

## Forest dept. directs PWD to plant twenty saplings for cutting of a tree without obtaining permission

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Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Imphal has directed the Public Works department of the Government of Manipur to plant 20 (twenty) number of saplings at appropriate locations of greater Imphal area for cutting down of a tree near Johnston Higher

Secondary School without obtaining permission from the Forest department.

The DFO also directed the PWD to pay the value of the tree they cut as assessed by the Range Forest Officer, Sardar East. The PWD has been directed to deposit the value of the tree to the Government exchequer in the form of forest revenue.

However, when Imphal Times contacted the Forest department authority regarding the value of the tree that was cut down yesterday, the authority said that as of now there has been any fixed value of a tree, however, the Supreme Court of India at one of its ruling had fixed value of trees grown in hectares. Source from the PWD said that the department will accept all form of punishment as per the law. Imphal Times reported about the cutting of the fully grown tree in the heart of Imphal city near a footpath adjacent to Johnston Higher Secondary School by workers of PWD for convenience of lifting an

iron bar for construction of the Footbridge. As per "the Guidelines for felling of trees from Non - Forests areas of Manipur" vide State Government notification dated March 1, 2002 and as per order of the Supreme Court of India (1995) cutting of trees without proper permit is punishable.

Meanwhile, Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur had slammed the PWD over its ignorance of "Green Mission Manipur" Campaign. In a statement, the WBCC questioned if Imphal area is excluded from the Green Mission Manipur.

The committee expressed shocked in learning the news of cutting of a fully grown tree at *Imphal Times* newspaper. The Committee urged the concerned government authority to take up adequate action against those people who cut the tree. It also said that if the concern authority fails to take action the Committee will go to the National Green Tribunal.

## Seminar

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Naharol Sahitya Premi Samiti Imphal today organised a seminar on the life and works of Prof. Ningthoukhongam Tombi Singh in connection with the completion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Samiti at JN Dance Academy today. A book written by the late N. Tombi Singh "Professor Gunnogi Painting", (the paintings of Prof. Gun) was also published today.

## PREPAK refutes

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Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) today refuted claim by police regarding the arrest of two women cadres of the outfit as appeared in Friday edition of daily newspaper. A statement by Achouba, Publicity Officer, Dept. of Publicity and Propaganda (PREPAK) said that two women identified as Tongbram Ningol Nongrakpam Ongbi Landhoni (45) wife of N. Tombi Singh of Wangoo Kasartabi and Laishram Ningol Mayanglambam Ongbi Victoria @ Jamvubati Devi, wife of M. Loken Singh of Top Khongnangkhang, who were allegedly arrested by a Police Commando team consisting of Women Police team of Bishnupur district as cadre of PREPAK are not related with the PREPAK or its army wing Red Army.

## Swacchata Hi Seva 2019: Trainees pledges to devote 100 hours in a year



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Bishnupur, Sept. 28

Joining the nationwide observance of Swacchata Hi Seva 2019, Humanism Foundation has launched a cleanliness campaign today morning at its PMKVY Skill Development Center situated at Lakoiptahere.

The campaign was launched in a simple function chaired by Thiyam Rajesh Singh, Secretary, BJP-Bishnupur District; Meena Chothe, Human Rights Activist and

Wahengbam Rorkyachand Singh, Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation.

The observance was attended by around 50 trainees of the skill development centre along with local leaders and jawans of Loktak Brigade.

As part of the observance, the trainees, staffs and dignitaries took an oath to devote 100 hours in a year in fulfilling the objectives of Swacchata Hi Seva and make their locality a single use plastic free zone.

## Nurture and mould the children to be a productive citizens - Nemcha Kipgen



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Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen called upon the attention of all stakeholders to nurture and mould the children to make them psychologically, mentally and physically fit to face this world confidently without any forms of atrocities towards them and be productive citizens of the state as well as the nation as a whole. This was stated by the Minister while addressing the gatherings as Chief Guest at the inaugural session of One Day State Level Training Program for Special Juvenile Police Units and ICPS Functionaries. Nemcha Kipgen stresses that child rights are fundamental freedoms and the essential rights of all

human beings below the age of 18 and it applies to every child, irrespective of the child's race, color, sex, caste, creed. Children's rights are the human rights of children with particular attention to the rights of special protection and care meant to minors, she added. She also exclaimed that children's rights should be one of the main mandated priorities of everyone and be committed for their welfare and protection. The Minister further expresses that children's rights include the right to health, education, family life, play, recreation, an adequate standard of living and to be protected from any forms of atrocities. She felt that everyone should be committed with concerted efforts from all relevant

local legislations, administrations and other measures on child rights and welfare to protect and ensure child rights as it is the collective tasks of all of us to ensure that the children realize its right. Justice, Manipur High Court, Kh. Nobin Singh, Chairperson, Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Sumatibala Ningthoujam, Principal Secretary, Social Welfare, Government of Manipur, Vumlungmang Vualnam, Member Secretary, MASLSA, Golmei Gaiphulshillu, Director, Social Welfare, Government of Manipur, Ngangom Uttam Singh and Member Secretary, MPCPR, Bante Singh Ningthoujam also graces the inaugural session as esteemed dignitaries.

## 17th World Suicide Prevention Day Observed at Chandel

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Chandel, Sept. 28

Under the banner "Working together to prevent suicide", District Mental Health Programme, District Health Society, Chandel organised "17th World Suicide Prevention Day 2019" at South East Manipur College (SEMCO), Kapham in Chandel District today. The programme was graced by Chairman of Governing Body

SEMCO, Kapaam Village Chief Roel Jindashing Moyon, Principal of South East Manipur College (SEMCO) Dr. L. Khiloni and Project Director of ABCDEOs Ujjawala Home as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively. At the event, Dr. Kh. Robindro District Nodal Officer (DNO) of District Mental Health Programme, Chandel said that factors such as depression, stress,

anxiety and alcoholic addiction lead one to commit suicide. Risk of committing suicide among youth who are experiencing stress/depression is high and they should seek help, Kh. Robindro said urging all to give proper attention and care to all that need help. The programme today also witnessed the attendance of Teachers, Non Teaching Staffs of SEMCO and Students in the College.

## National Tourism Award to India Expo Centre & Mart For Best Convention Centre

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Noida, Sept. 28

India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida received the award for Best Convention Centre of India during announcement of National Tourism Awards by Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India. Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu was the Chief Guest of the National tourism Award 2017-18 held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Friday.

Special Guest, Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary General, World Tourism Organization along with Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism and Culture was present at the dais along with Yogendra Tripathy, Secretary and Meenakshi Sharma, DG, Ministry of Tourism.

The award was held on the World Tourism Day amongst the presence of National and International fraternity of tourism sector. India Exposition Center and Mart

Ltd. (IEML) was set up in 2006 as private public partnership company. The initiative was taken jointly by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), Greater Noida Development Authority and stakeholders from the handicrafts and textiles sector. India Expo Centre & Mart is a modern integrated and multi-purpose convention Centre. Recently, Prime Minister of India inaugurated the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in September, 2019, that was attended by 196 countries. Other important events such as "Petrotech" also inaugurated by Prime Minister of India in March, 2019. The center is host to several other national and international prestigious events such as ADB General Meeting, World Dental Congress, International Solar Alliance, Renewable Energy India Expo etc. besides country's major largest exhibition that are being organized

in this venue such as Auto Expo - the Motor Show, Elecraama, India Plast, CPHI, IHGF Delhi Fair & India ITME, Printpack, Sate etc. On the occasion, Rakesh Kumar, Chairman-IEML mentioned that IEML has now started several new verticals such as organization of venue owned events - India Hospitality Expo; Academy on Trade Fair Management and constructing a hotel for inbound guests. Mr. Kumar further elaborated that the center that is spread over an area of 60 acre land with 19 lac sq. ft covered area with 16 centrally air conditioned halls fully equipped for holding large plenary sessions of more than 15000 persons with multiple parallel sessions along with expo, lounges, multi-cuisine restaurants and other support facilities. This is the only center in India having three helipads for movement of VVIPs and more than 3MW roof top solar system.

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## Preparatory meeting for the sitting of National Commission For Protection Of Child Rights bench held

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A preparatory meeting for the ensuing sitting of the **National Commission For Protection Of Child Rights Bench** on 18/10/2019 in Chandel District was chaired by Deputy commissioner Chandel, Krishna Kumar, at the conference Hall, DC office Chandel on Friday. Speaking on the occasion Deputy commissioner Chandel, Krishna Kumar, said that it is the first time a bench of NPCR is going to have a sitting for taking complaints on violation of child rights in the

district. He urged the DLOs and all the concern persons to take it seriously. He informed that Child Protection Officer of the district had been given the charge for receiving complaints in the district. On the sideline he asked the concerned person to take immediate action to fill up the vacant post of the Anganwadi workers so that proper implementation of food distribution in ICDS can be implemented. Earlier Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. A. Chinlenkhomba Meitei briefed the gathering regarding the ensuing sitting of the NPCR Bench in the

district. The Superintendent of Police Madhunimai informed that till date all cases under the juvenile justice act and POC SO acts have been expedited and there is no cases pending in the district. Yesterday's meeting was attended by DLOs and all the stakeholders of the district.

Earlier an all political parties and stake holders meeting was also held at the conference Hall, DC office Chandel in connection with the rationalization of polling stations in view of the upcoming ADC election in the district.