

Chief Minister launches *School Fagathansi Mission*

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today launched the State Government's ambitious School Fagathansi Mission at the Moirangpore High School, Andro Assembly Constituency, Imphal East. The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed school buildings equipped with latest infrastructures of the school at a function organised by the State Education (S) Department, Forest and Environment Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar and Education Minister Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam, were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, CM N. Biren Singh said that the *School Fagathansi Mission* is an initiative to upgrade the condition of Government schools for overall development in shaping the future pillars of the society. He said that the mission is implemented in one school each in all the 60 assembly constituencies of the State and the mission will be launched at five schools namely Moirangpore High School, Heingang High School, Singamei Chingamakta High School, Praja High School, Lamsang

and SK Ideal High School, Ngairangbam.

CM further said that it is the responsibility of the Government to provide good schools with highly qualified teachers along with adequate infrastructure and facilities to its citizens. He said pre-nursery facility is also given under the mission which was unavailable earlier in Government schools. He further lauded the Education Minister Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam and his team for swiftly and successfully implementing the mission. He also lauded the Forest and Environment Minister, who is also the local MLA of Andro AC for his sincere dedication towards reviving the Government schools in his constituency. Terming both the Ministers as dynamic, he hoped that the sincerity and dedication by the leaders and support of the public will surely lead to the progress of the State.

Forest Minister Th. Shyamkumar said the long cherished dream of the people of the locality have been cherished today with the launch of the School Fagathansi Mission at the Moirangpore High School which will provide latest teaching techniques to the young students.

Education Radheshyam said that under the mission, teachers and all latest

required infrastructures are being provided to the students. He credited Chief Minister for supporting the entire team of Education Department which allowed for rapid action in the education sector. He said that a grievance cell will be opened for the mission where people can send their suggestions and grievances. As part of the function two students were distributed school uniforms for free. Secretary to the Chief Minister Ningthoujam Geoffery, Education (S) Commissioner T. Ranjit Singh, Education Director Th. Kirankumar, officials of the Education (S), top civil and police officials also attended the function.

Compensation of minor victims still not clear even after almost 2 years, when it should be handed over within 2 months -MACR

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None payment of compensation entitled to victims of sexual assault crime particularly to minor victims has been seriously noted as non-compliance of rules of law of this land by the government authority by Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR). Talking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today afternoon, MACR Core Member Keisan Pradiplumar and State convenor Montu Ahanthem informed that family of a 4 years old minor girl who was raped and murdered in December 2015 still is not getting

compensation even after the court announced recommendation for the compensation on August 1, 2018.

The mandate of section 9(a) of The Manipur Victim Compensation Scheme, 2018, says that after verifying the claim, the District Legal Services Authority shall after due inquiry award compensation within two months from the date of the recommendation of the court or application received from the victim subject to the provisions contained hereinafter. State coordinator Montu Ahanthem said that the mandate provided in section 9 (a) is not duly complied not only in this specific case but also to other similar cases.

Montu said that delay in releasing victim's compensation a lot of mental harassment, inconveniences to the victims, their families and support persons.

MACR Cor ember Keisham Pradipl said that even though "Beti Bachawo Beti Padhao" perceives as a high-sounding national flagship programme, the girl children in Manipur are not totally "safe", since chains of Child Sexual Assault (CSA) cases targeting the minor girls even in schools, boarding, and hostels, within community have continued to occur now and then. In a year, on average

around 78 Child Sexual Assault (CSA) cases were reported in Manipur (2013 to 2019), while in India a total 24,212 rape cases were registered during a six months period i.e. between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2019 (National Crime Records Bureau).

India has 1.66 lakh pending cases of crime against women and children across the country. For quick disposal of the pending cases, Supreme Court on November 13, 2019 has directed to set up a total of 1,023 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), out of which 389 courts are to exclusively handle cases registered under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Furthermore, The Criminal Amendment (Law) Act, 2018 mandated to complete rape trial within 2 months from the filing of the charge sheet, besides, proving mandatory completion of an investigation by police within 2 months.

However, in an average, CSA cases in Manipur are found pending in courts for more than three years, after the case got registered. The lengthy trial process eventually gives a traumatic and painful experience to the survivors and their families, Montu Ahanthem said. He said the MACR demands Setting up Fast Track Special

Courts in every district for speedy trial of POCSO Cases, Complete the CSA cases within a stipulated time as mandated by the related Laws, Ensuring of child-friendly environment and open special child-friendly court rooms in every POCSO Court, Ensuring early disbursement of recommended interim and final victim's compensation without further delay and cumbersome process as per the provisions of the Manipur Victim Compensation Scheme, 2018, special training to the Police, Support Persons and Judicial Officers on victim friendly approaches and to ensure speedy trial of Sexual Assault Cases, Synergize the key stakeholders i.e. Social Welfare Department, Deputy Commissioners, MSLSA/DALSA, Home Department and generate a One Window solution system for resolving any undue delay, while disbursing recommended Victims' Compensation in CSA cases and the State to allocate adequate funds for setting up and running Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) in all the villages of the state, to prevent and response to Child Sexual Assault Cases, Child Trafficking, Child Substance Abuse, School drop-out cases and other child protection issues on priority.

Women Hostel constructed under UGC funding at YK College inaugurated

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A women's Hostel constructed under the financial assistance of University Grant Commission, UGC (NERO) Grant, XII Plant at YK College at Wangjing in Thoubal district was inaugurated by MLA Paomam Brojen today.

gi Senthang Makhada Nouna Saba YK College Wangjing gi Women Hostel Ngasi The Hostel constructed under the UGC Grant, XII Plant cost around Rs. 78 lakhs. It has 8 (Eight) rooms and 30 beds.

Besides, MLA Paomam Brojen Singh, Principal of the Y.K. College Prof. S.Giri Singh, Director of the College Development Council MU Prof. Th. Ratankumar Singh and Principal of DM Science Prof. Jadumani Singh attended the inaugural function of the hostel as dignitaries.

Other teachers and students of the YK College Wangjing were also attended in the inaugural function.

21st Annual Conference of NEEA to begin from Feb 14 at MU

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The Department of Economics, Manipur University, is organizing 21st Annual Conference of the North Eastern Economic Association (NEEA) during 14-15 February 2020 at Manipur University. The North Eastern Economic Association (NEEA), formed in 1997, is a non-political, non-partisan, voluntary regional economic association, registered under the SR Act XXI of 1860. With a national perspective NEEA draws

members not only from the Eight North Eastern States but also from other States of India.

The objectives of NEEA are to undertake, promote, coordinate and collaborate in the study of socioeconomic problems and issues with emphasis on North Eastern India; provide a common platform for interaction of ideas and exchange of experiences among the scholars and contribute in promoting technical competence for teaching and research in economics and allied subjects. The theme of the conference is "Achieving

Sustainable Development Goals in North Eastern Region of India".

The conference, however, will focus on three interrelated goals such as SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth. More than 100 abstracts have been received. The sub-themes of the conference are as listed below:

The Sub-themes of SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
Sub-themes of SDG 4: Quality Education
Sub-themes of SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

"India is among top 20 countries likely at risk of importing Coronavirus"

By Raju Vernekar
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India is among the top 20 countries likely at risk of importing the coronavirus (2019-nCoV) with Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata figuring in the list of cities, which may be affected due to the disease.

New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has a localised relative import risk of 0.066 per cent, with Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at 0.034 per cent and Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Airport at 0.020 per cent. Other Indian airports in the list include Bengaluru, Chennai,

Hyderabad and Kochi.

As per the study report based on "Berlin Model" of the Germany's Humboldt University and Robert Koch Institute, India is in the 17th spot, followed by UAE in the 19th spot among a total of 30 countries at risk of importing the virus. Outside China, Thailand, Japan and South Korea are the most likely to import the infections, the report shows.

The Humboldt University and Robert Koch Institute has computed a list of countries at risk of importing the virus after analyzing air traffic patterns connecting 4,000 airports worldwide with over 25,000 direct connections

between them. UAE's Dubai airports has a localised relative import risk of 0.124%, Abu Dhabi at 0.050%, Sharjah - 0.002%. The Dubai Al Maktoum International posed no risk (0%) of importing the virus.

The report has been based on three factors - Relative import risk, Most probable spreading routes, Relative arrival time. According to the study, 'relative import risk' is the percentage of infected individuals who may be travelling from an affected area - in this case China. "Going by air travel passenger numbers, the estimate of virus spread in to other areas, is worked out. The busier a flight route, the more probable it has an infected passenger travelling this route. Using these

probabilistic concepts, relative import risk to other airports is calculated, the report stated. When calculating the import risk, the factors like connecting flights and travel routes that involve multiple destinations are taken into consideration. What is relative import risk? According to the study, "relative import risk" is the percentage of infected individuals who may be travelling from an affected area - in this case China. "Going by air travel passenger numbers, the estimate of virus spread in to other areas, is worked out. The busier a flight route, the more probable it has an infected passenger travelling

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The core of the computational model used to prepare this report is the worldwide air transportation network, which has 3893 nodes (airports) connected by 51476 directed links (connections between airports). Each link is weighted by the traffic flux between nodes, i.e. the average number of passengers that travel that route per day.

Definition of relative import risk

"If an infected individual boards a plane at airport A in an affected region, the relative import risk P (B|A) at airport B

quantifies the probability that airport B is the final destination for that individual (irrespective of non-direct travel routes). Say, a hypothetical 1000 infected individuals board planes at Hangzhou Airport. An import risk of 0.2 per cent in Germany means that, of those 1000 individuals, only 2 are expected to have Germany as their final destination" states the report.

As of now, the most confirmed cases of coronavirus outside mainland China are in Japan (45), Singapore (28), Thailand (25), Hong Kong (24), and South Korea (23). This is considered a partial success for the report based on "Berlin model".

School, Boarding and Houses burn into ashes

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One school building including its boarding and a house burned to ashes around yesterday midnight at Heirok Part III in Thoubal district.

According to the report, TN Memorial Academy School and its boarding along with a house located adjacent to the school complex located at Heirok Part III Champrathong under the Heirok Police station were caught on fire at around 12.30 am today. There was no human casualty in the



fire disaster. Important documents of the school along with Admit Cards for students appearing class X examination scheduled to begin this month and other school uniforms, books, clothes of students staying in the

boarding were reported burnt to ashes. School authority estimated the loss to be around 1 crore assets. The root of the fire is not known as of now but it is speculated that the fire could have been occurred due to the failure of the electric circuit.