

B20 delegates arrive at Imphal; Meet held at City Convention Centre

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A Ministerial team led by Textiles, Commerce & Industries Minister Nemcha Kipgen, Education Minister Thounaojam Basantakumar Singh, Transport Minister, Khashim Vashum and MLA, Lamlai AC, Kh. Ibomcha Singh warmly received the B20 delegates at Bir Tikendrajit International Airport, Imphal today.

It may be mentioned that Manipur is hosting the first of the four B20 sessions scheduled in the North East, which is the official G20 dialogue forum for the global business community. The B20 conference scheduled on 17 February 2023 will be graced by the Chief Minister of Manipur N.Biren Singh, Som Prakash, Minister of State, Commerce & Industries, Government of India and Dr R K Ranjan Singh, Minister of State, External Affairs, Government of India in the presence of senior state and central government officials.



Delegates from 23 nations representing Australia, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Chad, Canada, China, France, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Nepal, Russia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia, Uganda, United States and United Kingdom will be

part of the B20 sessions scheduled in Manipur. Besides the delegates from these countries, visiting dignitaries includes 26 overseas business delegates and 24 diplomats including Ambassadors from these countries and India.

The B-20 delegates will

also visit some of the important places of the state such as Shri Shri Govindaji Temple in Imphal, Marjing Hill, Loktak Lake, INA Headquarters at Moirang, Sangai Ethnic Park and the famous Ima Market (Women's Market) as part of the programme.

14th Death Anniversary of Dr. Th. Kishan observed

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The 14th Death Anniversary of Dr. Th. Kishan, Y. Token and A. Rajen was observed today with a simple function at the Mapari Ningsingkol, near the Cheirap Court Complex, Unipok.

Prof. N. Rajmuhon Singh, Vice-Chancellor, DM University graced the function as the chief guest. Hundreds of people came to offer floral tribute to the tomb of the



three who were brutally tortured and killed mercilessly by the NSCN (IM)'s terrorists on 14 February 2009. Dr. Th. Kishan was the then SDO, Kamjong. Many speak-

ers spoke on the role of the Manipur Mothers, Students and civil society organisations at the crucial juncture in the transcending history of Manipur.

One Day Training cum Awareness Program on RTI Act, 2005 held

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Today a one day training cum awareness program on RTI Act, 2005 was organised by the Manipur Information Commission in association with District Administration, Chandel at the conference Hall, DC office, Chandel.

With the increasing numbers of RTI applications and the RTI activists in the state and the

districts as well, the main objectives of today's training and awareness program was to sensitise the government officials as well as the general public to prevent and deal with the misused of this revolutionary Act that aims to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government and contain corruption, and make our democracy work for the people in real sense.

In today's programme the

State Chief Information Commissioner, Manipur Information Commission, Oinam Sunil Singh delivered on the topic, RTI Vs RTP (Right to Privacy) and its present trends in the country. The Deputy Commissioner Chandel, Mayanglam Bam Rajkumar spoke on the "Problem and the issues face by the SPIOs/Public authorities while implementing the RTI Act, 2005.

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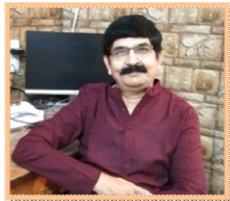
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Maha Shivratri reminds us to thank Lord Shiva for all his blessings



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

We have heard popular stories of Maha Shivratri and have found it in many of the texts like Shiva Purana and associated Puranas. Shiva temples on 18th February will be reverberated with the chants of "Om Namah Shivaya" and vedic hymns on the occasion of Maha Shivratri.

Maha Shivratri is celebrated to commemorate the wedding of Lord Shiva and Parvati, who are the most beautiful couple. Hindus all over India and abroad are celebrating

Maha Shivratri today. Maha Shivratri, literally translating to the 'Great night of Shiva' is celebrated with great fervor by the Hindu community. It is said that Lord Shiva is pleased with those who keep awake and pray to him with full devotion without asking anything in return. Maha Shivratri is dedicated to Lord Shiva and his wife Goddess Parvati. It is said that on this day, Lord Shiva saved the world from a pot of poison that emerged from the ocean during Samudra Manthan.

The great festival of Maha Shivratri is celebrated every year on the fourteenth fortnight of the waning moon during the month of Phalguna. This is because this day is very dear to Lord Shiva, he manifested as Shiva Linga on this day for the first time. Lord Shiva had married to Goddess Parvati on this auspicious day. There are few more reasons for this day being celebrated as Shivratri.

Maha Shivratri is not only one of the magnificent festivals in India but also in Nepal and other regions where Lord Shiva is worshipped. Among the various popular shrines, Amarnath temple pilgrimage or Mount Amarnath (about 140 km from Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir) is believed to be the holiest in Hinduism. The festival is celebrated to receive the grace of Lord Shiva. Shiva has the divinity of all the gods, he is the giver of all the wisdom, and he is the father of the entire universe.

On Shivratri various offerings are made to the Shivalingam. As part of Maha Shivratri's Abhishekam, the Shiva linga, a signifier of Shiva's abundant power is given a ritualistic bath. According to Shiva Purana on the eve of Maha Shivratri, the devotees bathe the linga with milk, honey, ghee, curd, and sandalwood paste while chanting 'Om Namah Shivay'. Traditionally, bael leaves, which have to be a stalk with three leaves, are kept on top of the linga. Ber or jujube fruit is also given as a special offering to the God on this day.

It is said that on the day of Maha Shivratri, one gets the fruits of worshipping the whole Shiva family along with the worship of Lord Shiva. One gets rid of the bad karma and enriches his life with joy and prosperity. The devotees definitely achieve their desired goals. One receives the blessings as progeny, health, longevity, fortunes, wisdom, and freedom from hindrances. Though there are numerous texts related to Lord Shiva, there are endless names of Shiva too. But as per the major scriptures, to receive the grace of Lord Shiva, the most appropriate mantra is the panchakshari mantra "Om Namah Shivaya". This mantra is considered very pure and potent of all. This mantra has to be chanted as much as possible during the Maha Shivarativrata (fast). It blesses the devotees with the desired results.

On Maha Shivratri, many devotees observe fast and chant 'Shivji Jai' in Hindi and 'Om Namah Shivaya' in Sanskrit. They later celebrate Maha Shivratri by drinking *thandai*, which is made up of *bhang* (cannabis), almonds and milk. It is said that Lord Shiva liked this drink and devotees take it in the form of prasad along with sweets. The appearance of Lord Shiva is very wonderful and special. He is eternal, indestructible, self-manifest, unborn and is completely free from aging, death, birth. He is the ultimate shelter of all the beings. He provides the quiescence to everyone and he dissolves the whole creation back to the origin by opening his third eye during the pralaya. He is the beginning and end of the world. Wearing a garland made from rudraksha and applying turmeric vermilion or holy ash on forehead symbolizes a holy ritual on this religious festival.

Value of Education and Ambition in Student's Life



By: Vijay GarG

Education provides the knowledge but the skills and professional attributes mould and bring about a successful career. In studies, the development of the skills is a necessity and only hardworking and capable student survives. Another important aspect is that education leads our life towards the best and up-moving direction. The competency examinations after the lectures and assignments appraise the level of students at a higher stage. Success and work centred in the mind of students from the initial stage of education that's why only they take so much keen interest in the field of education, to achieve their results and want to stand on merit only. The availability of ambition, aim and goals determined the concentration of education and one has to live in that environment to pursue a career. It is estimated that Education and Acknowledgement are the same sides of two coins which leads the career of student and also make him Confident, Determined, Independent and Well-educated in his/her life.

Sometimes, students face a shortage of skilled professionals and knowledge materials to meet the provisions of their state of education which makes them feel looser. But, it was seen in the early period of time, not now. Because now at the present all the criteria's and ways of the education system has been changed. An Education, with its adaptable measurements, goal-oriented objectives, and knowledge awareness brings in its own set of regulations and restrictions requiring careful monitoring and also personnel for successful implementation for the betterment of the students. Education always gives strength, intelligent mind and active thoughts to the students for leading their career and to get a valuable position in life.

Ambition is the most important aspect of human life and it also provides a new essence with up-moving directions in our life. It is necessary for all of us to have an ambition in our life so, that we can live in a meaningful way. Ambition is essential for everyone to live well in life. Without ambition, life will be boring, monotonous and uninteresting in the world. So, ambition is a necessity for survival, sustenance and success in the life of the world. It is truly observed that ambition brings out the best in all of us and also helps to achieve success in our goals. Ambition helps us to achieve perfection in life. Therefore what kind of ambition is necessary is the thing one has to think accurately and implement all our efforts to build a career in life. Ambition is the driving force in life which makes great achievements possible in the world. Here living is not enough, something has to be achieved to make one's life interesting or make interesting things, worthy things, best things and noble things known to the world.

Education has always been the basic tool to shape the career of the students. One of the most important steps you can take to develop a career is to undertake some training and education. You can improve your existing skills or build new one-become an expert of your own professional life. In terms of reaching your ideal goals it's important to build your skills. Because after all, you haven't got your job due to the fact that you are lacking certain skills or experience. There is so much to be gained from learning and education and knowledge about new culture, new field, experiencing new challenges and opening our mind to the whole new world. Choosing the right career path is the route of choices, it is always better information about the courses that are being offered in various parts of the world before taking a decision regarding one's career path.

There are persons with ambition for materialistic developments, for intellectual development and for spiritual development. So, ambition for all-round development can make one a complete human being with a positive attribute, which is the aim of human culture and necessary for the well being of the world. It is also important for all of us to know that ambition which is based on one-sidedness, selfishness or imagination is abnormal, unnatural and undesirable for human society in the world. Therefore ambition is necessary, but good

ambition only can give satisfaction, peace and happiness in life. It is merely believed that not only for the individuals but also for the nations, healthy human ambition is absolutely necessary so that real peace, prosperity and progress can be achieved for everyone in the world.

So, to implement such a broad idea, each individual should have some realistic and good ambition with the vision of the future world in mind instead of confining their thoughts only on their individual self only.

The main purpose of Education is to develop the knowledge, skill and character of an individual. Knowledge arises in the mind of an individual when that person interacts with an idea or experience. Education is about drawing out what is already within the student. Well, it is the duty and mere responsibility of the teachers, that they should give students the necessary knowledge and skills to gain optimum positions in their life and come out with flying colour as well as in their career also. The central task and meaning of Education are to build a will-power among the students and also providing the best facilities for learning so that one can easily find the true meaning of his/her life. The effort of every good and useful Education should be utilized in the best possible manner, which can help the students to raise their standards of learning and as well as for becoming a shining spark in their career. The purpose of Education is to teach a student how to live his life in the most conducted and controlled manner. And also by developing his mind and encouraging him to deal with reality. The students should be taught in a good manner to understand, to implement and to prove themselves through the esteem medium of Education.

With an appropriate ambition based on experience, knowledge and vision, one can overcome the hardships of life in the world. It is a real fact, that from experience, reading and observation we gain knowledge. As time goes on experience, knowledge and conviction give us an active mind, strong attitude, wisdom, confidence, will-power, which is necessary to decide about matters. Then the ambition of one would be accomplishing that mission or achieving that in the world, which would make everything interesting in life and would make one achieve all matters according to one's plan with complete success.

That is the way everyone has to live in the world and achieve something remarkable according to one's full capacity in some field like art, literature, information technology, agriculture, politics and so on not only for the present world but also for the future of mankind. And it is important for all of us to give meaning to our life so, that we can achieve our goals, aims and ambitions in the best possible manner. In fact, they should be given essentials of knowledge so that which can help them out bring out their own efforts for achieving their goals in life. The main objective of Education is to improve our minds so that we can raise our own thinking instead of following the thoughts of others. Well, all the students should believe that the purpose of Education lies at the heart and mind of teaching methods, behaviour and implementations. Beliefs arising from the own values and experiences of students always take the first front in their career and life. Well, it is a true fact that the transfer of knowledge from school to the real world is something that happens naturally as a consequence of possessing that knowledge as an extreme function of Education. It is a well defined and accurate statement that listening to the language of education which gives out complete focus on knowledge and teaching rather than on the learner. Therefore, students are expected to conform to schools rather than schools serving the needs of students. So, all the educators-teachers-professors and guides must be challenged to identify and reexamine their beliefs in the light of present knowledge which can help the students in a simple, useful and easy way.

As we make our ambition and implement our all efforts so that we can easily please everyone with our work and can achieve our real destination in life. It becomes a daily adventure for all of us, as we find routine situations which may bring deep and real lessons about life and one's character. We also behold the glory, power and wisdom of God at our work, in our personal lives and in the lives of others. As we learn to seek not for what we like but what is right. So, we always enter into the peace and joy of that which is good, easy, real and pleasing. Our responsibilities and involvements become more excited in our day to day life that we start enjoying our work, believe our efforts and continue our positive thinking.

India must use G20 Presidency for its creative economy

By Dr. Gyan Pathak

India's creative economy is large, but its untapped potential is even larger. India therefore must leverage its G20 Presidency to put creative economy concretely on the global agenda.

It is the recommendation of a recent ADBI working paper titled "Creative India: Tapping the full potential" that provides the first reliable measure on the size of India's creative economy, explores the many challenges faced by the creative industries, and provides recommendations to make India one of the most creative societies in the world.

It is important because the creative economy has become a powerful transformative force in the world today. It is one of the most rapidly growing sectors of the world economy in terms of income generation, job creation, and export earnings.

However, since there is no uniform definition of the term, and as it

varies by time and space, any estimates related to it are likely to be largely ambiguous and unreliable. This calls for an utmost need to look for a comprehensive and wide-ranging definition of India's creative economy that will help to provide more reliable estimates on the sector.

Against this backdrop, the present study identifies specific characteristics of the creative economy that are relevant for India based on an in-depth analysis of the various definitions of creative economy provided in the literature. These characteristics are then used to arrive at a definition for India's creative economy.

With reference to the definition so developed and based on the various approaches used in the literature to measure the creative economy, the study provides one of the most comprehensive and ex-

haustive estimates on the contribution of India's creative economy to the country's overall employment and GVA, using the data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

It is found that India's creative economy on average accounted for 8.30% of total employment between 2017-2018 and 2019-2020. Further, it contributed about 20.22% to India's Gross Value Added during the period.

Interestingly, as compared to the non-creative workforce, a huge 88.42% wage differential in favor of creative workforce is observed. Also, the creative workforce is found to be more urban-centric, younger, and less gender biased as compared to the non-creative workforce.

In terms of spatial concentration of employment, the creative workforce is found to be concentrated in cities, with Tirupur, Mumbai Suburban, Bangalore, New Delhi, and Gurgaon turning out to be the top five creative centers in India.

In terms of industrial concentration, the creative workforce was found to be most highly concentrated in the industries of: (a) Media, Entertainment, and Recreation; (b) Computer Programming and Software Publishing; (c) Architecture, Design, and Engineering; (d) Fashion; and (e) Education and R&D industries.

Based on the findings and consultations with experts and stakeholders, some policy suggestions are then made to support the development of the sector. These include increasing the recognition of Indian culture globally, improving access to finance for this sector, addressing bottlenecks within the country's IPR framework, and facilitating human capital development among the youth.

While it is important for India to support the sector through domestic policy reforms, its G20 Presidency in 2023 can be a great opportunity to take the lead in driving policy reforms in the sector at a global level.

India's creative economy—measured by the number of people working in various creative occupa-

tions—is estimated to contribute nearly 8% of the country's employment, much higher than the corresponding share in Turkey (1%), Mexico (1.5%), the Republic of Korea (1.9%), and even Australia (2.1%).

Creative occupations also pay reasonably well—88% higher than the non-creative ones and contribute about 20% to nation's overall GVA. Out of the top ten creative districts in India, six are non-metros—Badgam (J&K), Panipat (Haryana), Imphal (Manipur), Sant Ravi Das Nagar (Uttar Pradesh), Thane (Maharashtra), and Tirupur (Tamil Nadu)—indicating the diversity and depth of creativity across India.

Yet, according to United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, India's creative exports are only one-tenth of those of the People's Republic of China.

To develop the creative economy to realize its full potential, it recommends that Indian policymakers should—(i) increase the recognition of Indian culture globally; (ii) facilitate human capital

development among its youth; (iii) address the bottlenecks in the Intellectual Property (IP) framework; (iv) improve access to finance; and (v) streamline the process of policymaking by establishing one intermediary organization.

India should take note of the developments of late that the creative economy has become a critical component of the agendas of almost every G20 presidency. Saudi Arabia in 2020 was the first to recognize and acknowledge the cultural and creative industries as key drivers of inclusive and sustainable economic development. Subsequently, the issue was carried forward during the Italian G20 presidency in 2021 and was firmly placed on the agenda. Indonesia, which was assuming the G20 presidency in 2022, had also emphasized the role of the creative economy sector in promoting sustainable development. As India has assumed the G20 presidency beginning December 2022, it is important that it leverages this opportunity to concretely place creative economy on its agenda. (IPA Service)

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Death toll in Turkey and Syria earthquake tops 41,000 as UN says rescue phase is coming to a close

Agency
Hatay (Turkey), Feb 17:

Nine survivors were rescued from the rubble in Turkey on Tuesday, more than a week after a massive earthquake struck, as the focus of the aid effort shifted to helping people now struggling without shelter or enough food in the bitter cold.

The disaster, with a combined death toll in Turkey and neighboring Syria exceeding 41,000, has ravaged cities in both countries, leaving many survivors homeless in near-freezing winter temperatures.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has acknowledged problems in the initial response to the 7.8 magnitude quake that struck early on Feb. 6 but has said the situation is now under control.

"We are facing one of the greatest natural disasters not only in our country but also in the history of humanity," Erdogan said in a televised speech in Ankara.

Those rescued on Tuesday included two brothers, aged 17 and 21, pulled from an apartment block in Kahramanmaraş province, and a Syrian man and young woman in a leopard-print headscarf in Antakya rescued after over 200 hours in the rubble. There could be further people alive still to find, said one rescuer.

But U.N. authorities have said the rescue phase is coming to a close, with the focus turning to shelter, food and schooling.

"People are suffering a lot. We applied to receive a tent, aid, or something, but up to now we didn't receive anything," said Hassan Saimoua, a refugee staying with his family in a play-ground in Turkey's southeastern city of Gaziantep.



Saimoua and other Syrians who had found refuge in Gaziantep from the war at home but were made homeless by the quake used plastic sheets, blankets and cardboard to erect makeshift tents in the playground.

"The needs are huge, increasing by the hour," said Hans Henri P. Kluge, the World Health Organization's director for Europe. "Some 26 million people across both countries need humanitarian assistance."

"There are also growing concerns over emerging health issues linked to the cold weather, hygiene and sanitation, and the spread of infectious diseases - with vulnerable people especially at risk."

At a Turkish field hospital in the southern city of Iskenderun, Indian Army Major Beena Tiwari said patients had initially arrived with physical injuries but that was changing.

"Now more of the patients are coming with post-traumatic stress disorder, following all the shock that they've gone

through during the earthquake," she said.

Families in both Turkey and Syria said they and their children were dealing with the psychological aftermath of the quake.

"Whenever he forgets, he hears a loud sound and then remembers again," Hassan Moaz said of his 9-year-old in Aleppo, Syria. "When he's sleeping at night and hears a sound, he wakes up and tells me: 'Dad, aftershock!'"

A first convoy of U.N. aid entered rebel-held north-west Syria from Turkey by the newly-opened Bab al-Salam crossing.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad agreed on Monday to allow U.N. aid to enter from Turkey via two more border crossings, marking a shift for Damascus which has long opposed cross-border aid deliveries to the rebel enclave.

Nearly 9 million people in Syria were affected by the earthquake, the United Nations said, as it launched a \$400 million funding appeal.

The search for survivors

was about to end in the north west of Syria, said the head of the White Helmets main rescue group, Raed al Saleh.

Russia also said it was wrapping up its search and rescue work in Turkey and Syria and preparing to withdraw.

The Turkish toll was 35,3418 killed, Erdogan said. More than 5,814 have died in Syria, according to a Reuters tally of reports from Syrian state media and a U.N. agency.

Survivors joined a mass exodus from earthquake-hit zones, leaving their homes and unsure if they can ever come back.

"It's very hard... We will start from zero, without belongings, without a job," said 22-year-old Hamza Bekry, a Syrian originally from Idlib who has lived in Antakya, in southern Turkey, for 12 years but prepared to follow his family to Isparta in southern Turkey.

More than 2.2 million people have left the worst-hit areas already, Erdogan said, and hundreds of thousands of buildings have become uninhabitable.

BJP lashes out at investor George Soros says he is 'targeting' Indian democratic system

Agency
New Delhi, Feb 17:

The BJP on Friday launched a frontal attack on billionaire investor George Soros, accusing him of not only targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi but also the Indian democratic system.

This war is being mounted against India and what stands between the war and India's interests is Modi, BJP leader and Union minister Smriti Irani told reporters here.

She alleged that Soros wants to destroy Indian democracy and wanted some "hand-picked" people to run the government here. "We have defeated foreign powers earlier too and will do so again," she asserted.

"George Soros wants a government that is pliable to his needs for making his nefarious plans successful. It is evident from his statements that he has declared funding of over one billion dollars particularly to 'target' leaders like PM Modi, which is significant," she said.

Soros had announced that he will target India's democratic system and Modi will be at the centre of his attack, she said, adding he wants an order in the country which will protect his and not India's interests.

"Notably, at a time when India rises to become the fifth largest economy in the world and when India receives gratitude by global leaders like



presidents of the USA and France, and the PM of England for enabling employment not only in India but also in these three nations, the imperialist intentions of an entrepreneur are coming to light who seeks to demoralise our democracy," Irani said.

He has created a fund of over USD one billion (Rs 100 crore) to intervene in democratic systems, including in India, she claimed, urging every person, organisation and society to denounce the intention of this "individual who is seeking to weaken our democratic interests for his personal gains".

Soros (92), who has been associated with various causes, has said the turmoil engulfing Gautam Adani's business empire that has "shaken" the faith in India as an investment opportunity may open the door to a "democratic revival" in the country. He also alleged that PM Modi is not a democrat.

Adani group has been under severe pressure since the

US short-seller Hindenburg Research on January 24, accused it of accounting fraud and stock manipulation, allegations that the conglomerate has denied as "malicious", "baseless" and a "calculated attack on India".

Irani said every Indian should speak in one voice that their government and Modi, who have been elected democratically, will not bow their heads to such ill intentions.

In his remarks at the Munich Security Conference, Soros had said, "Adani Enterprises tried to raise funds in the stock market, but he failed. Adani is accused of stock manipulation and his stock collapsed like a house of cards. Modi is silent on the subject, but he will have to answer questions from foreign investors and in Parliament."

"This will significantly weaken Modi's stranglehold on India's federal government and open the door to push for much needed institutional reforms," he said.

Security Forces catch 2.5 crores worth of drugs

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Based on credible intelligence inputs provided by Keithelmanbi Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South), joint operations were

launched with Thoubal Commandos and on thorough checking and investigation, two individuals were caught carrying 41 Nos of Plastic Soap Cases blue in colour containing suspected Heroine No 4 weighing approx 484 gms

in total worth Rs 2.5 Crores in International Market on 15 Feb 2023.

The apprehended individuals along with the recovered items were handed over to Khongiom PS for further necessary legal actions.

Interaction with Orphanage Children



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To motivate and guide the orphans in the Area of Responsibility, Loktak Battalion Assam Rifles with the intent to take cognizance of difficulties faced by the orphans, interacted with

SangaMonu inn Orphanage" at Churachandpur (Manipur) yesterday.

During the interaction with Loktak Battalion Assam Rifles with the intent to take cognizance of difficulties faced by the orphans, interacted with

about 35 children of the SangaMonu Inn Orphanage. The motive behind the interaction was to talk to the children and staff, ameliorate their difficulties, motivate and guide them for their future. The battalion assured the children of

regular interaction with them in times ahead. All the Children and the staff have appreciated the initiative of Assam Rifles.

Khuga Battalion under the aegis HQ IGAR (South) organised a Cleanliness Drive in border village of Z Khunou, Churachandpur district on 16 Feb 2023. As an effort to create a healthy and clean society and to sensitise the locals specially the youth about the importance of a clean and healthy environment, Assam Rifles organised a Cleanliness Drive in border village of Z Khunou. As part of the drive, an interactive session on "Clean and Healthy Environment" was conducted at the village followed by a comprehensive cleanliness session. Total of 18 soldiers and 14 Civilians took part in the said drive.

AR conducts awareness programme

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Khuga Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a Lecture on Harmful Effects of various forms of Drugs, Tobacco and its Remedies to ensure a progressive society at village Songdoi in Churachandpur district yesterday.

The said event also fo-

cussed on need to insulate youth from anti-social activities and Tobacco menace and engage them in socially productive work. A total of 14 villagers attended the said awareness programme.

including youths. Timely Career Guidance has all the potential to direct the young energy in the right path with adequate opportunity and will help build a developed and re-

sourcful society. Use of Tobacco in various forms is emerging as a serious concern in the country, especially among the younger generation leading to dangerous consequences not just for the person using it, but to the family and society at large. Time and again various studies have highlighted the perils of substance abuse and discussed that substance abuse is a dan-

gerous disease that entraps a person in a vicious cycle that not only destroys the user but their whole family, society and eventually the country.

The said event also focussed on need to insulate youth from anti-social activities and Tobacco menace and engage them in socially productive work. A total of 14 villagers attended the said awareness programme.

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মাসেম তাইবঙপানসিদা ঐশ্যে খাইগী ইরজা তিনবীরম্বা মরৈবাকীদমক খজবদা মীংকুপ অমফাওবা নুঙাইবা ফংজিখিব্রা লাই ওইজব্রা ইরেংবম ভোরোত গীয়াচা চাওরেন -হায়না খন্তবীখিবনা মপুনা থারকপা চোশিং-চোখেক শুরদনা হেরাং-হোশিং বনা চান্দা, লৈরাং-লৈশিং বনা চিন্দা, তাইবঙ চেংজেল লেইখিবদনা হোখিবা লোইদাম ফাইরেন থাগী ১৯নি পানবা, যাইফরবা কোরৌ ইরাই নুমিং, ইং কুমজা ২০২৩ গী ফেব্রুৱাৰী ১০, নুমিং অসিদা শেখীবা মপু মহাকী মফদনা লৈরাং ফেনম ওইনা তিনজজে।

লাক্সিবা লোইদাম ফাইরেনগী ২৩নি পানবা, যাইফরবা কোরৌ লৈপাকপোকপা নুমিং, ইং কুমজা ২০২৩ গী ফেব্রুৱাৰী ১৪, নুমিং অসিদা মজানি লৈছন তমজরগা, লাক্সিবা লোইদাম ফাইরেনগী ৩০নি পানবা, যাইফরবা কোরৌ নিংখোকা নুমিং, ইং কুমজা ২০২৩ গী ফেব্রুৱাৰী ২০, নুমিং অসিদা লায়-খোরম খোকে। নুমিং অসিদা লৈখিবদগী থরায়না মপু মাগী মফদনা ঙিবা চিকনা লৈজরুনবগীদমক মপুগী মিংখ শক-শোনজদুনা গুমজবা হৈরাং-লৈরাং থরদং কচগনি।

নুমিং অসিদা অহল-লমন, মরুপ-মাপাং, ইচিন-ইনাও, ইচে-ইচল, খাই খিৰিকা মতম চানা লেঙবীৰক্তনা লায়-খোরম অসি শরুক যাবীৰনবা চেনা লৈরাংগী লেঙং শিলা লৈকচচরি। চেনা লৈরাং লেঙং শিঞ্জদনা পাওজজবগী অয়োন-অরান খিৰিক ভাকগনি।

নোহ্লকচরিবশিংঃ-

ইরেংবম ওংবী যমুনা লৈমা (মমা)

ইরেংবম ওংবী জোইলি (পুৰ্ণিমা) লৈমা (লোইদাবী)

অমদি ইমুং-মনুং

খাগেমপল্লি হুইজোম লৈকাই, ইফাল।

International Bioresource Conclave & Ethnopharmacology Congress to be held from February 24-26

IT News
Imphal, Feb 17:

Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) is organizing International Bioresource Conclave along with the 22nd Congress of the International Society for Ethnopharmacology and the 10th Congress of Society for Ethnopharmacology (ISE SFC-2023) during February 24-26, 2023 at the City Convention Centre, Imphal, Manipur with the theme "Reimagine Ethnopharmacology: Globalization of Traditional Medicine". This International Bioresource Conclave and Ethnopharmacology Congress is being organized by IBSD, Imphal in collaboration with Society for Ethnopharmacology, India and International Society for Ethnopharmacology, Switzerland. This event is happening

for the first time at Imphal and also in the Northeastern Region to showcase different initiatives for promotion of bioresources with special references to northeast region (NER).

Prof. Pulok K. Mukherjee, Chairman, ISE SFC-2023 and Director, IBSD highlighted about various keynote, plenary and special sessions where scientists from over 35 countries around the globe will discuss about the development of bioresources and traditional medicines. He highlighted the initiatives of IBSD for the development of bioresources and traditional healer's practices of this region for societal benefit and livelihood generation. Prof. Mukherjee mentioned that this congress will witness gala scientific deliberations by experts from diverse fields across the world. There are over 350 scientific abstracts presented

by young researchers, which includes 220 poster presentation, Young Ethnopharmacologist Award and 130 oral presentations. During the congress, over 110 lectures will be delivered by scientists from over 35 countries on different aspects of bioresources development, traditional medicines and ethnopharmacology.

Mr. Indraneel Das, Vice President, Society for Ethnopharmacology, Kolkata highlighted various activities of SFE, India which is affiliated to ISE, Switzerland and working with a mission on "Globalizing local knowledge and localizing global technologies". He mentioned that the Society not only organizes regular meetings and promotes research and publication but also offers multiple ways to exchange information between scientists and anyone else interested in such topics.

During the Congress, several special panel discussion sessions including "Publication ethics", "Traditional Healers Conclave", "Reimagine Ethnopharmacology", "Herbs in One Health", "Ashwagandha", "i-Connect program: Business meet" is being organized for the promotion and development of Bioresources and Ethnopharmacology. This congress will provide an environment for knowledge sharing among researchers, policymakers, industry persons, healthcare practitioners, and decision-makers interested in the promotion of bioresources, traditional medicines, ethnopharmacology and drug discovery. This is the first event of its kind happening at Imphal to showcase and development of unique bioresources of Manipur in particular and whole NER at large.

Contd. from Page 1 One Day Training cum Awareness...



While Deputy Registrar (Judicial), Inao Singh spoke in length about the roles of SPIOs in Implementation of the RTI Act, 2005.

Today training cum awareness program started with the key note address by the Joint

Secretary, Manipur Information Commission, G. Shanti Kumari Kabui.

During the interactive session the district officials present, had a fruitful discussion on the nuances of solving the issues and the problems faced by them while implementing the Act.

Today's training cum awareness program ended with the proposal of vote of thanks by the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Chandel Md. Firoj Khan.

Training on homestead farming system held

IT News
Imphal, Feb 17:

With an aim to boost economic empowerment of unemployed women, Directorate of Extension Education, Central Agricultural University (CAU) in association with Humanism Foundation has conducted a one day training on homestead farming system at Heirok Part II under Thoubal district.

While addressing the participants, Dr. N. Keinatombi Devi, Livestock Assistant of CAU, who attended the training program as resource person said that farmers should adopt scientific farming in order to improve their economic status.

Dr. Wahengbam Rorkyachand Singh, Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation who attended the training program as Chief Guest, said that women in Manipur have



pivotal roles in strengthening the economy, maintaining social peace and communal harmony in Manipur.

Stating that women need to convert their free time into income generation activities he said poultry farming is one such ideal option for rural

women of Heirok. Besides supporting the family, women should also actively participate in economic development of the state.

The Managing Trustee has also assured to provide all possible support from the side of Humanism Foundation to

ensure better livelihood for unemployed rural women in Manipur.

The training program which was sponsored by ICAR- National Institute of Biotic Stress Management was attended by 25 unemployed women of Heirok and each of them were given 10 number of chicks.

Earlier, Humanism Foundation in association with 33 Assam Rifles had also conducted a training programme on Scientific Poultry Farming at Henbung under Senapati district with Dr. Thounaojam Nabakumar Singh, Senior Technical Officer, KVK Bishnupur as resource person on Wednesday.

Altogether 30 families from T. Khullen, Hengbung, Maremei, Mayangkhang, Taphou Liangmai, South Changbung attended the programme.

Sports

Santosh Trophy 2022-23: Manipur thrash West Bengal

Agency
Odisha, Feb 17:

Manipur thrashed West Bengal 4-1 in the third round of a Group B fixture at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha earlier yesterday.

Naoba Meitei, Subash Singh, Naocha Singh and an own goal from Biswajit Hembram completed Manipur's goals while Souvik Kar netted West Bengal's only goal of the game.

Manipur shook the West Bengal net after just 10 minutes into the game, through Naoba Meitei. He received a through ball from captain Subash Singh and pulled off a stunning finish from the left-side of the box.

Manipur scored their second in the 37th minute of the game. Ronald Singh's free-kick from just outside the box hit the woodwork, but the rebound fell onto Subash Singh, who nodded it into an open net.

West Bengal pulled one



back in the 57th minute. Substitute Sougata Hansda's cross into the box was headed home by another half-time substitute, Souvik Kar, which gave his side some hope for a comeback.

But, it eventually didn't happen. Manipur then continued to attack and created a lot of dangerous chances, but couldn't add their 3rd until the

80th minute. Biswajit Hembram's attempt to clear Naoba Meitei's cross went inside his own goal, sealing the deal for Manipur.

Manipur scored their fourth and completed their scoring in the stoppage time of the second half, this time by Naocha Singh. He ran onto Subash Singh's brilliant chip ball and pulled off a right-

footed shot to the left-bottom corner.

Lineups

Manipur- Ngamsang, Manuhomni, Carrick, Naoroba, Maibam, Ronald, Yami, Shamjetsam Boy Singh, Subash, Naocha.

West Bengal- Raja Burman, Amit, Biswajit, Basu, Rakesh, Surajit, Dipak, Naro, Robi.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHANDEL.

TENDER NOTICE

Chandel, the 16th Feb., 2023

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Sl.No.	Particulars	Name of School	Amount
1	Installation and transportation of 5KVA Solar Panel Power Supply	New Samtal High School	10,50,000/-

(Rupees ten lakhs fifty thousand) only.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Date & Time	Venue
1	Date of commencement of receiving sealed rate quotations	16/02/2023 (09.00 AM to 5.00 PM)	A Block, ADP Cell, 1 st Floor, DC, office, Chandel.
2	Last date of receipt of sealed rate quotations	28/02/2023 till 5.00 PM	A Block, ADP Cell, 1 st Floor, DC, office, Chandel.
3	Date of opening of sealed rate quotations	03/03/2023 11.00 AM	Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chandel

Terms & Conditions:

- 80% of the total cost will be released as 1st installment and remaining amount of 20% will be paid after the equipment are received and installed in good condition.
- The undersigned reserves the right to reject any quotation without assigning any reason thereof.
- The details of the items to be procured and locations of the schools may avail from this office or download from <https://chandel.nic.in>

Sd/-
(Mayanglambam Rajkumar)
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Sl.No.	Particulars	Location	Amount
1	Installation and transportation of Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for Operation Theatre at District Hospital, Chandel.	District Hospital Chandel.	5,00,000/-

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