

AR celebrates Cheiraoba fest

IMPHAL, Apr 15: 6 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised Cheiraoba festival at Canchipur and Singjamei Company Operating Base and participated with the locals in celebrating the festival, informed PRO IGAR (S) in a press release.

Approximately 2100 devotees visited the temple and offered prayers. Meals were served to people at the end of the function. The devotees were appreciative of the support given by Assam Rifles for organising the event and the arrangements made, said the release.

Power shutdown

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) informed all the consumers of 33/11KV Iroisemba Sub-Station, DC Feeders that there will be a planned shutdown tomorrow from 11 am to 3 pm for installation of 100 KVA DTR at Iroisemba Hill foot near forest Beat. Consumers of Lamboikhongnangkhang, Iroisemba, Samusang, Naoremthong Khullem Leikai will be affected.

Filling up of vacant posts in IMC on the cards

IMPHAL, Apr 15 (DIPR): MAHUD and Town Planning Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar has announced that a cabinet decision will be taken up soon regarding filling up of the vacant posts in Imphal Municipal Corporation and other Municipal Councils to increase the staff strength in order to carry out various schemes/flagship programmes. He was speaking at the Samajik Nyaya Diwas (Social Justice Day) observance organised by the District Administration Kakching at Kakching Municipal Council (KMC) conference hall yesterday.

Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Minister Shyamkumar said that Chief Minister N Biren will chair a cabinet meet tomorrow at Senapati district headquarters where a decision will be taken regarding filling up of the vacant posts including those approved by the previous Government. He said that he is aware that full staff strength is needed for successful implementation of various schemes and flagship programmes.

On the demand for the construction of Kakching Women's Market in place of



the vacant area of No.1, Kakching Bazaar, Shyamkumar said that he will inspect the location as soon as possible. Admitting that there is congestion in the market place, he said that he will consult with the department officials and check records to ascertain whether there is any dispute case over the land. Assuring that he will look into the issue of non-payment of honorarium for the skilled and unskilled labourers for the Ward Development Kakching Council, he advised all the urban local bodies to timely address the issues for immediate action by the concerned department.

Stating that the Forest Department has sufficient fund for tree plantation drives, he appealed for sincere participation from the officials of the District Administration Kakching, elected members, students and other stakeholders to carry out successful tree plantation drives in Kakching district to help in the mission to save the environment of the State.

The Minister also appreciated the Kakching Municipal Council for the proper maintenance of the area, for which he also announced that a special award will be given to the KMC. Stating that people of Kakching are hard work-

ing, he advised all the citizens of the State to inculcate the culture of hard work for the progress of the State.

Speaking on 'Samajik Nyaya Diwas' observed in honour of the Father of the Indian Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, Shyamkumar said that we should follow the footsteps of the great leaders and take part in welfare activities to carry forward their visions. Observance of Dr Ambedkar's birth anniversary is a reminder to the younger generations that good deeds and thoughts cannot be erased or forgotten. Dr. Ambedkar is an example that no one should undermine or disrespect a person on the basis of his/her community. A person with his/her good work can rise above the differences/barriers created by the society, he added.

Dr Y Radheshyam, Chairman, MANIDCO & MANITRON and MLA of Hiyanglam A/C; N Sanjitkumar Singh, Chairperson, KMC; Neilenthang Telien, Deputy Commissioner, Kakching; Y Victoria, SP Kakching, elected members and several Government officials attended the function.

Army launches rescue operation

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Tamei Battalion under the aegis of Senapati Brigade, Red Shield Division rescued 10 civilian today when a passenger vehicle, Force Cruiser bearing registration number AS-11-3C-0735 lost control near village Awangkhlul along Imphal-Jiribam highway and fell down a gorge approximately 100 feet on April 13. According to a press release issued by PIB Defence Wing, altogether 12 people (11 gents and one lady) were traveling from Silcher towards Imphal. The unfortunate incident took place at 12.30 pm. On receiving the information, Tamei Battalion post at Awangkhlul village came into swift action and launched a joint rescue operation with representatives of Noney police station. On reaching the spot of incident, security forces quickly came into action and commenced the rescue operation. Out of 12 victims, two passengers died on the spot while the remaining 10 passengers were evacuated and provided first aid. Four passengers were seriously injured and rushed to Imphal for further medical attention and the remaining six passengers were taken to Noney for medical aid.

'Knowing intrinsic values of classical languages crucial'



By Our Staff Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: A three-day conference on the topic "Classical Language Status in respect of Manipuri Language" organised by Directorate of Language Planning & Implementation kicked-off today at the conference hall of Manipur State Guest House, Sanjenthong.

The inaugural function was graced by Art & Culture Minister Langpoklakpam Jayantakumar Singh as chief guest; Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam as president; language activist Leihathabam Sharatchandra Sharma and Director (Art & Culture) Ng Uttam Singh as guests of honour.

Jayantakumar speaking at the occasion emphasised the importance of holding such conferences, observing that one needs to digest intrinsic values and components of classical languages. He said that one should be familiar with the history of the society and valuable assets left behind by forefathers to understand one's own language.

He said that any language which is classical in nature may be termed as a classical language. A classical language has its own history and tradition, he added.

He asserted that inclusion of Manipuri language in the classical language list is necessary for protecting and promoting the identity of Manipuris. He said that it is the responsibility of every Manipuri to protect and preserve age-old Manipuri language.

Informing that Government of Maharashtra has been trying hard to get classical language status for Marathi language at the earliest, the Minister called upon the people to contribute towards the bid to place the call for inclusion of Manipuri language in the classical language list in the Parliament.

In this regard, an expert committee will be formed. The committee would submit its reports to Art & Culture Department and Education Department after which a major policy will be framed, Jayantakumar said.

He also exhorted the people especially younger generation to promote Manipuri language, the rich art and culture of the State across the world. The Minister assured that he will take a lead role in the process of attaining classical language status for Manipuri language for the sake of future generations.

Radheshyam made an observation that Manipuri language would face no difficulties in the attempt to include in the classical language list as the language has already been enlisted in the 8th Scheduled of the Indian Constitution.

He also called upon the people to take part in the movement for inclusion of Manipuri language in the classical language list. He urged the participants and experts of the conference to share their views and suggestions on the topic.

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Public washroom at RIMS instituted



IMPHAL, Apr 15: A public washroom and toilet complex near the Obst & Gynaecology Ward was inaugurated by Prof A Santa Singh, Director, RIMS in the presence of Prof Ch Arunkumar Singh, Medical Superintendent during the last day observance of Swachhta Pakhwada which started from April 1. Prof Santa said that such facilities will be convenient to the public and expressed happy that the public washroom could be inaugurated as part of the Swachhta Pakhwada.

Prof Arunkumar urged the public to regard the public washroom and toilet complex as their own property and maintain neat and cleanliness. He also expressed his happiness that the public washroom could be inaugurated during the last day of Swachhta Pakhwada observance. During the 15 days observance of Swachhta Pakhwada, many activities like cleanliness drive in the offices, departments, units, sections, hospital, Dental College and College of Nursing were performed. A seminar on the theme "Health & Sanitation" was also organised during the observance which was inspected by the officials from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

Nursing Superintendent, officials, staff of CRED and Manipur Security Services were present at the inauguration function.

Cine Cafe opens at MFDC

IMPHAL, Apr 15 (DIPR): As an extension of the Imphal Evening, a Cine Cafe was inaugurated today at MSFDS auditorium with the objective of providing movie lovers of the State to watch films along with their family under one roof and entertain them with a taste of the big screen every Saturday and Sunday. Cine Cafe aims at giving a new form of recreation to the public at large with the main emphasis on the survival and restoration of Manipuri Cinema status. The inauguration ceremony of the Cine Cafe was organised by the Manipur State Film Development Society in collaboration with Film Forum Manipur. Commissioner (Art & Culture) M Lakshmikumar Singh; Director (Art & Culture) Ng Uttam Singh and Secretary, MSFDS, Dr H Nabachandra Singh as the chief guest, guest of honour and president respectively. Asserting that the opening of the Cine Cafe is a milestone in the history of Manipuri Cinema, Lakshmikumar said that it is indeed a big challenge for the society as a whole and not merely for film lovers to revive and restore Manipuri films. He said that Imphal Evening has triggered a new venture for Manipuri cinema.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan drive conducted



IMPHAL, Apr 15: 11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a Swachh Bharat Abhiyan drive at S Moljol village yesterday. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a campaign launched by the Government of India to keep the streets, roads and infrastructure of the country including towns and rural areas clean, said a press release from PRO IGAR (S). The villagers were briefed regarding the importance of cleanliness and also motivated to keep their village clean. Villagers and Assam Rifles personnel both made combined efforts to make the village area clean and spread awareness amongst the locals. The villagers were also briefed regarding waste disposal and encouraged to make less use of

polythene to preserve the environment. They were also advised to throw the waste only in dustbins and earmarked pits which should regularly be cleaned/regulated. The villagers were also encouraged to make use of toilets for keeping the atmosphere clean. The event was dedicated to the ongoing 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', an initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it added.

Khuga Battalion celebrates Baisakhi

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Khuga Battalion being on the edges of the country maintained the fervor and celebrated 'Baisakhi'. The Khalsa faith or embodiment of Gurus turned 320 years old on April 13. The event was celebrated at all forward Company operating Bases where Shabad Kirtan was organised followed by 'Guru ka Langar' for all, conveyed a press release issued by PIB Defence Wing. The villagers were invited to attend the function. They enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of 'Friends from Punjab'. In Thinghat, all civilian dignitaries, school children and local populace were invited and all attended the Shabad Kirtan which was followed by 'Guru Ka Langar' for all. The locals paid their homage and sought blessings for the function, the press release said.

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