

POCSO Court sentences rape convict to life imprisonment, fines Rs. 2 lakhs

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A Noutuneshwari Devi Special Judge POCSO Senapati today sentences 52 year old Ashin @ Kasinba of Nungthek Karvanmuang village part II Noney to undergo rigorous imprisonment of life and fine Rs 2 Lakh for committing a crime of grievous hurt and penetrative sexual assault to

minor victim Court also recommended to provide Rs 6 Lakh compensation to the minor victim through her mother under Manipur Victim compensation scheme One lakh for causing grievous hurt and 5 lakh for penetrative sexual assault Court also directed the convict to pay the fine amount of Rs 2 Lakh within 2 months and the said amount to be given to the victim through her mother As

the same court yesterday convicted Ashin @ Kashin @ Kasinba 52 of Nungthek Karvanmuang Village part II Noney district for committing a crime of grievous hurt by dangerous weapon and for committing penetrative sexual of minor victim on August 1, 2017 and fixed today for sentence hearing It may be mention that the convict Ashin @ Kashin @ Kasinba 52 s/o (L) Mangainanba @

Adaitba of Nungtek Karvanmuang village part II of Noney was absconding in connection with the case for around 23 months after been released on PR bond by concern Police station after the incident and on July 12 last year the convict was produced before the court by senapati district police in execution of the warrant of arrest issue by the same court.

Cooperation & unity are the essential tools for inclusive development : Minister Nemcha Kipgen

DIPR
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Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen stated that cooperation, unity and support of every individual are needed to build a good, harmonious and prosperous society. This was expressed by the Minister while addressing the gatherings as Chief Guest during the inaugural function of the 3rd Thangkholun Memorial Football Tournament (TMFT), 2020 held at Jangmunthang Playground, Saihi Village, Moreh.

She further said that the government is working tirelessly towards overall development of the state. She also said that new roads are constructed and infrastructures are established at the same time in hills and valley. On this note, Minister

Smt Nemcha highlighted that through cooperation department, there are various schemes that can be implemented to improve the economic condition of our people like engaging themselves in handloom and handicrafts, poultry, piggyery, amongst others through registered cooperative societies. She ardently appeal the masses not to indulge themselves in any forms of illegal activities, instead to avail various government schemes and projects to improve their living conditions.

On the inaugural occasion, Smt Nemcha Kipgen also lauded the TMFT Committee for organising such football tournament in the remote corners of our state as such platform will bring the focus of the youths towards shaping themselves to be someone who will bring laurels to their community and to the country, at large. Such sporting event will also curb the problem of drug menace



which is a major concerns for many youths and Minister stated that sports shapes the youths towards healthy and discipline lifestyle.

While citing the example of famous sporting personality like Mary Kom, Minister Smt Nemcha expressed that like education, sports can also uplifts the living standards of a person if their focus and skills towards particular sports are coupled with hardwork, dedication, good discipline and a healthy diet. Through one's talents and successful sporting career, one does not represents themselves but

their entire society, state or country will be well known by the whole world, she asserted. Chairman, Hill Area Committee (HAC), Government of Manipur, T. Thangjam Haokip and Chief of S. Khudenthabi Village, Tengnoupal District, Manipur, Ch. Pachom Kom graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and President respectively. Deputy Commissioner, Tengnoupal District, Manipur, M. Rajkumar and Superintendent of Police, Tengnoupal District, Manipur, Vikramjit Singh also graced the function as Special Guests.

RNBA 3rd Children festival begins

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The Rongmei Community, which is one of the major tribe Community, is celebrating its 3rd Children festival of Rongmei Naga Baptist Association (RNBA) from January 15 till 18 at Namdailong Baptist Church, Cachar, Assam under the theme "Celebrating our future".

On the opening ceremony

Pouh. Rev. Mansi Gangmei, Executive Secretary, RNBA unfurled the flag followed by special song sung by Sunday school children of Namdailong and Ramgaing. The three days programme will showcase rich Rongmei children talent at the cultural events, tradition and many more.

Speaking at the sideline of programme Pouri Gangmei, Secretary 3rd Children festival RNBA stated that the three

days programme was conducted under the Christian Education and Literature Department, RNBA. The celebration was attended by 3000 children from Nungba, Assam and Khoumpu regions. He added that they have much hope on their children and young generation that are growing up and these children will brings laurels and brotherhood among Rongmei Community.

A R seize illegal contraband drugs worth 59 lakhs in khudenthabi

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Troops of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) seized contraband items valued more than 59 Lakhs at Khudenthabi Check Post in Tengnoupal District of Manipur on 13 January.

Acting on a specific input, troops on duty at the checkpoint stopped a suspicious and unregistered Black Scooty driven by Md Wahidur Rahman, r/o Moreh along with two pillion riders Md Mukram r/o Moreh and Md Intiyas Khan r/o Wanging in Thoubal District. On carrying out a thorough check of the two-wheeler, 2,068 Kgs of WYI tablets worth approximately 59 Lakhs in the international market were recovered.

The apprehended persons and the recovered items have been handed over to the Moreh Police Station for further investigations.

CHANGE OF PROPRIETORSHIP

This is hereby informed that M/s MIS Brick Field operating under Factory Licence No.13 located at patsoi part -1 Patsoi, Imphal West will change proprietorship from the present owner Shri Mutum Ibotombi Singh Patsoi part -1, to my son Shri Surchandra Mutum, Patsoi part -1 Any objection should reach Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers cum Director of Trade, Commerce & Industries, Manipur within 14(Fourteen) days from the date of publication.

Sd/-

Shri Mutum Ibotombi Singh

Police cracks gangster involving in organized crime

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A team of state police successfully arrested three members of a gang involved in various organised criminal and anti social activities from various areas in Thoubal district yesterday. Those arrested were reported to have been mastermind in various criminal activities like vehicle theft, drug smuggling and financing in various illegal activities like manufacturing of heroin as well as supplying of chemicals for manufacturing of illegal drugs, said a police source.

How the police crack the modus operandi?

According to police source, a team of Thoubal Police Commando while frisking at Tangjeng area in Thoubal

district intercepted Alto Car bearing registration number MNO 53 0079 riding in a suspicious manner at around 12.30 pm yesterday. When the police team stop and check the car the driver of the car namely Md. Rashid Ali (32) s/o Md. Kheiruddin of Moijing Awang Leikai failed to produce any valid documents of the car. The police team on suspicion after interrogating the driver came to know that the car was actually used for transportation of illegal drugs. The suspect also revealed to the police that his elder brother Md. Abbas Ahmad @ Masatana (35) along with his associates Md. Imran (28) s/o Md. Ziauddin of Lilong Leihakhong Leinung Hotel and Md. Firoj Khan (39) s/o Md. Ajijur Rahman of Yairipok Kekru Makha Leikai have been

involved in vehicle thefts, illegal manufacturing of Heroin brown sugar, transportation of chemicals used in it and financing in such illegal activities.

Follow up action:

On the revelation of the Md. Rashid Ali, the Thoubal police Commando immediately conducted search operation at Arapit Komla Ingkhoh under Lilong Police Station. During the search operation the police team recovered some items/ equipments and chemicals used in brown sugar manufacturing which were kept concealed by the said Md. Abbas Ahmad and his associates. Md. Firoz Khan was later arrested from Yairipok Lamkhai. Md. Abbas Ahmad and Md. Imran are still evading Police arrest.

Fake currency worth Rs 18.75 lakh smuggled from Bangladesh seized

From our correspondent
Nagpur (Maharashtra), Jan 16

In a multi-state operation, the Nagpur Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) apprehended a person and seized fake Indian currency notes (FICN) which was being smuggled from Bangladesh with a face value of Rs. 18.75 lakhs. The accused identified as Lulu Khan (38) has been arrested.

The DRI's Mumbai Zonal Unit (MZU) has taken Lulu Khan into custody and is now investigating a suspected global fake currency racket based in Bangladesh. Some more suspects have been identified and they are likely to be picked up soon, the official added.

Following a tip-off, the DRI Nagpur mounted the operation in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal to effect the seizure in which they recovered 386 notes of Rs 2000 denomination and 1,191 notes of Rs 500. This is the fourth major seizure of FICN by the MZU after three years when other similar successful operations were carried out in 2017, months after the demonetization of

Nov. 8, 2016.

The DRI said that possession of such fake currency is a serious punishable crime and after amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the authorities can classify offences involving high-value FICN as "terror acts." At present the investigating agency is currently spearheading efforts to eradicate cross-border smuggling of FICN.

Earlier, in August 2017, the DRI had arrested a person and seized Rs 6.98 lakh FICN from Mumbai town in Thane. Similarly in September 2017, it had seized Rs 7.36 lakh FICN and had nabbed two persons from Navi Mumbai. Besides in October in the same year, the DRI had arrested four persons from Bandra Kurla Complex (Mumbai) and had seized Rs 20.57 lakh fake Indian currency notes.

Similarly in the recent months the NIA and Delhi Police's Special Cell busted several rings and seized FICN of Rs 17 crore —brought to Delhi from Bangladesh.

Bangladesh border has become new entry point for fake notes and these currency consignments meant to disrupt India's economy, the

official said and added that the currency consignments are smuggled in through various border states like Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

The Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan, hand-in-glove with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's syndicate, used to print the fake currency notes in Pakistan and pump them into India. Now the ISI and the D-Company, besides independent rackets, have started printing units in Bangladesh.

Earlier, most arrests were made from Malda in West Bengal and Pakistan was using Bangladesh as a transit point to push fake notes. However of late there is a lull on the Assam and West Bengal borders.

The printing bases in Pakistan have not been able to copy the security features of Indian currency. As such the Bangladesh has emerged as the main source for counterfeit notes of Rs 2,000 denomination. Utilising the network of the ISI and the underworld, printing bases in Bangladesh are smuggling the paper for the Rs 2,000 note from Saudi Arabia and Malaysia.

“Over 5 crore elementary students in the country lack in foundational literacy “: NEP

By Raju Vernekar

Even as the year 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the RTE Act, large prevalence of learning deficit and the poverty of basic reading and arithmetic skills among elementary school students (Classes I-VIII), has been noticed, as per the report the “Annual Status of Education Report” (ASER) published “Pratham” a non-profit organisation. Besides, the draft New Education Policy (released in June 2019) links the “severe

learning crisis” and points out that close to five crore children currently in elementary school do not have foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Only 50.3 per cent of all class V students can read and write texts meant for class II. Reading ability among such students has jumped to 10 percentage points in Kerala, 8 percentage points in Himachal Pradesh and 7 percentage points in Chhattisgarh and Odisha since 2016.

The learning deficit is prevalent across Government and private schools. The

percentage of private school enrolment in 6-14 years has been around 30 per cent in the last 5 years. The dependence on private schools is much higher in Manipur (70.4 per cent) and Haryana (55.3 per cent). As present over 180 million students are in elementary schools, adding secondary schools, the figure is 240 million.

ASER report shows that the students, especially those in elementary school (Classes I-VIII), are not learning enough. To cite one metric, only half (50.3%) of all students in Class

V can read texts meant for Class II students. There seems to have been some improvement in learning levels, especially among students of Class III and Class V, in 2018 compared with those of the previous five years. However, there is some improvement is not visible at a higher level, for example among students of Class VIII. The latest report collected data from 596 districts by surveying 546,527 students from 354,944 homes.

The students in private schools have fared better than

their government school counterparts, but that's a relative situation. For example, while 40% of Class VIII students in government schools can do simple division, the figure is 54.2% in private schools. But this success rate is three percentage points below that of 2012 and the same as in 2014. “Private school students are believed to have better family background, both in economic and education front. That's a key differentiator,” Pratham chief executive Rukmini Banerjee said.

There is gradual improvement in some segments and in some states. The reading ability among Class V students in Kerala jumped 10 percentage points in 2018 from that in 2016. In Himachal Pradesh, the growth is nearly 8 percentage points in Chhattisgarh and Odisha it is around 7 percentage points between 2016 and 2018. Still, data from states such as Jharkhand, West Bengal, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu shows a marginal dip in the same criterion for the same cohort.

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