize its trained staffs to make the people easy in contacting those plastic pickers from anywhere in the urban area. This write up also suggest the government to organise awareness programme on how to judiciously use plastic instead of thinking for ban on only plastic polythene bags, as everyone knows the plastic that has been polluting the environment is more by those of the unbanned packet sent out by multinational companies.

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New Police booth open at Kakching Wairi

IT News
Imphal, Sept 24,

A new police booth was open yesterday at Kakching Wairi Kongoi Bazar, which is under the jurisdiction of Kakching Police Station by MLA, Yengkhom Surchandra.

The opening programme was also attended by SP Kakching, Victoria Yengkhom, SDPO Kakching, Shrey Vats, OC Kakching, Akojam Premjit and Kakching Municipal Council Ward no.1, Councillor, M.Memcha Devi.

On the other hand, Kakching Municipal Council, Ward no.1, Ward Development Committee conducted a social service in the

area of the Kakching Wairi in connection with Swachhata Hi Sewa and organised awareness programme on plastic pollution. Speaking on the occasion at Kakching Wairi Kongoi Community Hall, SP Kakching, Victoria Yengkhom said that setting up of new police booth in the area will help the people in preventing from unwanted incident. MLA Surchandra said that Kakching town is becoming one of the cleanest towns. He added that such good quality should maintain it. He further said that Kakching Municipal Council had also issued prohibition order against rearing of pigs within 100 metre radius of residential area.

Lions Club Tbl distributes edible items at Heikakpokpi Blind School

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Lions Club Of Thoubal distributed food items to the students of Heikakpokpi Blind School, Heikakpokpi, under the goal "Relieving Hunger" yesterday. Since 2005 Lions Club of Thoubal has been inspecting the schools to find out bright students. The programme was attended by Pravee Agarwal, Governor, MJF Lion, Lions Club International

District 322-D, L.Marjitkumar, District Lions Club of Thoubal, President, and several Zonal Presidents. The distributed items included 4 Bags of Rice, 35 Kg Dal, 1kg Chilli, 10 Packets Ngari (fermented fish), 10kg Onion, 10 salt packets, 2 bags potato, 10 litre Edible oil and 5kg Mattar. Hindi Teacher of the school, Madam Darshim praises the Lions Club of Thoubal for their work.

Declamation contest on patriotism and nation building

IT News
Thoubal, Sept. 24

District Youth Coordinator, NYK, Thoubal Michael T. Mate has informed that there will be "Declamation Contest as a part of the Republic Day Celebration, 2020 on the topic - Patriotism and Nation Building."* The contest will be held at district, state and national levels and language of the contest will be in English or Hindi in 8-10 minutes.

Youth and students from the age group of 18-29 years as on 1/4/2019, residing in Thoubal and Kakching districts may participate in the contest. Those who have already participated in the previous year will not be allowed for the contest. Application form and detailed guideline can be obtained from the office of NYK, Thoubal. Willing participants may submit their application forms along with necessary documents on or before 8th October, 2019.

1st Anniversary of AB PMJAY celebrates in Tamenlong

IT News
Tml, Sept. 24

Tamenlong joint the country wide celebration of the first anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) at District Hospital Duigailong Tamenlong.

The programme was organised by Rogi Kalyan Samiti, District Hospital Duigailong Tamenlong. Deputy Commissioner Tamenlong Armstrong Pame and Chief Medical Officer Tamenlong Dr Chambo Gonmei attended as chief guest and president of the function respectively.

RC Book lost

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have lost the Registration certificate of my vehicle bearing Regd. No. MN 03 S1881 on the way between Thangmeiband to Paona Bazar in Imphal West district on September 19, 2019.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

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Electric cars in the next 2 years



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Imphal, Sept 24

As per report in yesterday's edition of The Economic Times, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that electric cars will be in use within the next two years and this is a welcome statement in that India, like other countries and in conformity with the COP21 Paris Agreement, has decided to switch over to electric cars. As per the Union Minister, ethanol amethanol and bio CNG will be the sources. Ethanol is a chemical compound

which is simple alcohol which boiling point is 78.37 C while methanol is methyl alcohol or wood alcohol produced from carbon monoxide and hydrogen. China perhaps is leading the way in that, 15 percent of methanol is used and during 2000 - 2015, there has been an increase of 25 percent annually. In U. K., electric cars are run by solar energy. It's about time that we turn to alternate and renewable energy, not only for cars but in other everyday usage.

Eye screening camp concludes at press club

IT News
Guwahati, Sept. 24

City-based scribes along with their family members had an opportunity for visual assessment and consultations from experienced ophthalmologists from Sankaradeva Nethralaya today (23 September 2019) at Guwahati Press Club. Over 90 participants went through various tests and received necessary advises from Dr Harsha Bhattacharjee, President and Trustee of

Sankaradeva Nethralaya, along with Dr Shyam Sundar Das Mohapatra. Optometrists Ankur Kalita, Dimpri Devi and Roma Chetry from the premier hi-tech eye hospital and premier centre for postgraduate education in ophthalmology conducted various visual assessments along with blood pressure & sugar, where other health and communication officials namely Dipjyoti Medhi, Mridusmita Sarmah with Arnab Das and Nipu Sarma were also present.

Army recruitment rally at Imphal

IT News
Imphal, Sept. 24

Army Recruitment Rally will be held at Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium, Imphal (Manipur) from 10 Oct 2019 to 18 Oct 2019 for enrolment of youths from Manipur only. Online applications date for the Army Recruitment Rally has now been extended upto 29 Sep 2019. Admit Card will be generated on 30 Sep 2019 for the all candidates who applied online for the Manipur Rally at Imphal. The Admit Card can be downloaded on the email ID as registered by the candidates. For online registration, login to

www.joinindianarmy.nic.in Candidates who have registered earlier in the previous rally can directly login & apply afresh. Candidates will be allowed to attend recruitment rally only when they have registered and filled up online applications. The vacancies are for Soldier General Duty (10th & 12th std), Soldier Technical (12th std with Physics, Chemistry, Maths & English), Soldier Tradesmen (8th & 10th std simple pass). CEE will be conducted at Rangapahar on 24 Nov 2019. For any other query contact on phone No 03862-249012&8974958673 from 0830 AM to 0200 PM on working days for the entire duration. Last date of registration is 29 Sep 2019.

KTT Media Fellowship

The last date for submission of application for Khelen Thokchom Media Fellowship (KTMF) 2019-20 has been extended till September 28, 2019 (Saturday) due to unavoidable circumstances, a statement by the Trust said.

It said that the Khelen Thokchom Trust (KTT) is inviting eligible journalist(s) from both in hill and valley of Manipur to apply for a 6 (six) month KTM program 2019-20 for journalists to study, highlight and report on "Manipur's Dying Water Resources".

To apply for Khelen Thokchom Media Fellowship (KTMF), applicant should submit Bio-data, a letter of support from the editor that the output under the fellowship will be published (mandatory for all candidates), a minimum of one sample of 'published report' on environment and water issues if any should be submitted to Coordinator, KTMF C/o Pureiromba Enterprises, Konung Mamang (Palace Gate) near Pureiromba Khongnang, Imphal East District - 795 005 (Daily office timing 10am - 5pm except Sunday) before September 28, 2019.

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