

Tension grips Chassad area of Kamjong district after unknown miscreant burns paddy field; DC imposed prohibition under Section 144 of CrPC

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Tension grips Chassad Village and Sampui Village of Kamjong district today after unknown miscreant burn Paddy fields of Chassad Village, which are under preparation for harvesting, has been set afire yesterday evening. Following the burning of the paddy field angry villagers blaming neighbouring villages reportedly armed with lethal weapons came out and block road at Sampui junction, 4-km before reaching Kamjong

district head quarter.

Two vehicles on way to Kamjong have been stopped & not allowed to pass through as hundreds of villagers blocked the road. The report said that Police are not even allowed to perform their duty as Chassad villagers have not allowed them to pass through the village. It's also reported that many trees have been felled on the road. Following the report of the villagers blocking the road another group of villagers from neighbouring area confronted and reportedly burn some of the houses at

Chassad village.

Assam Rifles and police rushed the spot but could not control the situation. Following the tension DC of Kamjong district impose prohibition of gathering people or carrying lethal weapon in the Chassad-Kamjong and along the main road of Sampui area under sub-section 2 of Section 144 of the CrPC.

Following the incidents, taking serious note of the hate mongering post and videos being spread through social media, state Home department had reportedly initiated

measures to ban internet data service in the state. A source said that the initiative to ban internet is being taken up after the videos and photos of the unfortunate incident that place at Chassad have started spreading through facebook, whatsapp and instagram inciting anger to the public. As the Home Department felt that such spread of rumours and hate speech is likely to create serious repercussion to the law and order problem in the state, the internet data needs to be curbed temporarily.

Agency
New Delhi, March 16

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that SAARC countries must prepare together, act together and succeed together in dealing with the Coronavirus. In his opening remarks at the video conference of all SAARC member countries to chalk out a common strong strategy to fight the virus in the region, Mr Modi said sharing perspectives is most valuable as it cannot be predicted with certainty how the situation will unfold despite best efforts. He said so far SAARC region has fewer than 150 cases but there is a need to remain vigilant. Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the creation of a COVID 19 emergency fund based on voluntary contribution from SAARC nations. Mr Modi said India is assembling a Rapid Response Team of doctors and specialists, along with testing kits and other equipment. They will be on

PM Modi calls upon SAARC countries to work together to meet the challenge of Coronavirus

stand-by to be placed at SAARC nation's disposal, if required. Mr Modi said India has set up an Integrated Disease Surveillance Portal to better trace possible virus carriers and the people they contacted. This Disease Surveillance software could be shared with SAARC partners. Prime Minister Modi said, our neighbourhood collaboration should be a model for the world. He also assured that India will do its best for its neighbours. Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih welcomed Mr Modi's suggestion of setting up a COVID Emergency Fund. He thanked India for providing general assistance to the island. Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapakse thanked Prime Minister Modi for offering assistance like testing kits to regional countries. Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani welcomed various new initiatives suggested by Prime Minister Modi and

suggested all countries to keep a close focus in months ahead on the evolving situation. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the leaders of the SAARC countries to set up an institution to deal with public health threats in future. Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli noted the importance of pooling collective wisdom to devise a sound and effective strategy to combat the virus. The Prime Minister of Bhutan Dr. Lotay Tshering welcomed the setting up of COVID Relief Fund and acknowledged the contribution of health care professionals in combating the virus. Pakistan State Minister of Health, Dr. Zafar Mirza observed that his country shares the common regional concerns on the virus. *(Full speech of the Prime Minister Modi's opening remark is produced on Page 2)*

Moreh town sees sign of relief after MLA D.

Karungthang along with district administrator intervene

IT News
Imphal, March 16

Indo-Myanmar border town Moreh witness a sign of relief today as CSOs which has been spearheading agitation against the police excess and demanding for termination of the Police personnel who allegedly assaulted two civilian on March 13 afternoon held a meeting with District administrators. Since March 13 evening Moreh town witnessed violent protest from large number of people, after a police team allegedly assaulted two civilians who came for hair cut and picking

students. The large number of people even vandalized vehicles belonging to police and properties of the Moreh Hospitals against the police excess. Demanding termination of the police team involved in the incident, Hill Tribal Council and other CSOs of the Kukis called indefinite bandh along the Imphal Moreh Road and 24 hour total shut down of Moreh town on the following day. Police and the agitators confronted at various places. At some of the video an angry protestor was seen kicking hard to a police personnel during the course of agitation. In yesterday

confrontation between the police and the agitators, at least 12 police personnel were reported injured after the agitator attack them by pelting stones. Police too fire tear gas shells to disperse the agitators. What is more interesting is that those tear gas used by the police team were marked as expired. Expired tear gas shells are slow killers and Imphal Times had reported the matters time and again. On the fourth day of the agitation, Moreh town somehow saw a sign of relief after local MLA D. Karungthang, ADC Vice Chairman Tongpao Mate

rushed and initiated dialogues with the leaders of the CSOs at the office of the Hill Tribal Council today afternoon. DC of Tengnoupal district Mayanglangbam Rajkumar, SP Th. Bikramjit and other top officers of the Tengnoupal Police were also present during talk with the CSOs leaders. However no conclusion could be arrived in the first meeting held at the HTC office. Later, another second round of talk was held at Police IB Bungalow. Till the filling of this report both side continue the talk. However, source said that both the side may find an amicable solution.

No change in examination scheduled of COHSEM

IT News
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Authority of the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM) today said that exam scheduled conducted by the COHSEM will have no change even though classes of schools may remain suspended till March 31 in the wake of the spread of COVID 19 as preventive measures. Talking to reporters, Secretary of the Council said that a fake order of the council stating postponed of the exam has been circulated and this has nothing to do with the COHSEM and that there is no change to the exam schedule of tomorrow and other days. Regarding the spread of the fake order a complaint has been lodged at the Cyber Crime Branch Manipur Police department

Dy Chief Minister Inaugurates innovation hub and toy train



IT News
Imphal, March 16

Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh today inaugurated Innovation Hub and Toy Train at Manipur Science Centre at Takleypat in Imphal. The Innovation Hub which aims to engage youth in creative hobbies and activities in science and technology and also to promote their critical thinking and practical problem-solving skills has been constructed under the funding of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), NE Zone, Kolkata, Ministry of Culture. It consists of Biology, Chemistry, Mechanical, Electrical & Electronics Labs, Resource Centre, Design Studio and a Hall of Fame. The

Toy Train which consists of three bogies with a capacity of 30 seats have been provided by the Ministry of Railways free of cost. After the inauguration, speaking to media persons Deputy Chief Minister said, the Innovation Hub will help people especially the students to conduct scientific experiments wherein innovative ideas and scientific temperaments can be translated into action. He said, the Hub will help to inspire people especially students to make innovations, ultimately spreading a culture of innovation in the State and the country as a whole. Director, Science & Technology E. Ibocha Singh while delivering the key note address said, seeing the

importance of innovations, National Council of Science Museums is developing a chain of Idea Labs where young innovators get the platform and resources to pursue the passion to create through science and technology innovation leading to the installation of Innovation Hubs in several states of the country. He said, Manipur Science Centre has launched 'Innovation Hub' to provide facilities to the students or any individual to help them unlocking their innovative ideas thereby promoting creativity and inspire students to make innovations. Citing some of the objectives of launching such facilities in the State, he said, the idea of opening such facility includes to support innovative ideas and build them to come to fruition, to recognize, encourage and facilitate local innovations in Science & Technology and to help the society and economy to face future challenges in science & technology. Commissioner (S&T) Bobby Waikhom, Director NE Zone, NSCM, Kolkata Subhashis Das and Rajesh Awasthi, Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railways, Izatnagar, U.P. Scientists, Innovators and students participated among others in the inaugural ceremony.

IT News
Imphal March 16

Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director RIMS, Imphal inaugurated a week long Oral Health awareness campaign to observe World Oral Health Day, 2020 at Dental College, RIMS, Imphal today. In connection with the observation of World Oral Health Day, Department of Public Health Dentistry organized various interactive and engaging activities to motivate good oral healthcare among OPD patients. Fruits were distributed to promote tooth friendly snacking. Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director RIMS, Imphal also inaugurated the oral health awareness booth and distributed free oral kits to the children. He also

Death toll rises to 3,213 in China

Agency
China March 16

The Novel Coronavirus death toll in China rose to 3,213 with 14 new fatalities, while the imported cases climbed to 123 after 12 new infections were reported, prompting Beijing to make 14-day quarantine in special facilities compulsory for foreigners returning to the country. As of Sunday, 14 new deaths were reported, taking the death toll due to the deadly virus to 3,213, China's National Health Commission (NHC) said today.

“Dental College, RIMS, Imphal observed World Oral Health Day”



mentioned about the importance of teeth. As a part of the programme, free dental checkup and denture camps were organized for elderly at 5 old age homes across Imphal area by Department of Public Health Dentistry in collaboration with Department of Prosthodontics of Dental College, RIMS, Imphal. However, due to the current scenario of COVID-19 across the country, the denture

delivery which was scheduled in the oral health celebration week has postponed as precautionary measure in the interest of protecting the health of the elders in the homes. The Principal in charge of Dental College, RIMS, Imphal, Dr. Deepak B.S emphasized that individuals should take charge of their own oral health. Faculty members, Staff Nurses and Non-Teaching Staff attended the programme.

Coronavirus cases in India rise to 110

Agency
New Delhi March 16

The number of COVID 19 cases in the country has risen to 110 with Uttarakhand reporting its first case and one fresh case each in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. Union Health Ministry said, the number of cases includes two persons who died in Delhi and Karnataka. Delhi has so far reported seven positive cases and

Uttar Pradesh 12. Karnataka has six coronavirus patients while Maharashtra 32, Ladakh three and Jammu and Kashmir two. Telangana reported three cases. Rajasthan also reported two cases. Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab have reported one case each. Kerala has recorded 22 cases, including three patients who were discharged last month after they recovered from the contagious infection with flu-like symptoms.

Editorial

Monday, March 16, 2020

Understanding Ponzi scheme: Do not fall in the trap

There is a saying - Where money is involved, you can be sure there's a scam around the corner. The rise and popularity of options trading drove millions of traders to try a hand at it. The majority of traders lost their money in this seemingly easy way to make profits.

This led to the rise of a new breed of scammers. They preyed on unsuspecting traders who lost their money but were still willing to invest in options trading. These scammers are ponzi schemes that claim to be options trading investment funds.

Note that investment funds are a legitimate business model. Ponzi schemes on the other hand aren't. This article will show you how this scam operates and how to avoid it.

A Ponzi scheme usually has a leader at the top. Under the leader are two or more people. Each of these has two or more people under them and so on.

What happens is that every new member is "sponsored" to join the group. The new member is expected to pay a fee. But in this case, the fee is your investment. The scheme leadership claims to use this investment to provide high returns from their options trading activities.

In truth, this investment is actually shared out to higher members of the group. The only way you can get your money back is by sponsoring new members and ensuring that they sponsor other new members. As soon as the scheme stops attracting new members, it collapses and tons of money is lost.

You can clearly see that this isn't an investment fund in any way. Investment funds enable you to make money from your investment. Ponzi schemes on the other hand require you to work for the group in order to make money - after they take your investment.

One thing about these Ponzi schemes is that they've devised easy ways to hide their underlying intent. First, they won't advertise themselves as Ponzi schemes but rather as investment funds. Their sleek advertising also includes huge amounts to be made each day or month.

Making money as an options trader involves risk. So why would any person want to transfer this risk to a complete stranger?

A simple request is that those who join Ponzi scheme, get out fast. Besides Ponzi schemes, there may be traders claiming that they can help make someone's money trading options.

Many traders are losing money to third parties claiming to make hundreds of thousands for their "clients". Do not fall for this trap.

Wife of Late SS Khaplang passes away

IT News
Imphal, March 16

Chimroi, wife of former Chairman of National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang), Shangyang Shangyang Khaplang, died Friday morning after a prolonged illness. According to sources, Chimroi breathed her last at around 2 am Friday morning at Myitkyin in Kachin State, Myanmar. She was staying at her grandchildren's residence.

Naga organisations, including Naga Students' Organisation

(NSO), have extended their condolences to the bereaved family members.

Her husband, popularly known as SS Khaplang died on June 9, 2017 after a brief illness.

In his later life, Khaplang began to suffer from diabetes and other age-related ailments. He died of cardiac arrest in Taga, in Myanmar's Naga Self-Administered Zone in Sagaing Region, where the NSCN-K was based during the time. It was reported that he had returned from China after a treatment and was to head to Waktham, his birthplace.

Miscreants steal school uniforms worth around Rs. 15 lakhs from a store room

IT News
Imphal, March 16

Unknown miscreants break the lock of a store room of a shop called M/S Lifetime Enterprises located at Paona International Market, in Imphal West and stole school uniforms with logo of some school and Mattress among others which worth around Rs. 15

lakh at around midnight of March 15. The godown is located at the ground floor of the shop owned by Khumanthem Khamba Meetei, son of Late Kh. Chaoba Meetei of Moirangkumpu Khewa Bazar, Imphal East.

A complaint has been filed at City police in connection with the stealing of the goods at City Police Imphal.

On completion of three years in office, CM announces special scheme for Sportspersons and Artists

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Celebrating the third anniversary of the BJP led government in the State, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh announced the biggest ever scheme for the welfare of the sportspersons and artists of the State at the Chief Minister's Secretariat yesterday.

Deputy Chief Minister N. Joykumar, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, top civil and police officials were present during the celebration. Chief Minister and other dignitaries released a Coffee Table Book on the completion of three years of the government. The Coffee table book is published by Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur. A short film highlighting the achievements of the government in the last three years was also showcased during the program.

Briefing the media persons, Chief Minister informed that the Chief Minister's Akhannaba Sanaroisingi Tengbang (CMAT) and Chief Minister's Artist Singgi Tengbang (CMAT) would provide benefits to thousands of sportspersons and artists who have brought laurels to the State and country. It is projected that around Rs. 736 lakhs and 570 lakhs respectively will be required for the newly announced CMAT and CMAT.

N. Biren Singh said that under the CMAT scheme, the government would provide suitable employment in government services to sportspersons winning medals in notified disciplines in notified international events on the basis of criteria to be laid down by State Government. All unemployed sportspersons and coaches who have participated or won medals in National and International sports tournaments will be covered under Chief Minister's Halshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) with all benefits, he added.

The Chief Minister stated that CMAT would also support the sportspersons for purchasing of costly sports items like cycle, bow, rifle, pistol etc. The enhanced cash awards to be given to Olympians who bagged gold, silver, bronze and participants to Olympics are Rs 1 crore, 75 lakhs, 50 lakhs and 10 lakhs respectively. Under the scheme, the government would provide incentive of upto Rs. 2 lakhs per annum to around 250 local clubs of the State.

The scheme would also include lifetime pension scheme for unemployed sportspersons and coaches of 50 years and above who have represented Manipur/India either in National or International tournaments, he added.

Recognising the contribution of artists of the State, Chief Minister's Artist Singgi Tengbang



(CMAT) has been designed with a view to encourage the artists in every field such as performing arts, literary arts & visual arts and their associated institutions. The CMAT is targeted to benefit about 4000 artists in a year.

N. Biren Singh said that under CMAT, pension will be extended to around 1000 artists who are 60 years and above. Pensioners include Awardees, Gurus and Non-Awardees who have contributed in preserving the tradition, culture and art forms of Manipur. Financial assistance would also be provided for artists, groups and institutions for participating in International and National festivals.

The CMAT scheme would also extend monetary support to cultural groups or institutions for training and productions in various fields such as theatre, sumang leela, dance, music and visual arts. To nurture the deserving budding artists of the State, the financial assistance will be provided to the students of Government Dance College, Shree Shree Bal Mukunda Dev Music College, Imphal Art College, Manipur University of Culture.

Acknowledging the achievements of various artists, the scheme would provide financial assistance to the award winners in the national competition and festivals. Padma Awardees, National Akademi Awardees such as Sangeet Natak Akademi, Sahitya Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi Awardees, State Kala Akademi Awardees including young awardees will be extended one time financial support for pursuing their dreams and vision towards preservation and promotion of our culture successfully.

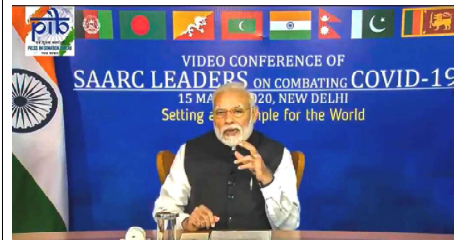
Chief Minister mentioned that artists recognized by competent authority of the State Government would also be covered under Chief Minister's Artist Singgi Tengbang (CMHT). Around 1000 artists would be benefited under CMHT. Mentioning the achievements of the government in the last three years, Chief Minister said that the Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) has been extended to Manipur. Since May 2017, Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day is being held every month and has met about 34,000

benefited from CMHT, he added. Chief Minister said that the law and order situation has been improved drastically. Bandhs and blockades have reduced. There is an increase of 222 percent in the inflow of international tourists since 2016. Under the 'War against Drugs', drugs worth Rs 2000 crores have been destroyed, he added. The Gross State Domestic Product has registered a growth of 16 percent in 2018-19. The State's revenue collection has seen a growth of 34.8 percent in 2017-18 and 16 percent in 2018-19.

N. Biren Singh mentioned that the government has launched School Jagathansi Mission and 60 schools have been addressed comprehensively. The overall pass percentage of Class 10 students reached an all time high of 74.69 percent since 1972. For the first time, the government had organised 1st Chief Minister's Indigenous Martial Arts (Thang-ta and Cheibi) Meet, 2020.

PIB Special

Produce here is the Prime Minister's opening remark during Video Conference of SAARC leaders on combating COVID-19



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Excellencies,

I would like to thank you all for joining this special interaction at short notice.

I specially thank our friend Prime Minister Oli who has joined us almost immediately after his recent surgery. I wish him a speedy recovery. I would also like to congratulate President Ashraf Ghani for his recent re-election.

I welcome the new Secretary-General of SAARC, who is also with us today. I also acknowledge the presence of the Director of the SAARC Disaster Management Centre, from Gandhinagar.

Excellencies,

As we all know, COVID-19 has recently been classified by W.H.O. as a pandemic.

So far, our region has listed fewer than 150 cases.

But we need to remain vigilant. Our region is home to nearly one-fifth of all humanity. It is densely populated.

As developing countries, all of us have significant challenges in terms of access to healthcare facilities. Our people-to-people ties are ancient, and our societies are deeply inter-connected.

Therefore, we must all prepare together, we must all act together, and we must all succeed together.

Excellencies,

As we prepare to face this challenge, let me briefly share India's experience of combating the spread of this virus so far.

"Prepare, but don't panic" has been our guiding mantra.

We were careful to not underestimate the problem, but also to avoid knee-jerk reactions.

We have tried to take proactive steps, including a graded response mechanism.

We started screening entry into India from mid-January itself, while also gradually increasing

restrictions on travel.

The step-by-step approach has helped avoid panic.

We have increased our public awareness campaigns on TV, print and social media.

We have made special efforts to reach out to vulnerable (5.2 M(0.2) groups.

We have worked to quickly ramp up capacity in our system including through training our medical staff across the country.

We have also increased diagnostic capabilities. Within two months, we moved from one major facility for pan-India testing, to more than 60 such labs.

And, we have developed protocols for each stage of managing this pandemic : for screening at entry points; contact tracing of suspected cases; quarantine and management of isolation facilities; and for discharge of cleared cases.

We also responded to the call of our people abroad. We evacuated nearly 1400 Indians from different countries. We also similarly helped some of our citizens, in accordance with our 'neighbourhood first policy'.

We have now built up a protocol for such evacuations, including carrying out testing by our mobile teams deployed abroad.

We recognised that other countries would be also concerned about their citizens in India. So we briefed foreign Ambassadors about the steps we were taking.

Excellencies,

We fully recognize that we are still in an unknown situation.

We can not predict with certainty how the situation will unfold despite our best efforts.

You must also be facing similar concerns.

This is why it would be most valuable for all of us to share our perspectives.

I look forward to hearing your views. Thank you.

IGAR (South) celebrates 17th Raising Day

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Inspector General of Assam Rifles (South) celebrated its 17th Raising Day on Sunday.

Major General K P Singh, AVSM, YSM, conveyed his greetings and best wishes to all ranks of HQ IGAR (South) and applauded their contribution towards creating a conducive and secure environment in the state.

He exhorted the force to strive for the well being and safety of the people of Manipur at all times. Fondly called "Friends of Manipur", IGAR (South) has contributed not only to the security and peace in the state, but has also aided development activities especially in

the border areas. Driven by the urge to usher in the well being of Manipur and its people, the efforts of the last seventeen years are today visible on the peaceful streets of Imphal and other districts of Manipur.

The raising day mark yet another successful year to the annals of the history of HQ IGAR (South) and the oldest paramilitary force - Assam Rifles. In a short span of time since its raising in 2004, IGAR (South) has been able to achieve a lot and continues to strive for excellence in every field. On its raising day, IGAR (South) takes the opportunity to reassure the people of Manipur that it is committed to the well being, safety and security of Manipuri people.

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