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## CM for preservation of cultural properties through GI

AIZAWL, JUNE 3

Governing Body of Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council today held meeting at Chief Minister's Office, Conference Room during which Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla said that steps needs to be taken in a faster manner to preserve cultural properties through Geographical Indicator (GI) Registration, as done by Manipur and Nagaland.

Chief Minister said that progress depends to a great extent on Science and Technology, adding that Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council has to be upgraded further.

CM said in the meeting that Mizoram Council of Science, Technology & Environment has been changed to Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council (MISTIC) last



year since when steps have been taken in a more systematic way regarding science popularization, innovation, patent file and science related

projects. Dr. R.K. Lallianthanga, Chief Scientific Officer and Member Secretary, MISTIC gave report in the meeting as

per which Science popularization programme was held 15 times, Patent Information Centre filed 8 patents, Intellectual Property

Right Seminar and Workshop held, Intellectual Property Right Cell set up at Mizoram University and 3 Colleges during last year.

He also gave report on the activities of State Meteorological Centre, State Climate Change Cell, Mizoram Science Centre and Mizoram Remote Sensing Application Centre mentioning that Rainwater Harvesting Project-12 barrels- at a cost of Rs. 180 lakhs has been launched in Hmunpui village. The meeting in the day attended by MISTIC Governing Body members- Finance Minister Lalsawta, Mizoram State Planning Board Vice Chairman H. Liansailova, Parliamentary Secretary K.S. Thanga, Planning Secretaries and Science Society members discussed and approved 2016-17 Annual Plan, and also the plan for MISTIC re-structure.

## Union Minister inaugurates Language Laboratory in Aizawl

AIZAWL, JUNE 3

Union Minister, Human Resource Development Smriti Zubin Irani today inaugurated 10 projects that have been completed under National Higher Education Mission, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)".

The Union Minister inaugurated the projects in different States through Video Conferencing from New Delhi.

Among the 10 projects inaugurated by the Union Minister in the day was included Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College (Govt. ZRCC)-a 'Language Laboratory'. State Finance Minister Lalsawta also joined the inauguration programme from Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College Language Laboratory.

Inaugurating the Language Laboratory, Union Minister expressed thankfulness and said that the same would be of great help for Mizoram.

Interacting with the students, she said that the

question of the students and faculty on exchange programme with other States is worth planning and that it would be helpful.

She advised the students to apply for "Ishan Uday" a scholarship for poor students of North East India- the same being a joint initiative of Human Resource Development Ministry and University Grants Commission and can be applied by College students and it covers general, technical and professional courses.

State Finance Minister Lalsawta on his part conveyed to the Union Minister his gratitude over the benefits being received by the students of Mizoram through RUSA. The Union Minister also on her part expressed wishes to continue with better cooperation.

The inaugurated Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College Language Laboratory was one of the proposed Language Labs in 24 Mizoram State Govt. Colleges under RUSA Equity Initiatives.

Besides K. Lainghinglova, Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Dept., Department Officials and RUSA Board members attended the inauguration programme.

Along with Mizoram's Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College -RUSA project inauguration programme was held in Model Degree College, Atmakur, Andhra Pradesh; New Model Degree College, Ranjandgaon, Chattisgarh; New Lab at University of Kashmir, Sri Nagar; Computer & Library, Gopinath Singh Mahila College, Garhwa, Jharkhand; Digital Classroom and e-Content Learning Modules, Savitribhai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra; New Model Degree College, Sonepur, Odisha; Boys' Hostel, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab; Online Admission and State RUSA Portals, Sikkim; Gender Sensitization Course, Hyderabad and Digital Gender Atlas for Advancing Women's Education, Mahabubnagar, Telengana.



### No penalty for families who could not burn

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allegation that he was having a share in the supply of cow

swine disease spread in an atmosphere which is beyond

has also been claimed from the central government for

## Minister says he would step down if found corrupted