

Minister Biswajit inaugurates regional saras fair, 2020

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Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh inaugurated the Regional SARAS Fair, 2020 at the Hapta Kanglebung, Palace Compound today. The Fair, organised by the Manipur State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM) under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission will continue till March 8, 2020. Speaking as the Chief Guest of the inaugural function, Biswajit said that the fair will be held twice a year from this year. He said in previous years the fair couldn't be conducted twice due to certain factors like lack of man-power, financial constraints. He said that the Mission is currently implemented in some blocks of Tengnoupal and Imphal East. He also asked the concerned officials to check whether blocks can be clubbed together for inclusive



implementation of the Mission in the State. He continued that we are facing the unemployment problem, however, today under the mission trainings have been provided to many women and helped them form not only Self Help Groups but also created Village Level Federations. The DDU-GKY is also a part of the NRLM, he added. Biswajit also expressed the need for value added trainings and said that in the beginning, people tend

to consider quantity more important, however, once they receive the required trainings and financial assistance they should focus more on quality to gain market for which value added training is required. MANITRON & MANIDCO Chairman and Hon'ble MLA Hiyanglam Dr. Radheshyam Yumnam said that the fair provides a marketing platform for the artisans as well as encourage and promote them. This fair also

provides a platform for the artisans to exchange ideas. Manipur State Khadi Village Industries Board Chairman and Hon'ble MLA Oinam Constituency L. Radhakishore Singh said that the Khadi Village Industries Board has initiated cotton plantation at 10,000 acres of land in Jiribam this year. He continued that these will help in reviving the State's Spinning Mill. He continued that the Khadi Village Industries Board will also take up coffee plantation in the hills to substitute poppy plantation and aiming to plan 7 lakhs saplings this year. The inaugural function was also attended by Manipur Handloom & Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd Chairman and Hon'ble Lamsang MLA Sorokhaibam Rajen Singh, Additional Chief Secretary RD & PR M.H. Khan, State Mission Director, MSRLM Yumnam Robita. Altogether 106 stalls including six stalls of offices are opened in the fair.

“Group of Aspirants appeals student's body to consider certain issues in connection with quashed MCSCC (main) Exam 2016

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Groups of Aspirants of MCSCC (main) Exam 2016 while appreciating the demand by DESAM,AIMS and ANSAM for punishment of those guilty in connection with Quashed MCSCC (mains) Exam 2016, said that the three students' bodies should clarify regarding the innocent candidates/officers mentioned by them for whom the state government needs to take necessary steps to protect it's sincere/innocent employees by filing appeal or Special Leave petition before Supreme Court of India.

A statement by the MCSCC (main) Exam 2016 aspirant said that Most of the candidates (selected as well as non selected) appeared in the said examination are innocent except those who may have used corrupt means in toto with concern authority to get selection, if any. So, we will be grateful to the Student Organisations if they have demanded the Government to consider the grievances of the most of the candidates who appeared in the said examination including unsuccessful ones. It said that the judgement and order of the special Division Bench of the High Court of Manipur dated 18.10.2019 that MCSCC (Main) exam, 2016 cannot be said to be an examination at all, in true sense, keeping in mind the

cumulative effect of the lapses and irregularities. In addition to this, it is also clearly mentioned in the judgement and order of the Supreme Court of India dated 22.11.19 that illegalities committed go to the root of the matter which is vitiates the process of selection.

The statement further said that the MPSC conducted the said examination without following some of its "Conduct of Business rules" and even without framing specific rules like conducting the exam i) By the Secretary taking the charge of the Controller of Examination ii) Without any evaluation and tabulation rules iii) Giving no guidelines to the examiner iv) Appointing No Head Examiner and so on.

The statement added that the three Student Bodies will do needful for the welfare of the candidates and for the whole state considering facts and circumstances.

Injustice has been meted out to both the selected and non selected candidates and if one considers it deeply, injustice has been done more to the non-selected candidates. Selected candidates were in service for some years and they were paid salary. They have both financial resources as well as muscles power having well connected with authority. But for the non selected candidates, all they had to do was fight for the cause facing financial

difficulties and social stigma being tagged as "Stubborn Failed candidates". Despite having such troublesome situation, we still prepare for the various competitive examinations.

While the selected candidates have lost only few month post the quashing of the exam, for the non selected candidates have wasted more than 3 years from the day the exam result was declared. All the candidates appeared in the examination have inter alia wasted precious time, money and livelihood.

The MCSCC (main) Exam 2016 aspirants also added that they would have appreciated if the Student organizations had empathized with the sufferings of the non-selected candidates too and not only selected candidates alone. The student organizations are requested to reconsider their views from a broad perspective keeping into accounts that of non-selected candidates, and not from a narrow point of view only keeping the sufferings of the selected candidates alone. The Group of Aspirant appeals to DESAM,AIMS,ANSAM and any other student organizations, Intellectuals, Senior Citizen, Concerned authority and people of Manipur to deal proceedings, observations and directions of the Court in this matter and work for the welfare of the candidates as well as for the whole state.

Court restrains marriage ceremony of a married person having two daughters

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Family Court of Manipur has restrained marriage ceremony of a married person having two minor daughters after his wife filed complaint against performing the marriage ceremony scheduled today. The person who had arranged marriage with a girl, without divorcing his present wife who have two minor daughters has been identified as

Nungleppam Mahananda Singh, aged about 36 years, son of late N. Shyamananda Singh of Uripok Bachaspati Leikai, Imphal West. He married his wife, who filed a petition to the Family court to restrain the marriage ceremony on December 9, 2009. Interestingly, Nungleppam Mahananda Singh is a member of a political party who is preparing to contest in Manipur state Assembly election. A source said.

Outreach programme on Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat



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A one day special outreach programme on Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat was organised at Thoubal College, Thoubal District by the Field Outreach Bureau, Ministry of

Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal today.

Ms. O Chaoba Devi, Principal and Dr. S. Lokhon Singh, Head of Department, Chemistry of Thoubal College, Thoubal District were the presidium members of the event. The broad objectives, key activities between the paired States under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat was thoroughly discussed during the interaction programme with the students. As part of the programme, a quiz contest was also conducted and prizes along with certificates was distributed.

North-East Students shine in 13th Athletic Meet organized by Aryans Group

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13th Athletic Meet was organized by Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura at its Campus. Students of Engineering, Law, Management, Nursing, Pharmacy, Agriculture, B.Ed etc participated in various indoor and outdoor games organized on the occasion. The whole event was divided into three parts- Indoor Games, Outdoor Games and Fun Games. The Outdoor Games included 100 m and 200 m Races, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Long Jump, High Jump, Javelin Throw, Discus throw etc. The Indoor Games included Chess Carrom Board and Badminton. The Fun Games included 3 Legged Race, Tug of War, Sack Race, Eating Noodles, Finding Balls in Mud, Potato Race and Fun Cricket. Prof. B.S. Sidhu, Director, Aryans Group motivated the students to work on sports activities for their physical

and mental wellbeing. He stressed on the need to maintain a balance between academic and sports activities.

Sidhu further added that sports contribute an important role in

the development of overall personality of a student. Citing the example of various eminent sports personalities, he encouraged the students to adopt sports as a profession too.

IAF evacuates 112 from Wuhan, AI repatriates 119 Indians from cruise ship

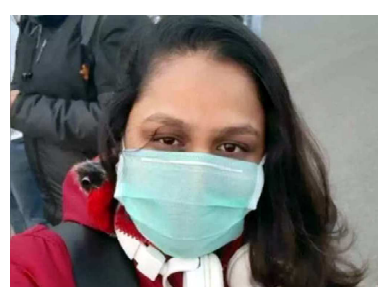
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112 people, including 76 Indians and 36 foreign nationals, stranded in coronavirus hit Wuhan province of China were brought to Delhi by an Indian Air Force special aircraft "Globe Master" (C-17), even as Air India flight, repatriated 119 Indian crew and passengers from the cruise ship "Diamond Princess" docked in Japan, on Thursday. The C-17 transport aircraft that left for China earlier with 15 tonnes of medical supplies from India to the virus-hit Wuhan landed in Delhi on Thursday morning bringing back the Indians and some foreign nationals along. Those

evacuated will be quarantined at ITBP's facility at Mansar (Haryana) for 14 days before being allowed to go.

"On its return from Wuhan, the IAF flight has brought back 76 Indians & 36 nationals from 7 countries - Bangladesh, Myanmar, Maldives, China, South Africa, USA and Madagascar. Appreciate facilitation by the Chinese government," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar tweeted.

The C-17 Globe Master, the biggest military cargo plane of IAF, was waiting for more than a week seeking clearance from China. The plane also had a huge supply of medical supplies to help China fight the virus. It was after long



discussion the Chinese authorities granted clearance to the aircraft to land in China. Those evacuated by special IAF flight included Ashwini Patil from Satara

(Maharashtra). While her husband had gone to Poland for medical treatment, she was stranded in Wuhan. She had appealed to the Government of India for help

through a TV interview on 10 February, 2020. In response to her appeal MP Srinivas Patil, former MP Udayan Raj Bhoale, MLA Prithviraj Chavan used their good offices and followed up with Indian Embassy in China.

In the meanwhile Two passengers, who arrived at Kolkata international airport from Bangkok, were placed in isolation for suspected novel coronavirus. A passenger named Himadri Barman was quarantined on Tuesday, while Nagendra Singh was quarantined on Wednesday. Both passengers were sent to Beliaghata ID Hospital. At present, passengers

arriving from Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok are being screened as no flights are operating to and from China. Passengers of flights coming to Kolkata from Kunming and Guangzhou in China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok are being screened since January 17.

In the meanwhile the poultry business in Maharashtra has been badly hit due to rumours that consumption of chicken leads to coronavirus. The prices of chicken have fallen up to Rs 160 per kg as against Rs 200 kg earlier. As a distress sale some vendors are offering the chicken at Rs 90 per kgs to attract the customers.