

Hands-on training programme cum Exhibition under Van Vigyan Kendra, Mizoram on Livelihood Opportunities

Name of Event	Three days hands-on training cum Exhibition under Van Vigyan Kendra, Mizoram on Livelihood Opportunities.
Date (s)	26.03.2024 to 28.03.2024
Duration	Three days
Venue	City Park, Aijal Club and ICFRE-BRC, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl.
Purpose/Agenda	Hands on training of local people on Orchids, Vermicomposting, Mushroom cultivation and Bonsai plants.
No. of Participants	20
Participating Agency (s)	Locals of Armed Veng South and Scholars from Mizoram University.
Organizing Agency (s)	ICFRE-Bamboo & Rattan Centre, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram
Funding Agency (s)	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun (under CAMPA Extension) and Orchid Society of Mizoram (ORSOM)
Collaborating Agency (s)	Orchid Society of Mizoram (ORSOM)

Concise Details of the Event:

ICFRE-Bamboo and Rattan Centre (ICFRE-BRC) Bethlehem Vengthlang Aizawl, organized a 'three days hands-on training cum exhibition under Van Vigyan Kendra, Mizoram on Livelihood Opportunities' in collaboration with Orchid Society of Mizoram (ORSOM) from March 26th -28th, 2024 in City Park, Aijal Club and ICFRE-BRC, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram **Shri Ashok Kumar Biswal, IFS** graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for the inaugural session. In his speech, the Chief Guest praised the biodiversity richness of Mizoram and the potential livelihood opportunities which can be generated through conservation and ecotourism like Tourists guides, agroforestry systems etc. **Dr. Nitin Kulkarni**, Director, ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam), in his address highlighted the huge orchid diversity in northeast India and the livelihood opportunities that is possible through cultivation of orchids which can also contribute in its conservation. Stalls had been setup by various orchid, bamboo and cane based enterprises of Aizawl. The training was imparted on Orchids, Vermicomposting, Mushroom cultivation and Bonsai plants by Master Trainers

Dr. Abraham Kiangte, ShriLalvensangaPachau, ShriAlbana L Chawngthu and ShriLalsiamkunga. A total of 20 participants from Armed Veng South Local Council area and scholars from Mizoram University participated in the training.

On the first day after the inaugural session **Dr. Abraham Kiangte**, President, ORSOM trained the participants on macro-propagation, market analysis, care, diseases etc of Orchids. The topic of the second day was Vermicomposting by **ShriLalvensangaPachau**, Farm Manager, KVK, Aizawl in the forenoon session. In the afternoon session **ShriAlbana L Chawngthu**, Guest Faculty, PUC trained the participants on cultivation of mushroom.

On the last day **ShriLalsiamkunga**, Proprietor, Feliz Bonsai, Aizawl imparted training on the procedure of creating Bonsai plants and its care.

The training programme concluded in the afternoon of 28th March with discussion and feedback from the participants followed by valedictory session and distribution of certificates.



Figure 1: A-H: Glimpses of the inaugural session of the training programme cum Exhibition.



Figure 2: A-H: Glimpses of the training.



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All 6 candidates for Mizoram Lok Sabha seat pass nomination scrutiny

Staff Reporter

Aizawl, Mar 29: The scrutiny of nomination papers for all six candidates vying for the lone Mizoram Lok Sabha seat concluded with all papers deemed valid. The process, overseen by Aizawl district deputy commissioner Nazuk Kumar, election officials, and candidate representatives, was conducted on Thursday, with General Observer for the Lok Sabha polls Dr. Nipun Vinayak in attendance.

The candidates include Lalbiakzama of the Indian National Congress (INC), Richard Vanlalhmanga of the ruling Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), Vanlalhmanga of the BJP, and K. Vanlalvena of the Mizo National Front (MNF).

Rita Malsawmi, representing the Mizoram People's Conference (MPC), is the sole female candidate. Former deputy controller of mines Lalthiatrenga Chhangte, who was formerly

associated with BJP and Congress, is contesting on independent ticket.

The deadline for withdrawal of candidatures is Saturday (March 30), indicating a probable six-cornered contest for the Mizoram Lok Sabha constituency, as all candidates have affirmed their intent to stay in the race.

In a related development, a meeting convened for senior state government officials on Thursday addressed strategies to boost voter turnout in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Chaired by state

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Madhup Vyas, the meeting emphasized innovative approaches to engage voters, particularly the youth and first-time voters.

Vyas expressed concern over Mizoram's historically low voter turnout in Parliamentary elections, highlighting the need for concerted efforts to reverse this trend. Plans were discussed to involve the Education and Sports and Youth Services departments at the grassroots level to encourage voter participation.

Expenditure observer stresses vigilance in election spending monitoring



Staff Reporter

Aizawl, Mar 29: One of the expenditure observers for elections to the Lok Sabha seat in Mizoram Arvind Sharma, convened a meeting Thursday at the DC Office Conference Hall in Aizawl, where Expenditure Agents for the candidates were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and ensure proper monitoring of campaign expenses to prevent any undue influence on voters.

Sharma highlighted that candidates contesting for MP seats are subject to a maximum expenditure limit of Rs 95 lakhs, emphasizing the importance of adhering to this limit regardless of political affiliation. He stressed that exceeding this limit not only violates Election Commission guidelines but also undermines the integrity of the electoral process by potentially swaying voter decisions through excessive spending.

The Expenditure Observer elaborated that the

Election Commission of India (ECI) strictly monitors expenditure and any deviation from prescribed spending norms could result in penalties or disqualification. He urged Expenditure Agents to exercise diligence and transparency in their financial reporting, emphasizing the foundational importance of such practices in upholding India's democratic principles.

Additionally, Arvind Sharma underscored the collaborative role of Expenditure Monitoring Nodal Officers and accounting teams in ensuring compliance. He reiterated the significance of their oversight in maintaining the integrity of the electoral process and preserving the essence of democracy in India.

Attending the meeting alongside the Expenditure Observer were Election Expenditure Monitoring Nodal Officer K. Lalrohla, Assistant Nodal Officer Lalhrualzela Fanai, and other relevant officials from the accounting department.

Lal Thanzara accused BJP-led central govt of asking Rs 25 crore tax from Mizoram Presbyterian Church

Staff Reporter

Aizawl, Mar 29: Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Lal Thanzara, while addressing party workers at the launching of the campaign for the coming Lok Sabha elections on Thursday, alleged that the Income Tax department has asked for Rs 25 crore from the Presbyterian Church of India's Mizoram Synod.

Lal Thanzara said that minority religious communities in the country are not safe under the BJP-led NDA regime and the action of the Income Tax against the Presbyterian Church is unprecedented which had never happened before.

He also said that the BJP government in Manipur declared Good Friday and Easter Sunday as working days and forces all the government employees to attend their respective offices on these days.

"The BJP has been making efforts to do away with 'secular' as enshrined in the Constitution while the previous Congress leaders have valued secularism and free-

dom of religion," he said. Even the US and Germany protested the arrest of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal, he said.

Congress candidate Lalbiakzama accused the RSS and the political it formed (BJP) of having the priority agenda of establishment of a Hindu kingdom and to treat people following other religions as second class citizens. "Legislation of Forest Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2023 is extremely dangerous for the people of Mizoram and the BJP-led NDA government may try to scrap article 371G, which gives special safeguard to the people of Mizoram," Lalbiakzama said.

He also accused the NDA government of misusing Income Tax department and Enforcement Directorate on the issue of electoral bonds.

The former police officer promised to ensure sustainable development without destroying environment and fight the evil designs of the BJP in accordance with the Constitution.

2 kgs of heroin seized near Myanmar border in Mizoram

Staff Reporter

Aizawl, Mar 29: In one of the most significant seizures to date, the Mizoram Excise & Narcotics department intercepted 2.475 kilograms of heroin near the Myanmar border in the eastern region of Mizoram's Champhai district today.

According to spokesperson Peter Zohmingthanga, this substantial amount of heroin was confiscated from the possession of

Lalruatmawi, a 29-year-old national of Myanmar. The seizure took place on the highway connecting Champhai to the border town of Zokhawthar at 11:50 am.

The heroin, meticulously hidden within 202 soap cases, was discreetly stowed away inside an India-registered Hyundai Verna car.

The apprehended individual has been charged under the Narcotic Drugs & Continued on page 2

AR conducts lecture on water harvesting



Staff Reporter

Aizawl, Mar 29: Assam Rifles conducted lecture on rain water harvesting at Mimbung on 27 Mar 2024. The aim of conducting lecture was to raise awareness about the importance of rainwater harvesting and its benefits for sustainable water management.

During the lecture attendees were educated

about various rainwater harvesting techniques suitable for their region, including rooftop harvesting, surface runoff collection and groundwater recharge. Practical demonstrations and case studies were also presented to illustrate the effectiveness of methods in conserving water resources and mitigating water scarcity.

Training cum exhibition on livelihood opportunities under Van Vigyan Kendra

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Vanlalvena beacon of hopes for Mizos, says Zoramthanga

Staff Reporter

Aizawl, Mar 29: Former Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga remarked on Thursday that K. Vanlalvena, the Mizo National Front (MNF) candidate for the lone Mizoram Lok Sabha constituency election, has served as a pillar of support for the people of Mizoram during challenging times through his representation in the Rajya Sabha.

Campaigning for Vanlalvena in the northeastern parts of the state, the three-time Chief Minister said that he fully accepted the mandate of the election to the state legislature held on November 7 when the MNF party was defeated by the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) as the people wanted to experiment the ZPM government.

"However, Parliamentary polls are not a time for experiment as the representative in the Lok Sabha is too important for the sur-

vival of the people of Mizoram," he said.

He said that Vanlalvena has become public darling in the state of Mizoram, especially among the youths, for his excellent performances in the Rajya Sabha. Vanlalvena was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2020.

Zoramthanga, calling Vanlalvena as the 'Mizo people's candidate' said that the MNF candidate did a lot during Mizoram-Assam border dispute face off and had done a good job in opposing the implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC) while voicing his support for the ethnic Mizo refugees from Myanmar and internally displaced people due to ethnic strife in neighbouring Manipur.

"The BJP-led NDA is likely to retain power at the centre in the coming Parliamentary polls and we need a courageous MP like Vanlalvena who dares to oppose the central government from within the NDA," he added.

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Naupang tulah tiahlum Myanmar raltlan Thangliana (13) s/o Zihliang, Hnalhtial Model veng a khawma mek, chu Ningani Khan Tuichang lui, Aithur lei kaiah a tla hlum a. A ruang hi humh ngahl niam nimin kham vui a ni. Thang-liana hi a thiantie nen tucheng turin Aithur lei kaiah hian an kal a. Vangdual ah tangin tulah hian a tla a, a thian ten chian tumin la chhuak ngahl mahse, a nunna chian hman a nita lo a ni. Thangliana hi a nu leh a nu hmeichhia nen a khawma an ni.

Kuhva man

Bikhawthlira Kuhva ching -tu ten Myanmar atanga lak luh, kuhva rah bag 100 phur an man leh. Vangdual kham Bikhawthlir Kuhva chingtu hian dan lova Myanmar atanga kuhva lut avang hian an kuhva hralh kawngah harsatana an tawh nasa hle a, hei vang hian duty insiamin kuhva rah hi an man reng a. Nimin kham MZ 04 A 5169 Vanlaluati, Champal Electric Veng motor, JR Lalsangzela, Champal ami khalh atagin kuhva rah hi an man leh a ni.

Lirthei chesualah thi

Lawnglai motor, MZ 07 5417, 407ASK chu Tipa leh Theiri, Siaha district ah a chesual a, a chesual hun hi nimin zing dar 2:30 am vel ni a hriat a ni. A khalhtu hi Sawmthara, kum 18, (Handlman) S/o Thlungliana, Pangkhua a ni a, Tipa atanga chhuak phei a ni. Midang chungang an awm lova, Sawmthara chauh hi chung a, chet sualna hmamh hian a borah ngahl ni a thudawn a ni.

Kheho India-NTPC zo

Ni 2 awt thl inkahsiak, Kheho India-NTPC North East Zone Open Archery Tournament chu Aizawl Republic Veng Khelmaal ah zawh fel a ni. Nilaini a ranking round khelh a nih hmamh Ningani kham final khelh zui a ni a, khnain bumro deuh mahse inelna tuang taka zawh fel a ni. He inelna hian Assam leh Meghalaya chuan Gold 2 ve ve lain state dangte aini an chungnung hret a ni.

Vawin khawchin

Vawin Aizawlah khua a lum lai berin 30 degree celsius a ni ang a, a vawh lai berin 17 degree celsius a ni ang. Rualsur thelna 40% a ni.

MKHC-in Zoram mipui-ah inthlan thuchah an tichhuak

Hel pawl leh ralthuum lam chi hman te, invau, inbum, sum sem te ti lo turin political party te a ngen

Aizawl March 30: Kan hma lawka Lok Sabha thlanna neih turah Mizoram Kohhran Hruaitute Committee (MKHC) chuan mipui hnenah inthlan thuchah an siam a, thuchah hi Mizoram mipui, political party leh kohhran te zavm turin an ngen.



MKHC chuan April ni 13-ah state pum laapai Kohhran inkhawmah tawng-ta teuh turin an ngen a, tawngta thupui atan inthlan tuang taka neih a nih theih nan leh Mizoram aiawhtu mi tha tak thlan chhuah a nih theih nan te, Mizoramah sakhaw zalena tha tak a awm zel theih nan leh sakhaw pawl

hrang hrangte inthliva lova, inren taka an awm zel theih nan te leh India ramah Kristian-te rawngbawlna nekheppa leh harsatana siam zawnga hmamakate hi a lo bo theih nan te ti a ni. Heng bakah hian political party leh Zoram mipuite tan Lok Sabha inthlan chungchang thuchah an siam tel bawh.

Zalen tak leh duh thlanna dik hmanga mi tinin vote an thlak theih nan hel pawl leh ralthuum lam chi hman te, invau te, inbum te, sum sem te ti lo hi ni se tiin an ngenna an siam a, hnam bil zawng te, khawltang in-pumkhatna leh kohhran innumauna tichhe zavng tein eng pawl mahin hma lak loh nise, mimal leh pawl

insawichhiat vak vak te, tharum thawna chawh tho zawnga inelsen leh in awh nawmna te ti loh ni se tih leh therlo leh sum uma tumahin vote hralh loh ni se tiin an thuchhuah chuan a tarlang a ni.

MKHC inthlan thuchah

A. Mipui leh political party te tan: 1. Zalen tak leh duh thlanna dik hmanga mi tinin vote an thlak theih nan hel pawl leh ralthuum lam chi hman, invau, inbum leh sum semte ti loh nise. 2. Vote nei zawng zawng te'n kan mawh-phurhna a nih ang taka vote thlak vek nise. 3. Hnam bil zawng te, khawltang in-pumkhatna leh kohhran innumauna tichhe zavng tein eng pawl mahin hma lak loh nise, mimal leh pawl insawichhiat vak vak te, (Phek hmungah zavmna)

Zoram dung leh vangang Good Friday urhsun taka hman a ni

Isua Krista, Khawv chhandam tura kheb-be a a awm champha-phak 'Good Friday' chu khawvel hmam dangte rualin Mizoram dung leh vangang urhsun taka hman a ni.



Mizoram Kohhran lian ber Presbyterian kohhran chuan nimin kham inkhawm chhawng thum buatsaihin thusaawtu te'n chawhna inkhawmah 'Isua Krista hi engtin nge kan th tak ang le?' ti thupuih an nei a, chawhnu inkhawmah 'He mi hi Pathian Fapa a ni ngei mai'

th thupui hmangin thu an sawi a. Zan inkhawmah chuan 'Thlanah an zalh th thupui hman a ni. 'Venpui Zan'-ah kham Synod Mod-

erator Rev. R. Vanlanghaka chuan Nursery Vengah hun a hman pui a, amah bakah hian Synod puipate chuan Aizawl

khawpui kohhran thenkhata Lalpa Zanriah buatsaihin turin an kal hlawa m, Venpui zanah hian Thupui inang Isua kan hralh veng en?

Income Tax lamin Mizoram Synod an thing niin hria

MPCC chuan an party chuan MP Inthlan atana campaign kickoff programe Vanapa Hall ah an hmang a. He hunah hian MPCC President Lal Thanzara chuan "Tun tum MP inthlan tur chu Mizo Kristiante tana hun pawmawh ber a ni." a ti a ni. Mizoram Synod chu Income Tax lamin sun an thing mek nia a hriat thu a sawi.

Lal Thanzara chuan, "Hnam tlem zawk leh sakhaw tlem zawk betute BJP sorkar lunuaiah hian kan him loh em avangin



MPCC President chuan "Heng thl dik lo, khawng pawh zah lova chetna hi tunhman ala awm ngalo a. Kejrival an man chungchangah te pawh USA leh Germany te pawh an tawngchhuah hial tawh a ni," a ti a. "Hetih lai hian kan

rama rorel lai mek ZPM leh MNE party te chuan NDA a tel an inchnu a enaw tih tur a thu thang te hi thil zahltak tak a ni a, Kan ram, kan hnam, kan sakhua a him loh chuan hmasawna eng ang pawh nei mah ila a him lo anih tih kan hriat a ngai a ni," a ti.

Training cum Exhibition zo

ICFRE-Bamboo and Rattan (ICFRE-BRC) Office, Bethlehem Vengthlang leh Orchid Society of Mizoram tangkawp chuan ni 3 chungawh tur 'Training cum Exhibition on Livelihood Opportunities' chu March ni 26th - 28th, 2024 kham Aijal Club Park leh ICFRE-BRC Bethlehem Vengthlang-ah an buatsai a. Khuallian-ah PCCF Ashok Kumar Biswal, IFS a ni.

Khuallian PCCF Ashok Kumar he hunah hian chuan thusaawin Mizoram ramngaw hmasakna chu a fak a, ramngaw leh leih hussakna atang a eizawna ngahl ngheh tak neih theih a nih thu te chawh nua chuan a ven him kawng ah pawh avawze nei zawk a kalupi zel a pawmawh thu a sawi a, Eco-tourism leh Agro-forestry te pawh eizawna ting tak anih chhoel zel thu a sawi.

Director ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat Assam Dr. Nitin Kulkari he hun hmanpuitu pawhin thusaawin Nauban bikah India hmarchhak huamchlung ah ringawt pawh nauban chi tam tak hmuh chhuah anih thu a sawi a. Nauban atagin in mi tam zawk ten eizawna tha tak an neih theih thi hman, nauban riral mai tur venhim kawngah a tangkai theih tur thu a sawi bawh.

Heng bakah hian mithiam te hnen atagin changpat atang a leitha siam dan te, Pa khawidan te leh Bonsai enkawl dan te leh Nauban enkawl dan chi hrang hrang te inziritama hun hman ani bawh a. Armed Veng South Local Council huamchlung atang a thlanchhuah te leh Mizoram University atanga Scholars tel te hnenah ziritama hi pek a ni.

CEO hoin sorkar hotute thukhawm

Chief Electoral Officer, CEO Madhub Vyas hovin a pisa ah Lok Sabha inthlan hman vote tla a tak theihna tur ngaituahn sorkar hotute an thukhawm.

Chief Electoral officer chuan inthlanpui a awm apiangin MLA inthlan aini Lok Sabha MP thlanna-ah vote tla a che ziah a ti a, MLA inthlanpui India ramah pawh vote tlak thana ber an nih thin lainu a hun lawkah Lok Sabha MP thlan lehngal a ni a, MLA inthlanpui vote tla a phak loh bakah Lok Sabha MP thlan inuhnung ber kum 2019 ah phei chuan national average vote tla pawh kan pha lo a, tan kan lak a tul hie a ni a ti bawh.

Grape chingtuten sawifiah

Hnalhan Grape Growing & Processing Cooperative Society Ltd. chuan, ZPM MP candidate in Hnalhan Winery sum nuai 100 eirwanga puhna chungchang an sawifiah.

Heni chungchang thuchhuah an siama an tarlan domin, kum 2014 chho atang kham Hnalhan Winery atanga an wise siam 'Zawlaidi' chu chhan hrang hrang vangin an hralh hlei thei lova, kulnathawktute hnen atang an grape rah leina pawisa leh winery dinna atana an sum puk pawh an rol chhuzawm thei lo a ni, an ti a.

"Hetiang dinhnum harsa taka kan din lai hian Richard Vanlalhmangah hian theitawpin min tanpui a, central sorkar atanga tanpui pawisa engemawzat min haichhuah sak a, he thilah hian langltang taka engkim th a ni a, eirukna engmah a awm lo a, a chungah pawh kan lawm em em zawk a ni," an ti a. Thuchhuah an siamah hian an Chairman C. Vanlalhriata leh Secretary Zirlianluanga ten hmang an ziak a ni.

Excise heroin thahnem tak man

Excise & Narcotics department chuan March 28, 2024 kham Champhai leh Zokhawthar inkar kawngpui, Sapiannakssk hmamh heroin kg 2.475 (hawng 202) leh a neitu nia pui Lalruatmawi (29) Chelkan, Myanmar a khawma nia inchnal an man a, heroa a phurhna leh a thalrukna Hyundai Verna Car (MZ01 H - 2465) pawh hrensak ngahl a ni.

Heroin vang man, Lalruatmawi hi The Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 tlawh chhanin thubuai siam sak a ni a, he thubuaiah hian thiam loh chantar a nih chuan kum 10 atanga kum 20 thlang Jail tan leh cheng nuai 1 atanga cheng nuai 2 thlang chawi tura hrem theih a ni.



Figure 3: A-D: Discussion and Distribution of the certificates.