

## CADA observes 14<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

Imphal, Sept. 18:

Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol (CADA) has observed 14<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day at the conference Hall of its head office located at Pureiromba Khongnang Makhong, near Palace Compound at 11 am today. The observance was observed by maintaining social distancing and following the COVID-19 containment SOPs, a statement added. The Foundation day function was attended by Hijam Priyokumar - President, CADA; Thokchom (o) Ramani - President, All Manipur Women's Social Reformation & Development Samaj (Nupi Samaj) and Y.K. Dhiren - Convener, Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) as presidium members. The function began by paying tribute to Joy Ningmaithem - former advisor and by observing a two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul. Secretary of CADA, in his speech elaborated on its activities in fighting the menace of drugs and alcohol and said that the CADA was established on this day of 2006 with 11 like minded Civil Society Organisations. While deliberating on the hardships that the CADA faced in fighting the social menace, the CADA secretary Geetchandra Mangang said that it is against the wishes of the people to take up measures for legalization of Ganja Plantation in the state. A Quarterly journal of CADA called "Health for Future" Volume I, Issue XXVIII was also released on the occasion.

## Chief Minister inaugurates, lays foundation for different projects

Imphal, Sept. 18:

Chief Minister N Biren Singh inaugurated five different projects apart from laying the foundation stone for 46 others under different Departments in a function held at Chief Minister's Secretariat Complex today. The total estimated cost of these projects was Rs. 180 crores. Speaking at the occasion, N. Biren Singh said that the State Government is giving priority to development of hill areas because hill districts are less developed as compared with valley districts. Stating that various developmental projects are being taken up in different parts of hill districts, the Chief Minister expressed hope that people would be able to see a landscape change in hill districts when these projects are completed.

N. Biren Singh informed that transit accommodations for doctors, nurses and teachers are being constructed at 19 different places i.e. Churachandpur, Singhat, Borobekara, Jiribam, Tamenglong, Tamei, Noney, Kangpokpi, Senapati, Mao, Paomata, Saikul, Jessami, Ukhrul, Kamjong, Chandel, Chakpikarong, Moreh and Tousem. Out of these, the Chief Minister said, accommodations at Churachandpur, Singhat and Borobekara have been inaugurated today while works at the remaining places would be completed by December this year. There would be no problem for accommodation for the doctors, nurses and teachers posted in these areas once these accommodations are ready, he said. In order to provide air connectivity to interior areas of Manipur like

Thanlon (207 km), Parbung (310 km) etc. at an affordable price and to boost air tourism, heliports would be constructed at Tamenglong, Thanlon, Parbung, Moreh and Jiribam. Nowadays, the Chief Minister said, it is encouraging to see that there is less disturbance in taking up developmental projects in hill areas. It is because of people's faith and support to the present Government, he said. Regarding Henglep Road, the Chief Minister clarified that the project halted midway after a good progress at initial stages because of a complaint letter from an ex-MLA to the North Eastern Council. However, works for this project would begin soon, he said while observing that development works should never be politicized by anybody.

CAF and PD Minister Shri Karam Shyam, Agriculture Minister Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLAs and high ranking officials of the State Government also attended the function organized by the Manipur Police Housing Corporation Ltd. The projects, which were inaugurated by the Chief Minister, were Transit Accommodation for doctors and teachers at Singhat, Churachandpur headquarters and Borobekra (Jiribam), 100 SM two-storeyed barrack with toilet facility at Manipur Police Training College, Pangei and Model Police Station at Porompat. The projects, for which foundation stones were laid, were Heliports at Jiribam, Tamenglong, Moreh, Thanlon and Parbung under Transport Department, 12 Storage

Warehouses in Imphal East, Imphal West, CEO Office Lamphelhat, DC Offices at Ukhrul, Tamenglong, Chandel, Senapati, Kangpokpi, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Churachandpur and Jiribam under Election Department, 17 Transit Hostels for Doctors/Teacher/Nurses and District Level Officers at different locations of Tamenglong and Noney districts and Hostels and Quarters for students and teachers at two Higher Secondary Schools at Tamei and Tamenglong under Hill Area Development Programme, 1000-capacity Convention Centre with Training Hall at Tamenglong headquarters and 284-vendor capacity new women's market complex at Tamenglong headquarters under Planning Department, Office buildings of Manipur Police Housing Corporation

Ltd., Police Museum at 1<sup>st</sup> MR, City Police Station, Traffic Police Station, 40 SM Barrack at Commando Complex, Imphal West District, Infrastructure of newly opened Sangaithel Police Outpost, Imphal West and Infrastructure of District Police Head Quarters at newly created Kakching and Tengnoup Districts, Girls' Hostel at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) Campus, Makhon under PMJVK of the Minority Affairs Department, sheds for Hardware/Electronics Assembling at IT SEZ Campus, Mantripukhri under Central Sector Scheme of IT Development, Nongpok Thong (bridge) of Kangla over Imphal River under Imphal Smart City Limited (ISCL) and Development of Heritage Village at Yangkhullen, Senapati District under NEC 2017-18.

## Destruction of paddy at Imphal Airport: Farmers demand compensation

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 18:

Destruction of paddy plants inside the premises of Bir Tikendrajit International Airport when the paddy was about to ripe is slowly angering the people, prompting them to take the issue with intensive agitation. An association called Agricultural Labourers' Association, Ningombam (ALAN) has been formed and after deliberation over the issue, the organization convened series of meeting and discussion and finally organised a public meeting on September 15 by maintaining social distancing SOP at Ningombam Community Hall with Ngangom Chaoba Singh in the chair.

The meeting resolved to demand adequate compensation for the paddy crops destroyed by the Airport authority which is over 100 acres and can produce over 9000 Kg of paddy. The meeting also resolved to urge the concern authority to take up appropriate action to the owners and drivers of the Tractor which they used to destroyed the paddy crops. A 13 member committee headed by Ch. Noren Singh as President and AK Baleshware Singh as Secretary which was formed in the meeting has said that if the government fails to fulfill the demands, the association will launch various agitations with likeminded organization.

## Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, a step towards aviation safety

By Raju Vernekar  
New Delhi, Sept 18:

The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020, passed by Rajya Sabha on Tuesday seeks to regulate the manufacture, possession, use, operation, sale, import and export of civil aircraft, and licensing of aerodromes, besides keeping control over lapses and violation of airline rules and regulations. The Bill which seeks to amend the Aircraft Act, 1934, was passed by Lok Sabha on March 17, 2020. It provides for statutory backing to the DGCA, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAILB), under the Ministry of Civil Aviation into statutory bodies. It also provides for imposition of a penalty of up to Rs 1 crore for lapses and violation of airline rules and regulations. As per the provisions on the

Bill, a violation can be punished with up to two years in jail or a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh, or both. Carrying arms, ammunition, and explosives or other banned goods on board, and illegal construction around airports will attract fines up to Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore. India is the third largest market globally after the United States and China, and is growing rapidly in the aviation sector. At present, there are around 661 airports in the sky and the next five years, there will be 1,200. The airports in the country had handled nearly 300,000 passengers a day before the pandemic and the numbers are steadily inching towards the half-way mark. By 2024, nearly 100 new airports will be added to the existing number, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Puri told the house. During discussion on the Bill, several MPs appreciated the role of Air India in bringing back Indians stranded abroad during the nationwide lockdown and expressed concerns over the Union government's bid to

sell the public carrier. Congress' KC Venugopal raised the issue of privatisation of airports and alleged that several norms were violated in giving airports to a single private entity, the Adani Group. He said there is a shortage of air traffic controllers, raising the issue of near-misses. However later Puri asserted that the vacancies have nearly been filled and the recruitment process was delayed due to the pandemic. Shiv Sena MP Anil Desai raised the issue of air safety and demanded that government initiates steps to ensure the passengers' safety. He also expressed opinion that Air India was a national pride and as such it should not be privatised. The minister said privatisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports, that together account for 33% of the air traffic, has resulted in the airports authority receiving about Rs 29,000 crore, which is now being used for the development of other airports. On the issue of privatisation of Air India, Puri said the

carrier is saddled with heavy losses. "...if we could help it, we would keep it with us, but with a Rs 60,000 crore debt, the choice is not between privatisation and non-privatisation. Some of my colleagues must realise that the choice is between privatisation and closing down. We are confident that the airline, in running condition, doing extremely well, will be given to its new owner in order for Air India and its flag to be kept flying," Puri said. In the meanwhile the government has extended the deadline for placing bids for Air India till October 30 as the Covid-19 fallout has disrupted economic activity globally. Besides the date for intimation to qualified interested bidders (QIB) has been extended till November 20, by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). The process of 100 per cent stake sale in the national carrier was initiated on January 27. Then it was extended till March 17, till April 30, till June 30, and again till August 31.

## Financial assistance under MSJWS provided to journalist

DIPR  
Imphal, Sept. 18:

Financial assistance under the Manipur State Journalists Welfare Scheme (MSJWS), Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur was provided to Sorensangbam Soniya Devi, Reporter, Poknapham Daily, at DIPR Office Complex, Nityaipat Chuthek, Imphal on Thursday. Cheque amounting to Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only for medical treatment was handed over to the beneficiary by Shri L. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Director (HQ), DIPR and T.

Sangeeta, APO, (Press), DIPR. The scheme was launched formally on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at City Convention Centre, Imphal by the Hon'ble Chief Minister as part of important programme of the new Government's 100 day's achievement. For the scheme, the Government made a contribution of Rs. 10,00,00,000/- (Rupees ten Crores) towards the Corpus Fund of the Manipur State Journalists Welfare Scheme on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The Scheme provides one time financial/medical assistance to journalists and their families. The assistance available under the scheme is upto Rs 2.00 lakh, provided to the

family under extreme hardship on account of death of the journalist, upto Rs 2.00 lakh provided to the journalist in case of permanent disability rendering the journalist incapable of earning a livelihood, upto Rs 1.00 lakh provided towards the cost of treatment of major ailments such as cancer, renal failure, heart ailments requiring by-pass/open heart surgery, angioplasty, brain haemorrhage and paralytic attack, any of the ailments which is permissible for full re-imbursment under the medical re-imbursment facility of the Government. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not

being covered under CGHS, or any other insurance/departmental health schemes, etc. However, relief under this provision is available to the journalist only upto the age of 60 years and upto Rs 50,000 may be provided in case of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating hospitalization. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not being covered under CGHS, or any other insurance/departmental health schemes, etc. So far, seventeen (17) media persons have availed financial assistance under the scheme since its inception.

## CM distributes loans to street vendors

DIPR  
Imphal, Sept 18:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh distributed loans to a total of 1269 vendors of different districts to support them in resuming their vending activities which have been affected by the nationwide lockdown. 803 street vendors were benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi - PM SVANidhi and 466 regular licensed vendors were provided assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra

Joyana (PMMY) - SHISHU. Speaking on the occasion, N. Biren Singh said that the Government understands the financial difficulties which the vendors have been facing during the pandemic. The Chief Minister further said that loans would be provided to a total of around 20,000 vendors from different parts of the State. Appreciating the efforts and support of the bank officials in providing loans to the street vendors, Chief Minister appealed to the banks to disburse the loan amounts to the

remaining applicants as soon as possible. Mentioning about the Covid-19 infections in the State, N. Biren Singh said that the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the State is due to the non-compliance of SOPs and protocols issued by the government. He further stated that the government will take stringent action against those who defy the protocols under National Disaster Management Act. He urged the people to strictly follow the guidelines and SOPs issued by the government. (Contd. on Page 2)

# ★ Editorial

## Calls for change in the election campaign

Promulgating the idea of a new election campaign by flushing out the ill practice in the name of democracy is a dream of every sensible and right-thinking people of the state for a very long time. Since the last couple of decades, the senior citizens and politically sensible people have been demanding electoral reform to make democracy meaningful. However, the system that has been following in the country is so strongly protected that there is no sign of any possibility seen for bringing a mass electoral reform. Well, the electoral reform demanded by various people and the Senior citizens who felt that there is an immediate need for electoral reform in the country is based on the changes and amendment of many technical contents of the election process that has been following in the country. So it is natural that it will be a long way for those wanting to reform the electoral system to see their dream comes true.

Everyone knows that meaningful democracy will happen only if the electorate elected their leaders without any influence from those contesting the election. Everyone knows these, but it is next to impossible of such thing happening in the present day Manipuri society. Campaign meetings, rally, etc. are becoming an essential part of the election and for that what the workers of the candidates do to make the presence of a large number of people is an open secret. Door to door campaign by candidates is also considered another element of the electoral process. Since the election began after its merger to the Indian Union, people have never witnessed the electorate judging the candidate based on their ideology. It was always the candidate that won who can influence the electorate using every means. And this is a fact. Every election time at least 100 to 1000 youths are assumed spoiled while engaging in the election campaign of any candidates. The way the election happens in the country is also called the greatest festival of democracy even by the Election Commission of India.

Now the point that this column wants to draw the attention of all sensible people as well as the government authority conducting the election in the country is that we need to change the system on how the election is being conducted in the country. Now leaving aside the needs for technical changes as demanded by those struggling hard for reform of the electoral system, the ECI in connivance with the state executives can make remarkable changes to the electoral process taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ECI can put restrictions on any form of public meeting – big or small that were commonly seen during every election time. Gathering of not more than 50 people during flag hoisting ceremonies and other election-related activities can be made as strict regulations. Instead of allowing them mass gatherings, the candidates can be allowed to publicize themselves through mass media of every means. Electronic media, internet, and print media should be put as the only medium permitted to candidates to tell themselves who they are and why they contest the election. Of course billboards or hoarding should also be an option to make themselves familiar to the voters. However, a strict regulation to even disqualify if any candidates are found conducting door to door campaign for election or organizing camera meeting or public meeting may be helpful not only to reform the process of the election that has been practicing since a very long time but it will help save the mankind from getting infected by the dreaded coronavirus. If a changed electoral process has been made and forced to follow it strictly, people will feel the real taste of democracy.

### RC book lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Registration Certificate issued by the Department of Transport, Govt. of Manipur, for my vehicle bearing registration number MN0 1AB 7659 in between Lillong area to Konung Mamang area in Imphal East on September 12, 2020. Engine NO. of my vehicle of my vehicle is JF50E-T-3180989, Chassis No. OME4JF – 505CGT1 806330.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Soibam Sagor Singh  
Sagoband Heinoupok, Imphal West.

### Certificate, Mark sheet lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my certificate and mark sheet of my HSLC examination bearing Roll No. 41055 of 2016 conducted by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) on the way between Langol to Lamphel on September 15, 2020.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Suchitra Chingakhram.

### Documents lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Mark sheet, Transfer certificate, Migration Certificate, Character Certificate and Provisional Certificates of my Class X passed examination bearing Roll No. 3140784 of 2015, and also Class – XII passed examination bearing Roll No. 3638235 conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi on the way between Bihar to Dimapur on April 13, 2020.

Sd/-  
Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Moirangthem Yaiphaton Chanu.

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## LIFE MOVES ON

By -Themneivah sithlou

Life is like a flower that blooms and dies. Life is like a fog in the morning which can clear any minute. Life is like a colourful rainbow full of experience, and ups and downs. Life already determined by God even before we exist!!? This is a controversial issue. I won't bother in proving either side of it. However, I want to say that life is a journey and death is our final destination on earth. Every day is an experience of our life. There are problems to solve and lessons to learn. Besides, there are also many unsolved things with no trace of an answer. Yes, this is life and we must stay strong to face any situation because life must move on. We are given only one chance to live so we have to make the most the best of it.

We are born in a family and we are from a society. We are connected with ties that surround us. I would say that challenges are much harder to a humble family. You may not be thrown out from your peers or society but what matters is how you feel. You couldn't enjoy any of what your friends do. Yes no one stops you but your conscience does. But no one can make us weak without our mental acceptance so we should stay strong because life moves on. Generally relationship problems arise within family, friends and society.

Sometimes we feel exhausted and irritated when it worsens because we cannot live our life all alone. We are social animals and we are meant to socialize among ourselves. Hence we should stabilise our social relationship so that we can move on with our life. Relationship problems arise when we give too much time or when we completely ignore it. Therefore, there must be a striking balance in every relationship. Good and bad goes hand in hand and choice is ours. If one can help you there is eventually another one who causes problems for you. You may work very hard for society but there will always be another party who doesn't value it. One favours you while others dejected you. Not everyone in this world will like you. Don't feel down as this is a universal fact. A bunch of people with different likes, thoughts and temperament make up a society. Obviously, there will be misunderstanding among us. We are guaranteed the right to live

but we are not actually free at all. So what we should do is fit ourselves in this world. We solve, we learn, we become stronger then we move on. Your part is how you react to the situation. Do you overcome with peace or with anger? Sometimes I play the deaf role so that I wouldn't hear of some conversation. I pretend as blind so that I shouldn't see some scene which will arouse my anger. Also, I play as dumb so that I won't hurt others. We should play these roles according to the situation because life moves on. We shouldn't let the behaviour of others destroy our inner peace. It is our actions which reflect who we are. We shouldn't drive ourselves to the devil because of others' actions. We must live our life along with proving to the world that kindness exists and none can win against it. Everyone, including the deaf, blind and mentally disabled can feel the language of kindness.

Living a purposeful life is a successful life. When we were a kid our challenges were learning how to speak and walk. Then we learn how to read and write. Soon enough we enter our teenage stage. We started facing problems from different angles from family to friends. We work very hard in our own field not to disappoint our parents. Challenges become harder each time we move up to our next stage of life. Likewise we become stronger as we move up. Life hits hard most in the adult stage. It is a sign of adulthood when none wake us up in the morning other than our problems. So, there is not a single stage where challenges are off but what we see is life moves on. We should learn to cope with the alteration of life and challenges because even a second of time does not lag behind but time moves on. One of the biggest obstacles why we can't move forward is that of self acceptance. It is human nature that we don't want to feel inferior towards others. It is hard to accept our flaws and weaknesses. But lucky is the one who quickly snatches the opportunity to fight his inferior side and move forward. But we are blinded with fear and pride to accept our weakness. We must learn to accept ourselves because it is us who know the best of ourselves. Peace must begin within ourselves for us to move on. We must learn to forgive ourselves. We must give

ourselves a chance to do better and to love better. Every human being had a dark side of their life. There are painful memories which hunt us and sometimes awake us at night. We should learn to forgive others, even those who don't deserve it because there is no peace of mind in holding a grudge. Hating and blaming is a waste of time with no answer. It is none other than for our sake, we must forgive so that we can move on. What if we can't forget our past unless we are prone from memory loss!!? Yes the fact will not change but we can change on how we perceive it. We should instead use this opportunity to become stronger and explore the world with more positivity. When we accept our past, there is always a new path and hope that awaits us. As mentioned earlier, time does not delay. If it does, it is us who is stuck. So the earlier we learn, the more advanced we move on.

There are lots of people who stumble at one Point of their life. It may be because of heartbreak, loss of life, pains and many more. They think that it is the end of their life and they felt hopeless. If you think so, yes you are hopeless as long as you stick to your past. Note that every single person in this world is fighting their own battles. The one who learns to accept every circumstance and snatch the good one and dispatch the bad one are the lucky one in this world. If they can, why can't you?! Only if we learn to accept ourselves, there will be less depression. Remember nothing lasts forever in this world so do problems and pains. There is always a new day after a gloomy night.

Life is a mystery and even our existence itself is. Every religion interprets the theory of life differently. But we all have a common belief that the good doers are rewarded in life and life after death. What if you are an atheist!!? Not to mention religion, every good person is rewarded with love, respect and good names. In life what we give is what we receive that is what we call karma and none can escape it. So we should live our life cautiously. We should enjoy our life but very carefully. We should learn, forgive, grow stronger and accept our flaws to move forward because life moves on, and we should catch up with it. We should know the purpose of our existence and live our life. Why don't you make your life the best journey!!?

## CM distributes....

During the function, Chief Minister distributed awards to the officials of Jiribam Municipal Council and Kachhing Municipal Council for bagging Cleanest City in NorthEast India and Best City in citizen feedback awards respectively under Swachh Survekshan 2020 which was organized by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India.

Mentioned may be made that Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh had already distributed loans to a total of 817 vendors of different districts on August 25, 2020. PM-SVANidhi was launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on June 15, 2020. It is a special micro credit scheme for providing affordable working capital loan to street vendors to resume their livelihoods that have been affected due to COVID-19 lockdown. The scheme is valid until March 2022. Under this scheme, the street vendors, who were vending within the limits of an urban local body as on 24th March, 2020, can avail working capital loan of up to 10,000, which is repayable in monthly instalments within the tenure of one year. On timely and early repayment of loan, an interest subsidy @ 7% per annum will be credited to the bank accounts of beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on quarterly basis. The scheme promotes digital transactions through cash back incentives up to an amount of Rs. 7100 per month. The vendors can avail the facility of escalation of the credit limit on timely / early repayment of loan.

CAF & PD Minister Karam Shyam, Public Health Engineering Minister L. Dikho, Agricultural Minister V. Hangkhanlian, Forest and Environment Minister Awangbow Newmai and MLAs of different Assembly Constituencies also attended the function.

### Admit Card lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my admit Card of my class X examination bearing Roll No. 18701 of 2013 issued by BOSEM on the way between Khurai Ahongei Leikai to Soibam Leikai in Imphal East on September 14, 2020.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
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## Gandhiji's Self-reliant villages to become a reality under Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission

PIB and FOB Kohima hosts Webinar on Gandhi and Self-Reliant India

PIB Kohima, Sept 18:

Gandhiji's vision of Self-reliant villages can become a reality when Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission, introduced by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, becomes a mass movement. This was the thrust of deliberations at the webinar on "Gandhi and self-reliant India" organized by Press Information Bureau Kohima and Field Outreach Bureau, Kohima today. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Temjensoang, Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies and Research, Nagaland University, said that the entire life of

Gandhiji was dedicated for the upliftment of the poor. He said that it is disheartening to note that a significant part of our rural population still lives below poverty line and this year with Covid19 pandemic situation, the condition does not look rosy for them. The social and economic structure of the country adds to their misery, he noted. Given this reality, he said, it is important that the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission becomes a mass movement so that our villages get freedom from economic deprivation. Revival of village industries and rural development is key to the progress of our nation, he said.

In his address, Abhishek Dayal, Director, Press Information Bureau, Imphal said that many of the recent major policy decisions, not only various aspects of Atmanirbhar Bharat and National Education Policy, have a deep connect with basic tenets of Mahatma Gandhi's teachings. He added that we must not forget that his central message was to work for the poorest person in the country and strive for a just and happy society. He called upon the media to use their platforms to hold wider debates and discussions and engage people on Gandhian philosophies and ideas.

K. Sonikumar Singh, Assistant Director, PIB Kohima welcomed the participants saying that PIB is hosting a series of webinars on key issues facing society to bring the mediapersons, officials and experts on one platform for the benefit of all stakeholders. In his vote of thanks, P. Sophie, FEO, FOB, Kohima said that it would be a befitting homage to the father of our nation if we can implement his teachings into our daily life. The webinar was attended by over 30 officials of seven states of the North East Zone, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, members of the media and Gandhian experts.