

National Seminar on 'Mahatma Gandhi's inclusive approach to humanity' held Whenever Ahimsa is there, world will be there and we will remember Gandhiji: CM



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In commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti organised a national seminar on 'Mahatma Gandhi's inclusive approach to humanity' today at Raj Bhawan, Imphal. On the occasion, Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh graced as Chief Guest and President respectively. Founder of the Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, Shri Acharya Lokesh Muni was

also on the dais. In her speech, Dr. Najma Heptulla stated that Mahatma Gandhi is recognized as the Father of this great nation. He was an exceptional leader and human being. He has influenced and inspired both individuals and world leaders in fight against inequality and oppression, and has provided an invaluable contribution to peaceful freedom struggles across the world. Mahatma Gandhi's struggle was first and foremost for the freedom and independence of the people of India. But his message was also one of universal relevance. His voice for humanity, equality, justice and non violence gained global recognition. In 2007, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, the 2nd of October, was declared by the United Nations as the International Day of Non Violence, and is today celebrated all over the globe. Despite grand thoughts, his was a life of austerity, tolerance, courage and struggle. A person who stood up for what he believed in and who lived as he preached. He spent a total of approximately five years in prison and was imprisoned six times in South Africa and seven times in India. All are for freedom, human rights and

justice. The Chief Guest added that today, Gandhi's vision of an inclusive, secular India continues to be challenged, despite India's fundamentally multi religious fabric. In this time of uncertainty and disruption, the celebration of Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary is a reminder of the continued relevance of his teachings and of their importance all over the world his teachings also remind us that change often begins at the individual level, and that we all, as human beings, have the capability to change the world through peaceful activism, she continued. While addressing, Chief Minister said that there are so many strong weapons in today's world. A single press to a switch can destroy the world four or five times. However, Mahatma Gandhi's ideology for peace and Ahimsa saves the world. Whenever ahimsa is there, world will be there and we will remember Gandhiji. Mahatma Gandhi is beacon of peace and apostle of non-violence. He is an Indian but the whole world admired his principles and ideology. His two weapons—satya (truth) and ahimsa (non-violence) paved the way for India's

independence from the mighty British. Moreover, his style of simple living, honesty, deadly against untouchability, racial discrimination etc can be guiding light for this complex generation and have relevance to the contemporary world. Shri Biren Singh appealed to remember Gandhiji's service for mankind in his 150th Birth Anniversary.

In his speech, Acharya Dr. Lokesh told that unity in diversity is the fundamental feature of Indian culture, with the strength of unity in India's diversity, if our social and family values are not secured, then India's future will be in danger. Adopt a culture of connecting, not dividing. Support the truth and recognize it. For this, we have to adopt Gandhiji's ideas. The unity in diversity of our country will have to be strengthened by following the principals of Mahatma. As part of today's national seminar, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Magazine 'Aahwaan' was released.

It is said that Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti is organising Peace and Harmony conclave in different states of the country to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and will organize 25 national seminars in almost all provinces of the country and last seminar will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.

One more Indian tests positive for Coronavirus on board 'Diamond Princess'

By Raju Vernekar
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One more Indian crew member has tested positive for Caronavirus on board "Diamond Princess" anchored in Yokohama, Japan, taking number of affected Indian crew members to three, while the number of total affected persons went up to 218 as of Friday.

While the disease claimed on each in Philippines and Hong cang a few days, a 80 year old woman succumbed in a town near town near Tokyo. She had tested positive and samples of her blood were sent for test. But she died before the receipt of the report.

On Friday, the Indian embassy through twitter said that "the Japanese Government has decided to disembark those above 80 years, who have tested negative. Those who meet age requirement and have pre-existing conditions or are staying in rooms without balcony will be prioritised for disembarkation. No Indian national fall under this category, eligible for early disembarkation".

"The Embassy of India in Tokyo has reached out to the Indian nationals (crew members and passengers) through e mails and telephone calls and has explained to them about quarantine regulations oh Japanese authorities. Many of them have responded and expressed their understanding. The embassy has been in

constant touch with the ship management company and the employer of the six passengers for appropriate facilitation". After the announcement by Japanese Government totally

11 passengers were disembarked on Friday. As of today there are 136 Indians (132 employees, 6 passengers) aboard "Diamond Princess".

Coronavirus affects sale of chicken in Maharashtra



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Due to a scare among people about coronavirus, the sale of chicken has been reduced by nearly 300 MT per day in Maharashtra. This, despite the state animal husbandry clarifying that there is no correlation between the coronavirus and consumption of chicken.

A special meeting of the officers from animal husbandry department and doctors from Sassoon Hospital and BG medical College, was organised in Pune on Friday to take stock of the situation and dispel rumours about the disease. Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Additional Commissioner Dr Dhananjay

Parkale, Dr Vinayak Limaye, Deputy Dean of the Sassoon Hospital Dr Rajesh Karyakarte, Superintendent Dr. Ajay Taware, Dy.Superintendent and Dr. Vijay Jadhav attended the meeting. They clarified to the media that the people should not be scared about the disease and should continue their usual diet.

Due to WhatsApp messages being circulated on chicken being infected by coronavirus, many people have stopped buying and consuming chicken. Similar reports have come Bengaluru, Chennai and other cities. The message, which has a picture of the chicken, reads, "High alert: Chicken infected from Coronavirus found in Bangalore, kindly circulate the message and avoid consumption of chicken. Spread the message to your dear ones."

A chicken seller Zubair Ahmed, said, "Our business has dropped in the last 20 days. I used to sell about 80-100 kg every day, but now only 50-60 kg gets sold".

Zomi Chiefs' Association lauds CM

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The Zomi Chiefs' Association had expressed heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the new initiatives of Chief Minister of N. Biren Singh, for introducing "Go to Hills, "Go to Village" and "Hill Leaders Day" programmes.

The association also applauded the Chief Minister for allocating Rs. 2 crore in the Budget Estimate, 2020-21 for construction of Guest House to be maintained and operated by Village Chiefs.

It is customary for Village Chiefs to host guests visiting their village. Due to limited accommodation facilities in the village, many a times, Chiefs are unable to perform this obligation as is desired. Construction of Guest House in villages is expected to resolve this issue. The new and innovation policies of Chief Minister bring about positive changes in the lives of the common man and won the hearts of the hill people. It is our earnest prayer that he continues serving the people with the same passion and spirit, a statement of the association said.

MIU signs MoU with Men-Tsee-Khang to set up international Tibetan medical institute

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Manipur International University (MIU) has invited Men-Tsee-Khang (Tibetan Medical and Astro Institute) to establish an international medical college and hospital of Tibetan medicines in the

state of Manipur. In this regard a historical MoU was signed between MIU and Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa), an institute specialized in offering Sowa-Rigpa (Tibetan medicine) which is recognized by Department of AYUSH, Government of India

on Wednesday the 12th February 2020 at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Appreciating and lauding the endeavors of the Manipur International University and MoU, His Holiness XIV Dalai Lama states, "I am also pleased to learn that the University proposes to have a Center for Tibetan Medicine and Astrology. This alternative medicine system will certainly enable the students and the community alike to appreciate the importance of a holistic approach to treatment".

Therefore, the signing of MoU is historic, said Tashi Tsering Phuri, Director of Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa) on the occasion of the signing of the MoU. "Sowa-Rigpa is one of the oldest medicinal practice of Tibetan passed down from ancestors more than 3000 years ago. The system of medicine is priceless and endangered as of now. There is an urgent need to protect, preserve and propagate Sowa-Rigpa," said Dr.

Harikumar Pallathadka, Chancellor of MIU at the signing of MoU in Dharamshala.

With the signing of the MoU, the Manipur International University will start degree courses on Sowa-Rigpa and associated subjects in Manipur.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama has visited Imphal in October 2017 on the invitation of State Government and laid the foundation for future friendship of MIU and Tibetan Government in exile.

Manipur International University (MIU) is an n nearly sixty years of Men-Tsee-Khang's existence in India, collaborations are taking place, not only with groups in India but several abroad. But, the offers from our partners have never been like that of the MIU. Therefore, the signing of MoU is historic, said Tashi Tsering Phuri, Director of Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa) on the occasion of the signing of the MoU.

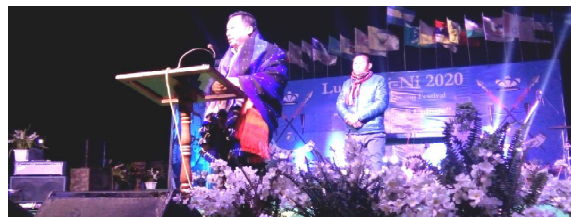
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Lui-Ngai-Ni, 2020 celebrated at Ukhrul

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Lui-Ngai-Ni 2020, a seed sowing festival for the 20 naga clans in Manipur particularly Anal, Aimol, Chothe, Chiru, Inpui, Kharam, Khoibu, Lamkang, Liangmai, Mao, Maring, Maram, Moyon, Monsang, Poumai, Rongmai, Tarao, Tangkhul, Thangal and Zeme celebrated at TNL ground, Ukhrul district headquarters.

A two day celebration which is hosted by the Tangkhul Naga Long(TNL) was organised by the State Level Organising Committee(SLOC) under the aegis of United Naga Council (UNC). Losii D i k h o , h o n o u r a b l e minister,PHED,Printing & Stationery, Manipur, graced the function as the Chief Guest in the presence of local



MLA. Alfred Kangam Arthur, Shri. Joseph Pauline Kamson, DC, Ukhrul, ADC members and many CSO leaders from different Naga Tribes. Speaking as the Chief Guest, Shri. Dikho recalled forefathers of the Naga Tribes whose many unique historical values had been inherited. Seed sowing culture in the spring is one of the many features the Nagas still practice today. For the

prosperity of live atleast in a year's time, anything before plantation, sacrifices and prayers to God were made to sprout and bear good harvest. Dikho further reminded the gathering that God has bestowed the Nagas without any shortage on land that grows everything the people needed. But with time, water has now become a matter of great concern everywhere. And scarcity of water is going

to worsen if we do not take proper measurement today. He urged the gathering for preservation of the environment for a better sustainable future in the land. Under the theme, "oneness through culture" the festival is a unique event showcasing different social exercises like cultural dances, melodies, clothing, drum thumpings, horn blowings, customary moves and tunes etc.