

Snippets

Akon at Cherry Blossom Festival

SHILLONG, Sept 10: R&B singer Akon will headline the Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival which will be held in November, officials said on Tuesday. Among the others who would perform are R&B group Boney M, multi-platinum DJ R3HAB and American nu metal band KORN. Akon would perform on November 16 as part of his 'Superfan Tour', which includes one show per country in Asia in November and December with additional stops in 8 countries. The Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on November 15 and 16. - PTI

Meghalaya Police SI suspended

SHILLONG, Sept 10: Meghalaya Police suspended Sub-Inspector E Marwein on Tuesday after he rejected an FIR at the Laban Police Station here allegedly in an inebriated state. Police initiated an inquiry headed by the sector officer, and following the report, the officer was suspended. The incident happened late at night on September 9 when a woman was allegedly assaulted by a taxi driver. The woman went to the police station to report the case. However, Marwein, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, refused to register the FIR. The incident was recorded by the victim's friends and family who had gone to the police station to lodge the FIR. Meanwhile, police said that the FIR has been registered by the Women Police Station. - Staff Correspondent

GOC 4 Corps meet Arunachal Guv

ITANAGAR, Sept 10: General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 4 Corps of the Indian Army, Lieutenant General Gambhir Singh called on Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (retd) at the Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday. During the meeting, they discussed the strategic importance of the country's northeastern-most State of Arunachal Pradesh, the Vibrant Villages Programme, and focused on key security issues of the State, according to a communique from the Raj Bhavan. - Correspondent

Pharmacy licences cancelled

DIMAPUR, Sept 10: The State Drugs Control Authority (SDCA), under the Nagaland health and family welfare department, has cancelled the licences of five pharmacies and suspended those of four for illegal sale of restricted drugs. The SDCA, in a release on Tuesday, said that the licences of two pharmacies in Dimapur and one each in Akuluto under Zunheboto district, and Niuland and Tsumang B in Wokha have been cancelled. The licence of one pharmacy in Dilong ward under Mokokchung, two licences in New Jalukie under Peren district and that of a pharmacy in Mhainantsi, also in Peren, have been suspended. - Correspondent

Woman killed in Manipur crossfire

IMPHAL, Sept 10: A 46-year-old woman was killed after getting caught in a clash between two armed groups in Manipur's Kangpokpi district, police said on Tuesday. The incident happened in the remote Thanghub village on Sunday night. A few houses in the village were torched, forcing the locals to flee to nearby forests. The deceased woman was identified as Nemjakhol Lungdim. Her body was handed over to her family after a post-mortem examination at the Churachandpur district hospital. Many powerful bombs were discharged during the clash. - PTI

Day after protest, curfew in Imphal districts, movement curbs in Thoubal

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Sept 10: The authorities in Manipur imposed curfew within the jurisdiction of Imphal East and Imphal West districts with effect from 11 am on Tuesday, and also restricted the movement of persons from their residences in Thoubal district from noon today in view of the prevailing law and order situation arising out of the widespread students' protest.

The district magistrate of Imphal West, additional district magistrate of Imphal East, and district magistrate of Thoubal district issued separate orders in this regard.

"In supersession of all earlier orders issued in this regard, the curfew relaxation period for 10th September, 2024 (Tuesday) is hereby lifted with effect from 11:00 am of today i.e. 10th September, 2024," said the order issued by the district magistrate of Imphal West.

Similarly, total curfew was imposed in Imphal East district with immediate effect and until further orders "due to the developing law and order situation in the district", according to an order issued by the additional district magistrate.

However, the movement of all persons belonging to essential services such as health, electricity, PHED, press and electronic media and court, would be exempted from the curfew.

**Internet banned:** The authorities on Tuesday banned Internet for five days stating that "there is apprehension that some anti-social elements might use social media extensively for transmission of images, hate speech and hate video messages inciting the passions of the public which might have serious repercussions for the law and order situation" in the State.

An order issued by the Home department said that



A deserted BT Road in Imphal after curfew was imposed on Tuesday. - Photo: Correspondent

mobile data services including lease lines, VSATs, broadband and VPN services in the territorial jurisdiction of Manipur have been banned for five days with effect from 3 pm of September 10 till 3 pm of September 15, except for those cases exempted by the State Government.

**Schools, colleges will remain closed till Sept 12:** The Manipur government announced the closure of all educational institutions across the State till September 12. The Directorate of Education (Schools) and the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education on Tuesday issued separate orders in view of the unrest and the safety of the students and teachers.

**Many students, protesters injured:** A number of students were injured in police action when a large number of students tried to stage a march defying the curfew in Imphal on Tuesday afternoon. The injured students, both males and females, were taken to the RIMS for treatment.

**Governor's appeal:** Manipur Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya on Tuesday appealed to all sections of the

**WHAT HAPPENED TODAY**

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- Schools, colleges to remain closed till Sept 12
- 40 students injured following clashes with security forces during march towards Raj Bhavan
- Governor appeals to all to help establish peace

society, student organisations and public leaders to work together to establish peace and help Manipur scale new heights of growth and development.

The Governor's appeal came after the authorities of Imphal West and Imphal East imposed curfew and Thoubal district authorities prohibited movement of any person outside their residences.

The curfew was imposed a day after the State witnessed a massive protest by students over the State Government's inaction into the ongoing violence.

The students are demanding changes to the State's security arrangement including resignation of the Security Advisor and DGP on moral ground for their failure to control the violence. The other demands include handing over of the Unified Command of Manipur to the Chief Minister and the people's

electd Government and withdrawal of Central paramilitary forces from Manipur as they have been acting as mute spectators.

In a press release issued on Tuesday afternoon, the Raj Bhavan in Imphal said, "Peace and people's cooperation are the only means which bring societal development. Manipur, the 'land of jewels', is not an exception."

Stating that this State for a long time has been an important entity for taking all-round development of India to greater heights, it said that the State for the last few months has been in turmoil, and that some unpleasant incidents gave a severe jolt to the efforts of the Central and State Governments towards restoring peace and normalcy.

Governor Acharya expressed deep concern, and said that violence is not the solution to any problem, and

everyone will have to contribute and find ways to overcome this problem.

**PTI adds from Imphal:** Over 40 students were injured on Tuesday following clashes with security forces when they attempted to march towards the Raj Bhavan in Imphal to press for their demands to remove the DGP and Security Advisor to the State Government, police said.

Thousands of students and women demonstrators tried to march towards the Raj Bhavan on BT Road here, but were stopped by security forces near the Congress Bhavan.

The agitators shouted slogans and pelted security personnel with stones and glass marble balls, forcing the men in uniform to fire tear gas shells to disperse them, a police officer said.

Manipur University students also staged a protest rally and burnt the effigy of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. They later headed for the State Secretariat, but were stopped at Kakwa in Imphal West district.

"More than 40 students were injured in the clashes and have been admitted to hospital," the officer said.

Attacks on journalists won't be tolerated: Tripura CM

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, Sept 10: Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Tuesday said that the State Government will not tolerate any attack on journalists. Saha said that the culture of attacking journalists developed over the past 35 years of governance and stressed the need for change.

"I have observed how journalists work tirelessly. I have a personal connection with them and believe in action. Journalists are always on the ground, constantly working. We are committed to ensuring their safety and security. However, it's important to acknowledge that in the past, no one took proper action. You must not forget history. Journalists now have easier access to justice. I have directed the immediate arrest of those involved in attacks on journalists. This was part of a culture, and some have developed the habit of attacking journalists. We must take steps to create a peaceful environment," he said.

Four local journalists were beaten up at the heart of Agartala on Sunday night by some goons. Police arrested all the three accused named in the FIR and seized their vehicle on Monday. The Agartala Press Club condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits.



Prizes being distributed during an event held at the Chengkompara Adolescent Health Resource Centre in South West Garo Hills on the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day on Tuesday. - UB Photos

Tails of sophisticated rockets recovered in Manipur: Police

IMPHAL, Sept 10: Tails of sophisticated rockets have been recovered after the recent drone and hi-tech missile attacks in Manipur, a police officer said on Tuesday.

Manipur Police also dismissed the claims of Lt Gen PC Nair, a retired DG of the Assam Rifles, in a recent media interview that no drones or rockets were used in the attacks. He had also labelled Manipur Police as 'Meitei Police', indicating their alleged partisan role in the strife.

Speaking to reporters, IGP

(Administration) K Jayanta Singh said, "The statement is an immature one and seems to be his personal view and not of the force (Assam Rifles). We strongly dismiss it. There is evidence of drone and hi-tech missile attacks. Drones have been recovered. Tails of sophisticated rockets fired on civilian areas have been recovered. Despite such evidence, it is very unfortunate that a distinguished commander would make such statements."

IGP (Operations) IK Muiv-

ah added: "We want to clarify on the statement that there is no Manipur Police but Meitei Police or Kuki Police. We want to dismiss that. Manipur Police are composed of different communities including Nagas, Meiteis, Manipuri Muslims and non-Manipuris. There are Christians, Muslims and Hindus in this force."

The statement that Manipur Police are a 'Meitei Police' shows a 'myopic kind of mindset', said Muivah, who hails from the Tangkhul Naga community. - PTI

49 suicides in 7 months in Mizoram

Over 83 pc suicides were committed by men, and love-related issues were a significant factor

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, Sept 10: Mizoram has recorded 49 suicide cases in the past seven months, from January to July, as the State observed World Suicide Prevention Day on Tuesday under the theme 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide'.

According to police records, 83.67 per cent (41) of the reported suicides were committed by men, while women accounted for 16.33 per cent (7) of the total cases. Aizawl district alone saw 16 suicides this year, 15 of which were men, and only one was a woman.

State DIG (CID Crime) Laluhiana Fanai said that a total of 948 suicides have been recorded over the past 11 years, from 2014 to July 2024. Of these, 794 (83.76 per cent) were men and 154 (16.24 per cent) were women.

Fanai said that the age group of 20-39 had the highest suicide rate, with 584 cases, followed by 201 cases in the 40-59 age group. The age group of 1-19 years recorded 117 suicides, while 41 cases were from those aged 60 and above.

The year 2022 saw the highest number of suicides in the past 11 years, with 125 cases, including 21 women.

The years 2015 and 2014 followed with 113 and 108 cases, respectively.

Hanging was the most common method of suicide, accounting for 95.25 per cent (903) of the total cases. Other methods included firearms (16 cases), jumping from buildings or cliffs (7 cases), knives (3 cases), explosives (2 cases), and electrocution (1 case). An additional 16 cases involved fire, poison, or other methods.

Social workers highlighted that love-related issues were a significant factor in male suicides, while fewer women cited this reason for taking their lives.

**WEATHER NorthEast**

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain is very likely to occur at most places over Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram; at many places over Meghalaya and Tripura and Light to Moderate rain is very likely to occur at a few places over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

**Warning:** Thunderstorm and lightning is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram.

Dibrugarh	Tezpur
Max : 36.0	Max : 35.5
Min : 26.6	Min : 24.8

Silchar	Dhubri
Max : 34.4	Max : 34.6
Min : 26.4	Min : 28.4

Jorhat	N. Lakhimpur
Max : 35.0	Max : 35.8
Min : 26.2	Min : 24.2

Shillong	Kohima
Max : 25.3	Max : 27.5
Min : 17.3	Min : 17.5

Pasighat	Itanagar
Max : 35.2	Max : 34.3
Min : 25.4	Min : 27.6

Imphal	Agartala
Max : 31.8	Max : 35.5
Min : 21.7	Min : 27.0

Cherrapunjee Max : 27.1 Min : 20.4

Duty Meteorological Officer, Regional Meteorological Centre, Guwahati

Mukul Sangma slams police escort for political appointees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Sept 10: Leader of Opposition in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Mukul Sangma has said that he would demand a State Security Commission meeting and seek answers on what grounds political appointees are being provided police escort and security cover.

"Whose life is under threat... who has taken militancy, insurgency head-on so that their lives are under threat?" Sangma asked while speaking to the media on Monday evening.

Assuring that every single penny spent from the State exchequer would have to be returned, Sangma said that the money "misused" for such police escort and security cover would have to be refunded by the police officer, who toed the line of "their political bosses". "We will seek accountability," he said.

Sangma said that the present State Government has several advisors to the Chief Minister. "This Government runs on nepotism," he said, even as he avoided answering questions on the appointment of the CM's sister and former MP Agatha Sangma as the chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

He said that the appointment of Agatha Sangma should not be viewed in isolation, but the larger picture should be highlighted. Political appointees are "showing off" with escorts and police cover and this has become a "nuisance and an eyecore" for the public, he added.

On political appointees during his tenure as the CM, Sangma said that such appointments were given to "sustain the democratic system" in the era of coalition politics. "But not to this extent... Do we know how many CM's advisors are there now? Don't do it to the extent that it becomes a nuisance and an eyecore to the common man," he said.

USTM joins hands with NGO on stem cell donor campaign

GUWAHATI, Sept 10: To raise awareness about the increasing prevalence of blood cancer and the crucial role of stem cell transplant as a treatment option, nonprofit organisation DKMS BMST Foundation India, which is dedicated to fighting blood cancer, conducted a donor registration drive at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) on Tuesday, stated a press release.

The drive aimed to encourage young people to come forward and register as potential stem cell donors. A press meet was held on Tuesday by the Bengaluru-based DKMS BMST (Bangalore Medical Services Trust) and USTM to spread awareness regarding stem cell donation to give new life to blood cancer patients.

Dr Minerva Mary and Syantan Dutta Gupta of DKMS BMST, USTM vice chancellor Prof GD Sharma, PIMC principal Prof Biraj Kumar Das, and National Service Scheme Youth Officer Nakul Chandra Deori addressed the meet. Stem cell donor Gautam Kumar from Jharkhand shared his experience throughout the process of donation, and his happiness in being able to give a new life to someone. He said that due to lack of awareness in India, people do not come forward to donate stem cells.

Dr Minerva Mary emphasised the need for more young people to join the donor registry. "Every 5 minutes, someone in India is diagnosed with blood cancer or a blood disorder like Thalassemia or Aplastic Anaemia. Many such patients are children and young people whose only chance of recovery is a stem cell transplant."

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The MTF and rate quoting method in GeM for the tender is changed as per instructions of FCI Hqs., therefore, all prospective bidders are requested to attend the Pre-bid meeting to be held on 12-09-2024 at 3:00 PM in FCI, RO, Assam, Guwahati.

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