

## Public day

TENGNOPAL, Apr 15: Public day organised by Moreh Police every month was held today at the police station, Moreh today.

The public took up several issues/problems to the police officers. With summer approaching in the border town, the people urged the fire department to stay vigil to counter any fire incidents.

During the event, representatives of the different communities expressed their desire to include officials of other Govt departments in the meeting. Attendance of the officials of other departments in the meeting will enable them to raise their issues more efficiently, opined the public.

The community leaders also raised the issue of shortage of doctors at the Moreh Hospital.

The police officers at the meeting assured to take up the issues to their superiors and assured that officials/representatives of other departments would be invited at the next 'public day'.

Informing that the import of cigarette and alcohol from Myanmar are prohibited, OC Letkhohao Vaiphei asked the public to refrain from importing the banned items from across the border. He further urged the people to stop illegal sales of petrol in the town.

SDPO Moreh police Sandip Gopaldash, CDO Moreh DSP Th Thomas, Moreh PS OC Letkhohao Vaiphei, other officers and representatives of Meira Paibis and community leaders attended the event today.

## 573 villages identified for conversion into smokeless villages

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Ujjwala Diwas" will be celebrated in April 20 as part of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.

Under the directive of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas - Sapka Saath Sabka Gao ka Vikas Sammelan, 573 villages in the State have been identified for conversion into smokeless villages (100% Domestic LPG provision/ conversion) by May 5.

This initiative is to be executed by Indian Oil in consultation and assistance of the State Government.

Stephen Chinkhanson Guite, Manager LPG Sales, Imphal, Silchar Area office, IOC stated that Ujjwala Divas will be conducted by all the LPG distributors in their own trading area/ location.

During the program, Ujjwala LPG connections to BPL families will be given distributed apart from Safety Clinic, Ujjwala awareness, LPG benefits etc. Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayats will be also held on Ujjwala Divas, to bring awareness to villages and knowledge/ experience sharing by involving local/ village leaders.

He also stated that Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayats are already being held across the State with the initiative of LPG distributors by conducting local level meetings and awareness programs on LPG and PMUY Schemes.

## Social media helps in tracing man missing for 40 yrs

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Kullachandra who is now 57 years old said that his brother left home when he was just 17 years old.

Just after marriage, Gambhir and his wife separated. Shortly after he left home and never came back.

Gambhir is the third of seven siblings (three daughters and four sons) born to their parents and he is the eldest among the sons.

"A few years, some people told us that they saw my brother at Delhi but his exact location could not be established", Kullachandra said.

On learning that his long lost brother has been found at Bandra police station, Mumbai, emotions overwhelmed Kullachandra and he was literally crying with joy.

After Kullachandra's family was informed about Gambhir's location by local club volunteers and friends, Patsoi police station and Bandra police station communicated and it was confirmed that Gambhir is presently at Bandra police station.

Imphal West Students Club Khumbong secretary Atom Samarendra and Leichonbam Romen, a volunteer of the same club said that a few days back they heard from Aheibam Dinamani presently staying in Arunachal Pradesh about a video clip uploaded in YouTube of a Manipuri man loitering at Bandra Bazar Road, Mumbai.

The video clip uploaded by street photographer Firoz Sakir shows Gambhir singing an old Hindi film song. He also identified himself as one Gambhir from Imphal.

The video clip was uploaded on October 17, 2017. According to the comment given by Firoz Sakir in his video, the man used to sing old Hindi songs and beg on the streets and people often teased him as a Nepali.

Enraged by such teasings, the man denied that he is Nepali and clarified that he is an Indian from Manipur.

Firoz Sakir further commented that he uploaded the particular video clip as he felt pity for the particular man and hoped that his family might come across the same video clip.

After they came across the video clip, Samarendra and Romen shared the same clip in the WhatsApp group Khumbongi E-Pao.

Later it was confirmed that the particular man was Khomdram Gambhir.

Subsequently Bandra police station was contacted which was followed by due communication between police departments of the two States. Assuring that they would keep Gambhir at their station for a week, Bandra police asked the family of Gambhir to come and take him away within one week.

Gambhir's younger sister Leishabi was also literally crying with joy in the hope she would see her elder brother once again after a gap of 40 long years.

But the family has been living hand to mouth and they are at a loss thinking about the expenses they have to incur in bringing back Gambhir.

It is said that two personnel of Patsoi police station must accompany the family when to go to bring back Gambhir from Mumbai.

## CM underscores collective determination

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IMPHAL, Apr 15: Chief Minister N Biren Singh said that collective determination is needed to bring about a change in the society. He was speaking as the chief guest at Samajik Nyaya Diwas (Ambedkar Jayanti) at Sangai Hall, Hotel Imphal yesterday.

The Chief Minister said that people need to cooperate with the Government's effort towards bringing a change because legislators and executives alone can't make it happen without mass support. He said that the State Government's 'Go to Village' mission would promote social harmony, spread awareness about pro-poor initiatives of the Government in addition to enabling the Government to reach out to poor people.

N Biren urged Government officials to put in wholehearted effort to make Central Government's 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' and State Government's 'Go to Village' mission a success. The Chief Minister said that people had witnessed what the present Government could deliver in the past one year. As the Government had noted people's wishes, it is the time to deliver service by the Government, he added.

In line with the interaction programme with those who are in the organised sectors



held a few days back, the Chief Minister said that similar interaction with police officers who are from Sub-Inspector level would be conducted soon.

Expressing concern over apparent rise in crime rates due to coming of new technologies and gadgets, the Chief Minister said that education and awareness are the key areas where one should focus to check it.

The State Government had begun dealing with evils like crime against women with an iron hand by setting up a Fast Track Court. However, it is seemingly not deterring the criminals much, he said. As such, there is a need for imparting proper awareness and education to the people, the Chief Minister observed.

The Chief Minister said that Manipurians are talented people, and no community can beat them if they learn

proper time management, understand money value and avoid division among themselves.

While speaking on the life and contribution of Dr Ambedkar, the Chief Minister said that he was the architect of Indian Constitution and a reformist who fought against untouchability and caste system.

Speaking on the occasion as the functional president, RD & PR Minister Th Biswajit dwelt upon various Central Government sponsored schemes like Saubhagya, Ujala Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Mission Indradhanush and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao etc.

The Minister said that Gram Swaraj Abhiyan would be organised from April 14

to May 5, 2018 under the theme, 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Gaon, Sabka Vikas'. He said that Government machineries including elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Deputy Commissioners and their subordinate staff would directly interact with the people at grassroots level during this observation to ensure that Government schemes reach them.

The Minister said that DCs and Government officials would take the main responsibility of making the dreams of Prime Minister and the Chief Minister a reality.

Wangoi AC MLA and Vice Chairman of Manipur Infrastructure Development Agency (MIDA) O Lukhoi, Saitu AC MLA Ngamthang Haokip and Khurai AC MLA L Susindro were also present at the occasion as guests of honour.

Earlier, Chief Minister N Biren Singh led the gathering in paying floral tributes to Dr Ambedkar.

The function was jointly organised by the district administrations of Imphal East and Imphal West.

Chief Secretary Dr J Suresh Babu, elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions and other high ranking officials of the State Government also attended the function.

## Congratulated

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In this year's Commonwealth Games. It further appealed to the State Government to give more emphasis to the hill districts in the field of sports so as to train the talented youths of the State who have been held back by poor infrastructures. On the other hand, Zomi Students' Federation has also congratulated MC Mary Kom for clinching the gold medal at the ongoing Commonwealth Games and stated that her humble journey from the hills of Churachandpur to the heights of boxing glory at Gold Coast in Australia has been an inspiration for all.

## NH-37 as four lane highway...

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The project of expanding Imphal-Jiribam from the existing two lanes to four lanes is eight years. The first three years are construction period while the remaining five years are defect liability period, informed the source. About four years back, an idea was conceptualised to expand Moreh-Imphal-Mao-Dimapur highway and Imphal-Jiribam-Silchar highway to four lanes.

In accordance to this plan, authorities are currently working to expand Imphal-Kongkhong section of Imphal-Moreh highway to four lanes, added the source.

## Retd DSP held in drug smuggling...

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Brinda said, "We will unearth whoever is behind the cases. Be it some influential people the NAB will bring them to book".

According to reliable sources, the WY tablets which is smuggled in from neighbouring Myanmar side, has very high demand in Bangladesh. It is believed that the tablets after having smuggled in from Myanmar, heads to Tripura and eventually lands in Bangladesh. In international market, the WY approximately costs Rs 500 per tablet bringing the value of the consignment to Rs five crore.

## CM attends to 600 complaints

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and a team of Manipur Fire Service were kept on stand-by at the complex for any emergency. On the occasion, students and teachers of BB Paul Mental Development Home (Special School), Mongshangei met the Chief Minister and expressed their happiness over the Cabinet's decision for converting the school to a Government aided institute. T Anita Devi, Principal, BB Paul Mental Development Home (Special School) said that 175 students are enrolled in the school. She mentioned that the school is imparting vocational training and co-curricular activities including carpentry, tailoring, yoga, dance and music etc.

## Mary Kom lands gold on debut

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performance, signalling that she had put the disappointment of not qualifying for Rio Olympics on the backburner.

Three months later, Mary proved that her latest return to the ring wasn't a fluke when she won another gold medal in the inaugural India Open boxing championship. The magnitude of that win might not amount to much considering her long list of accolades but for Mary and her followers, it was a big deal. It was the ideal tonic the boxer needed to do the one thing she hasn't done yet - win a medal at the Commonwealth Games. Four years ago, she could not qualify for the event following a loss to Pinki Jangra during trials, and this year, she has left that disappointment far behind.

The CWG gold is the latest collection in her trophy cabinet which already has an Olympic bronze [London 2012] apart from five amateur world championship titles. *TNN*

## KLKL seeks Govt's attention

By Our Staff Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Keirou Loukon Kanba Lup (KLKL) has appealed for immediate intervention of the State Govt over the alleged illegal encroachment of Khas land located at Keirou Loukon by the owner of Kindergarten Montessori School.

Speaking to media persons, Keisham Ranjit, secretary of Keirou Loukon Kanba Lup, said that the paddy field of Takyel Kolom Leikai and Takyel Kongbal, located at Keirou Loukon and the Keirou Loukon Kanba Lup was established to protect the paddy field, looking after the threat of expansion of GC CRPF complex in 2001. After the formation of Keirou Loukon Kanba Lup, it has been looking after the area and preservation of the paddy land from time to time, he added.

Some years ago, the owner of Kindergarten Montessori School constructed a school after buying the land from two different land owners and next to the school complex there is a Khas land (Govt land) through which farmers used to go to their paddy field for works and it is the only road leading towards their paddy field. But recently the owner of the school illegally encroached upon the Khas land and put up a fence blocking the road leading towards the paddy field, he alleged. He appealed to the State Govt and the Department concerned to look into the matter and take up necessary steps at the earliest.

## Local search engine launched

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Digital Manipur, a local search engine was launched today at Hotel Yaiphaba, MG Avenue.

The launch event which was organised by Leibak Information Technology Pvt Ltd was attended by former Director of DIPR, K Meghachandra, president of Editors' Guild Manipur, A Mubi Singh, president of KRIPA Society, Hijam Dinesh, president of MSF and JSCC convener, Ngariyanbam Milan, former vice president of DESAM, Aheibam Anand and proprietor of IS Combined, Ahanthem Inaobi Singh as the chief guest, guests of honour and president respectively.

Speaking at the event, A Mubi said that website/search engine has been created with the aim of spreading knowledge about the State of Manipur. Just like we type in keywords in Google, Digital Manipur will help in providing information regarding the State of Manipur to the interested parties, he added.

## Pherzawl gears up to host maiden Ginger Fest

Our Correspondent

CCpur, Apr 15 : The newly created Pherzawl district is set to unveil the first edition of State Level Ginger Festival at Parbung, about 80 kms from here, with the organiser evidently anticipating the maiden visit of Chief Minister N Biren Singh and his council of ministers.

"Though late, we have now received confirmation from the Chief Minister's Office endorsing his participation," said VL Keivom, secretary Ginger Festival Organising Committee. The main objective of Ginger Festival is to encourage and empower the hard work done by farmers to produce organic ginger of the best quality and to buoy the quality to

the world, he said.

Spread over two days, the festival will also put focus on exhibitions, seminars and participation of about 2000 ginger farmers in the district. The Chief Minister, according to the organiser will grace the event on April 20 along with Thanlon MLA Vungzagin Valte. Horticulture Minister Th Shyam Kumar is another political leader who has reportedly confirmed his participation.

Other political figures that will feature in the fest will be communicated to the organisers by the Chief Minister's office on Monday, maintains Lalringum Inbuon, the Organising Committee Chairman.

The festival is partly supported by the State Horticulture

Department, reports our correspondent.

With produces beyond 2000 MT, the farmers in the interior area of Pherzawl and Churachandpur districts have been continually exposed to market instability which was compounded by inaccessibility, often resulting in the liquidation of the already impoverished farmers. The event will be an opportunity to raise their plights as well as publicize the superior quality of the local ginger which is all along organic, claims Inbuon.

Keivom maintains that ICAR has certified that the local ginger products of export quality and holds the potential to attract even foreign companies.

## KCP greets all on raising day-II

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The Indian education system is basically about indoctrination of the propaganda that Indians are superior to the people of Kangleipak in all respect and forced inculcation of the Indian values which are totally foreign to the indigenous people, said the statement.

Even though students of Kangleipak are taught classic Indian literature, Indian philosophy, Indian freedom struggle, they are never taught their own philosophy, world view, folk wisdom, history, geography et al.

This policy is driven by a hidden agenda to Indianise

Kangleipak, it alleged.

To expose this sinister agenda to the younger generations would be one landmark step in the struggle for decolonisation. "It is crucial to decolonise our minds first. However, it appears that colonisation of our minds has been completed and we no longer feel ashamed to be Indians", Laba said. Today some leaders have the audacity to claim that Manipur had been a part of India since the Dwapur age and many people are inclined to adopt Hindutva as the only way of life. This is a result of the decades of 'mind colonisation' process strategised by the Government of India, alleged the

KCP leader.

The Government of India has been consistently conspiring to project culture, tradition and world view of the people of Kangleipak as inferior or primitive thereby robbing the people's pride in their own value systems. Once the indigenous people's cultural memory is erased, Indian socio-cultural values would replace them sooner rather than later. This is one formidable obstacle on the path of political decolonisation of Kangleipak.

Decolonisation of mind of the masses and the revolutionary groups must precede political decolonisation of Kangleipak, Laba added.

## Shiv Sena for deeper river beds

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Shiv Sena Manipur president Moirangthem Tombi has stated that making the riverbeds deeper, apart from the ongoing works along the riverbanks, will go a long way in stopping floods during the monsoon season in the State.

Speaking to media persons during a trip to the banks of Imphal river along Kyamgei and surrounding areas, Moirangthem Tombi lauded the efforts of the State Govt to improve the river banks of the major rivers of the State.

However, only barricading the river bank would not be able to completely prevent flood, he said and added that digging and making the river beds deeper would be a wiser choice.

If the earth from the riverbeds are excavated and the said mud/earth are used to reinforce the river bank, it will be able to prevent floods, he added. Moirangthem Tombi pointed out that the bridge at Kongba Irong and Kyamgei bridge are in extremely deplorable conditions and expressed hope that the State Govt would take up necessary steps to repair the bridges at the earliest. Tombi also pointed out that if the current works along Imphal river are implemented similarly at Nambul river banks (from Iroisemba to Maharani bridge, Paona bazar), the constant floods at Uripok and Sagolband during rainy seasons would be a thing of the past.