

Upcoming players need to keep the strong legacy set by their seniors, says Sports minister

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The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports today observed the Shannaroisinghee Numit - 2020 (Players' Day) at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium. On the occasion, YAS Minister Letpao Haokip stated that upcoming players of the state need to keep up with the glorious legacy of sporting excellence initiated by the senior players of the past and present. While the minister was the chief guest of the function, Bobby Waikhom (IAS), Commissioner of YAS was the functional president while the guests of honour were Dr K Shyamunder Singh (IAS), Director of YAS and Sunil Elangbam, Secretary of the Manipur Olympic Association. It may be worth mentioning that the observance of the Shannaroisinghee Numit was first held in the year 1999 to mark the historic win of



Manipur in the 5th National Games that was held that year from February 14-25. Manipur emerged team champion by bagging the coveted Raja Bhalendra Singh Trophy. Giving his chief guest speech, Letpao said that the players of the state has been doing well in their performances so far, and the several medals, awards and laurels that they brought to Manipur was a testimony for this claim. Ratio-wise, the state of Manipur still remains a forerunner in producing world-class players as we produced many excellent players in spite of having a small population, in comparison to the those largely-populated mainland Indian states. However, he cautioned the upcoming generation of players not to be half-hearted

in their efforts, and to double up their struggles and hardwork as many leading senior Manipuri players have created a strong legacy for them to follow. Another major highlight of today's observance was the flagging off of the Players' Day Run by the YAS Minister. Hundreds of players of the state took part in this run. Also, the chief guest led the gathering in the pledging of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. Noted bow-maker from Manipur, B Chaoba Sharma was also honoured by Minister Letpao Haokip acknowledging his contribution to the making of Archery Indian Round Bows as a part of the observation of the Players' Day.

7th pay approved for RIMS pensioner

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RIMS has implemented the 7th pay commission for pensioners of RIMS who have been working for more than 35 years as per approved by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare on February 24 late evening. This was announced by the Director of RIMS L. Santa while speaking to media persons today morning. The approval was given after over 2 years of their persuasion to the Ministry.

"It is indeed a good news for around 890 pensioners including Professor, Grade four and their families of RIMS who have been serving for more than 35 years while others got already 7th pay commission before 3 years ago." The director of RIMS L. Santa said while announcing the good news at a press meet at Jubilee Hall.

Stressing on the process of releasing pensions, Professor Ch. Arunkumar Singh appealed to all pensioners that the authority might be taking around 20 days in releasing pensions due to lack of manpower and a thorough calculations was needed and he further assured that the fund would surely be releasing soon as much as possible.

ECI announces Rajya Sabha election for 55 members including Manipur on March 26

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The Election Commission today announced that biennial elections of 55 members of Rajya Sabha from 17 states including the lone seat of Manipur, retiring in April 2020, will be held on March 26. The counting of votes will also take place the same day. Rajya Sabha MP from Manipur, retiring in April 2020, will be held on March 26. The counting of votes will also take place the same day. Rajya Sabha MP from Manipur, retiring in April 2020, will be held on March 26. The counting of votes will also take place the same day.

Jharkhand, 1 from Himachal Pradesh, 2 from Haryana, 4 from Gujarat, 2 from Chhattisgarh, 5 from Bihar, 3 from Assam, 2 from Telangana and 4 from Andhra Pradesh will retire from the RS MP on April 9, 2020. While notification for the biennial elections will be issued on March 6, March 13 is the last date of filing nominations. Prominent among those retiring are NCP leader Sharad Pawar, Union minister Ramdas Athawale (RPI-Athawale),

Congress veteran Motilal Varma and former union minister Vijay Goel (BJP). In Gujarat, the terms of the four seats expire on April 9. While the ruling BJP currently holds three of the four seats, one of them is held by Congress. The three BJP MPs whose term will end include Chunibhai Gohel from Junagadh, Shambhurasad Tundiya from Ahmedabad and Lalsinh Vadodia from Anand. Madhusudan Mistry is the Congress MP who will retire on April 9.

Family members accused husband slam mob for throwing slippers inside the court premises

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Family members and locals of Ayeckpam Chinglensana, the accused who was arrested in connection with the murder of his wife, slammed the mob who came in support of the deceased and threw slippers to him while producing before the CJM Imphal West. The deceased Merina was found hung to death in a suspicious manner inside the room of her husband located at Takyel Khongband Maning Leikai, Imphal on early morning of February 13. Parental side of Merina complaint foul play to the death accusing her husband as the cause of her death. Police arrested Merina's husband Ayeckpam Chinglensana and his brother Ayeckpam Chingthangkomba for investigation in connection with the death on February 17. Sister of Chinglensana's father A.Chitra said that she found a suicide note above a

diary on the day of Merina's dead when she was taken to hospital and she also found that Merina had cried that evening after her brother came and scolded for something which Chitra did not know the exact conversation between Merina and her brother and Merina also informed her husband about bad feeling on that day. Chitra further said that the mobile phone which had been used by Merina before her death was still at her maternal home which was taken on the day of her death at hospital and she continued that some sorts of clue should had been traced from the mobile. And there were a case 5 years ago of missing of Merina for 3 days but the family of Merina brought her and handedover to Chinglensana on the 3rd day. "If my nephew Chinglensana were the real murderer of his wife Merina then the authority can give due punishment according to his deed" said Chitra while during a press conference at Manipur press club today.

Humanism Foundation organizes placement counselling

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With an aim to provide job placement to unemployed youths of Bishnupur district, Humanism Foundation in association with Loktak Brigade has organized a counselling session yesterday at Loktak Skill Development Center, co-existed with Loktak Brigade at Bishnupur district headquarter. The session was specially organized for unemployed youths and trainees, who are undergoing free training on computer (FTCP) and Retail Sales Associate at the skill development center run by Humanism Foundation. During the session, two entrepreneurs namely Sapam Itombi, Proprietor of SJ Plastics and S Okendro Sharma, Proprietor of Okendro Catering Services attended as resource person and motivated the trainees to become an entrepreneur.

Literary award conferred to Saroj Khand

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Patriotic Writers Forum Manipur has hand over this year's "Arambam Ibungohal & Binodkumari Literary Award 2019" for this year. The award has been conferred to Mr Saroj Khan in recognition to his poetry book "Hingna Siraba Punshi". The award distribution function was attended by Social & Cultural Activist Dr. S. Manaton Singh as Chief Guest.

"Impact of Social Media" course conducted at Noney

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The State Institute of Journalism, DIPR, Manipur inaugurated a two weeks short term course on 'Impact of Social Media' at Jadonang Memorial College, Longmai, Noney on Monday. Hungyo Worshang, IAS DC, Noney District was the chief guest of the inaugural function. H. Balkrisna Singh, Director, DIPR, Manipur was the President

of the function. Shri Ramkung Pamei, President, Manipur Hills Journalists' Union and Khugai Kahmei, Principal, Jadonang Memorial College were the Guests of Honour. Hungyo Worshang said the subject matter of the course conducted by DIPR is very relevant in today's world as misuse of Social Media can cause unrest in the society. "As human beings, we have the tendency to believe bad things",

he said. H. Balkrisna Singh, said that he had certain inhibitions when planning to conduct such a course in a new district. However, he said he was happy to see a large number of youths who have applied for the two weeks course. V. Phajatombi Devi, Joint Director (IPR), Seema Sanjenbam, Course Co-Ordinator, SIJ, Sagolsem Snehprabha, Manager of Publication and other staff of DIPR also attended the function.

20 km long anti-CAA morcha in Buldhana in Maharashtra; Situation in Delhi continues to be volatile

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai/Delhi, Feb 25

For the first time after agitations began across the country, against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), a 20 kms long morcha (padyatra) was organised in Buldhana district of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, on Monday afternoon. The morcha which began from Motala, wound its way through Waghajal, Rajur Ghat and culminated into a huge rally at "Shahinbaug" of Buldhana. The leaders from different parties addressed the meeting and demanded that the CAA be abrogated. Later they submitted a memorandum to the District Collector Suman Chandra. The morcha almost looked like a long walkathon with hundreds

of people, including women with babes in arms, joining the morcha, in a scorching hit. In view of the long march, several organisations and local people had made arrangement of water for the participants. In another development, Samajwadi Party MLA Abu Asim Azmi from Mumbai, on Monday said that, instead of expressing contradictory opinions, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray should declare that the Maharashtra will not implement the CAA. Thackeray during his recent visit to Delhi, in a media interaction, had said that no one need to fear about the CAA since it does not ask any citizen to leave the country. The act stipulates granting of citizenship to certain



minorities facing persecution, outside India. In response, Congress leader Manish Tiwari had said that one need explain provisions of CAA to Thackeray. In the meanwhile the situation in Gokulpuri, Jaffrabad areas in Delhi where three persons, including Head Constable Ratan Lal and agitators Furkan and Shahin died and 37 others, including DCP Amit

Sharma, were injured, during anti-CAA agitation, continued to remain volatile. Even as stone pelting and firing by some of the agitators continued, two metro stations- Maujpur, and Babarpur in East Delhi were closed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). Similarly the entry and exist from Jaffrabad was closed by the police. The paramilitary forces were

deployed with local police to quell the mob. On Sunday, the agitators also torched two houses in Maujpur area. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal urged the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Delhi Lt Governor to ensure peace. In a tweet he said "Very distressing news regarding disturbance of peace and harmony in parts of Delhi. I sincerely urge Hon'ble LG and Hon'ble Union Home Minister to restore law and order & ensure that peace and harmony is maintained. Nobody should be allowed to orchestrate flagrantions. On Monday Shah held a special meeting with top officials of Delhi police and directed them to bring the situation under control. Most of the school and colleges remain closed and some of the

exams were cancelled in view of the disturbances. Tension prevailed at Jaffrabad in northeast Delhi after clashes broke out between two groups during a protest against the CAA on Sunday afternoon. The protesters for and against the CAA, pelted stones at each other, prompting police to fire tear gas shells. Jaffrabad has been witnessing protests since Saturday evening when a sit-in near the metro station. On Sunday, more than 500 protesters, mainly women, blocked a major road in the area, forcing the authorities to close the metro station. The protesters vowed not to end the agitation till the Centre revokes the contentious legislation.

Blood donation camp

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Troops of 165 TA, referred to as "Manipur Terriers", located nearby Khongkhang Village under Tengnoupal district in association with Shija Blood Bank and Transfusion Services, Imphal, organised a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on 24th February 2020. Around 50 donors participated in the said camp. The team from Shija Blood Bank was led by Dr. Y. Bijoykumar, Sr. Medical Officer and other faculty staff