

International Literacy Day observed Earlier it was about not getting proper education, today it is the increase in dropout – MC Arun

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International literacy day was observed today at Pebiya Pandit Leikai Community Hall on the theme literacy and multilingualism. The observance was organized by the Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, Manipur University. Addressing the function as the resource person Professor of Anthropology MC Arun said that in previous years many faced the problem of not being able to get education but now the problem changes with the increase in the number of dropout.

Concerning the reason for the increase number of drop out he said that poverty impact on a massive scale and also the transfer of posting of Parents added the dropout.

So the role of giving education to them is being taken by the adult education, he added.

He also highlighted that the mid day meal scheme was introduced to reduce the drop out students and also to decrease the burden of the parents.

Focusing on the changing technology he stressed the need for a digital literacy and added that the digital divide needs to be bridge. He concluded that the aspects of literacy keeps changing and such changes needs to be incorporated.



Dr Sharmila Thingbaijam in his key note speech said that a person who know a lot of language is very powerful as he/she will know some knowledge of the community. Such multilingual will also help in the national integration, he added.

Highlighting the needs to eradicate illiteracy she said that Manipur will be developed only when people are literate knowing the right and duties. Certificates were also distributed to the learners who participate in 45 days learning session done by the

Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, Manipur University. The function was attended by Nongmeikapam Ashokumar, Nongmeikapam Khelen, Professor Khelen and Dr Chanam Sonia as the presidium members.

My meeting with the Governor was to discuss about the improvement of Manipur Bhavan – PK Singh

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Talks spreading among political analysts about mid-term poll speculated after the meeting between Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Election Officer (CEO) of Manipur PK Singh amidst dissident MLAs' pressure for removal of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh turns out as rumour.

"CEO has nothing to do with mid-term poll or recommendation of President Rule but the CEO is supposed to conduct Election", PK Singh told a Delhi based journalist during a telephonic conversation.

PK Singh (Prasant Kumar Singh) was appointed as the Residence Commissioner of Manipur Bhavan, New Delhi on August 30 by an order in the name of the Governor. He took charge as the Residence Commissioner only yesterday. "My meeting with Her Excellency the Governor of Manipur was to brief about the condition of the Manipur



File photo: PK Singh calls on Governor of Manipur

Bhavan and to discuss about what to be taken up for the improvement of the Governor's room at Manipur Bhavan along with others", PK Singh told the reporter when asked whether the meeting was related with the rumours about mid-term poll. It may be mention that after the photo of the meeting between Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla and CEO of Manipur PK Singh was uploaded in social media section of political watch group have been speculating of a possible mid-term poll as the situation in the political theatre of Manipur is not stable. However, Dr. Najma Heptulla in her Facebook page had posted - "Newly appointed Resident Commissioner of Manipur Bhavan, New Delhi Shri PK. Singh met me today with the improvement plan of Manipur Bhavan (New Delhi)" on September 5.

Ram Jethmalani passes away

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Ram Jethmalani, eminent Supreme Court lawyer and former union law minister, passed away at his residence on Sunday, just six days short of his 96th birthday.

Ram Jethmalani breathed his last at 7:45 am at his official residence, his son Mahesh Jethmalani told news agency PTI, adding that his father had not been keeping well for a few months. Mahesh Jethmalani said his father's last rites will be performed on Sunday evening at the Lodhi road crematorium.

Jethmalani, who announced his retirement in September 2017, fought several high-profile cases, representing many controversial clients from stockbroker Harshad Mehta to former prime minister

PV Narasimha Rao, among others.

From appearing in the famous KM Navavati versus State of Maharashtra case in 1959 to the multi-crore 2G scam in 2011, from being LK Advani's defence in the Hawala scam to fighting for Arvind Kejriwal in a defamation case filed by Arun Jaitley, Jethmalani has been part of many high-profile cases in the court of law. Ram Jethmalani was also a member of the current Rajya Sabha. He is survived by his son Mahesh Jethmalani, who is also a noted lawyer, and a daughter. His other daughter, Rani Jethmalani, had passed away in 2011. Home minister Amit Shah paid his last respects to the veteran lawyer at the latter's residence, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India has lost an "exceptional lawyer and iconic public figure".

PDCC urges to bring back District Hospital at Sagolmang

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Peace and Development Coordinating Committee (PDCC) has urged the government of Manipur to bring back the District Hospital at Sagolmang as the controversy on whether to build it at Sagolmang or not has been cleared.

Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today, Secretary of PDCC Th Hemjit said that the foundation stone for the Hospital was laid on 2011 at Sagolmang and added that several protest were staged as the construction process was not undertaken till 2018.

He further said that they finally knew that the construction was halted because of the lack of signatures of Pattadars.

PDCC urged the government to take the signatures of the

pattadars and complete the hospital, he added.

Reminding the chain of events he narrated that the District hospital was then shifted to Kiyangai because of the lack of the signatures of Pattadars.

During that time MLA Lokeshwor and his associates threatened PDCC, create mob and even outcast advisor and members by spreading false rumors stating that PDCC made the District hospital to shift at Kiyangai, he added.

He further said that the thorough investigation by Vigilance Department brings out that the family members of the MLA didn't give the land for the people instead they fenced the land.

As the confusion is clear Hemjit further appealed to bring back the District Hospital to Sagolmang again.

PREPAK (Pro) clarifies

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People's Revolutionary Party Of Kangleipak (Progressive) clarifies that Lourembam Premabati (47) w/o L. Manglemba, Moreh ward no.5 who was arrested by combine team of Moreh Police and 43rd Assam Rifles as reported in newspaper is not related with the party.

A statement issued by Senior Publicity Officer, PREPAK (Pro), Melei said that on the night of May 22, 2017,

Arambam Shanti, a daily wage earner was shot dead by two persons riding in motorcycle. Later, the two persons were found out as personnel of Assam Rifle and a Manipur police commando, he added.

He continued that in Moreh, Manipur Police Personal and Indian Army charge the normal people as guilty and even they killed for their service promotion. The PREPAK (Pro) such action with extreme seriousness, it added.

Free Health medical camp for Orphan and vulnerable children held

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A one day free health medical camp especially for the orphan and vulnerable children was held today at Manipur Press Club.

The medical camp was jointly organised by Care foundation along with Medical Directorate.

Speaking to media persons on the sideline of the medical camp, Secretary of Care Foundation said that they tried to increase the health seeking behaviour of the vulnerable children.

He said that the medical camp was attended mostly by the orphan and vulnerable children of Imphal East and Imphal West.

More than 150 people gets benefited by the health camp during the filing of the report.

Amit Shah arrives in Guwahati on two-day visit

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Guwahati, Sept. 8,

Union home minister Amit Shah has arrived in Guwahati for his two-day visit to Assam on Sunday.

This is his first visit since the National register of Citizens (NRC) has been published in the State.

The visit of Amit Shah, who is also the president of the BJP, assumes much significance with party leaders in Assam expressing unhappiness over the final NRC published recently.

Notably, ahead of Shah's visit, Assam has once again been declared as a 'disturbed area' for six months.

During his two-day visit, the union home minister will hold a meeting of the North



Eastern Council (NEC).

The Governors and Chief Ministers of eight northeastern States will also participate in these meetings. He is also likely to review the situation in the State after the publication of the NRC.

He will also attend a meeting of the BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA)

on Monday.

This is also Amit Shah's first visit to Assam after becoming the Home Minister.

Earlier this year, Mr Shah, who had described illegal immigrants as 'termites' had said earlier this year, while campaigning for the Lok Sabha election, that the party was committed to throw out

infiltrators from across the country.

Many BJP leaders, however, have raised concerns over a large number of Bengali Hindus being left out of the NRC.

Assam finance minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma had made it clear that he didn't think the NRC will be effective in removing illegal immigrants.

The BJP leaders of Assam will meet Union Minister Shah in Guwahati seeking legislative action for protecting the indigenous people of the State whose names did not appear in the final NRC.

Shah was received by Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal and other government officials at the airport.

Drug worth over Rs. 2 crore seized by Jiri Police



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A team of Jiribam district police seized a huge quantity of drugs worth over Rs. 2 crore while trying to smuggle in Manipur at Jiribam yesterday evening.

Police source said that the drugs were loaded from Bynihat in Meghalaya and were trying to smuggle at Myanmar. Manipur is a transit route for drugs and gild smugglers.

Report said that the seized drugs includes (2,04,72,750 Tramadol Hydrochloride

(Rimdol-50) capsule 90,990 (strip 9099). The drugs were hidden inside iron poles loaded at a Ashok Leyland truck bearing registration No. AS 01JC-2823.

The drugs were seized by a joint team of Manipur Anti Drug cell and Jiribam Police at around 7.30 pm yesterday. Driver of the truck Nongsabam Raes @ Yaima (19) s/o N Tombi Shah of Yairokp Toupokpi Sabal Leikai, Imphal East has been arrested. The police are interrogating the driver to find out the owner of the drugs.