



## General Strike affects normal life; JAC calls off strike at 5 pm today



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**Imphal, Nov 16:** Normal life has been partially affected at almost all part of the Valley districts particularly at Muslim dominated area on the first day of the 48 hours general strike called by JAC formed against the killing of Md Hashmad Ali @ Oja Babu. Almost all schools, entertainment houses in valley area remain shuts, and both private and government offices witnessed thin attendance at Imphal area. The bandh was

not effective at most areas of Imphal with traffic flowing without any disturbances, but it was total at Hatta, Lilong, Yairipok, Iribung and other Muslim dominated areas. Report from Thoubal district said that except for the Thoubal Keithel, there was total shuts at almost all other part in Yairipok, Wangjing and Sora. There were clashed between police and the strike supporters at Thoubal Bazar in early hours. The JAC against the brutal killing of Md Hashmad Ali @ Oja Babu called the bandh from 5 am today morning till 5 am of November 17. However, the JAC has announced to call off the bandh from 5 pm today after a team of the JAC was assured by the Imphal East district SP to investigate the case effectively.

The SP reportedly clarified that the "Calf theft" tags on the victim Md. Hashmad Ali was not found true during the course of investigation. This means, the police are collecting evidences to punish all those involved in the killing of the School teacher. Earlier, protestor at Hatta Minuthong demands the state government to nab the culprit that brutally murdered Md Hashmad Ali @ Oja Babu within 15 days. If the government fails to do so, Hatta Minuthong members of the JAC will continue the agitations. They condemn the killing of school teachers and the blame that has been sought. Apart from burning of tires, blocking of roads, protest on the streets, no unwanted

incidents were reported during the general strike. Medical emergencies, religious rituals and the media were exempted from the purview of today's general strike.

## Funerals of the 9 Tribal Martyrs to be held on Nov. 30

**IT News**  
**CCpur, Nov 16:** With the Centre coming up with a formal statement declaring that all stake holders will be consulted before giving consent to the three contentious Bills, the JAC along with tribe leaders and other CSO representatives today decided that the mortal remains of the nine 'Tribal Martyrs' will be laid to rest one 30th Nov. 2015. At ADC, Churachandpur Complex, Bungmal village, Churachandpur. The decision was reportedly taken after the Ministry of Home Affairs issued press statement regarding the three bills, on November 9,

2015. The Ministry of Home Affairs stated that the Governor of Manipur has referred three bills passed by the State Legislature namely, "The Protection of Manipur People Bill, 2015", "The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment Bill), 2015" and "The Manipur Shops and Establishments (Second Amendment Bill) 2015" to the Government of India for Presidential assent. Delegations from Manipur under the aegis of Joint Action Committee (JAC), All Tribals Students' Union of Manipur (ATSUM) and Manipur Tribal's Forum,

Delhi (MTFD) have met the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and other officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs with their concerns over the three Bills. The Ministry of Home Affairs assured to consult all stakeholders including the State Government, hill and the valley people and other interested parties on the issue before arriving at any decision in the course of examination of the Bills. It will be the endeavour of the Ministry of Home Affairs to address the issue in the best interests of all sections of the population of Manipur. These three Bills are being opposed by some sections

of Manipur population, who have been agitating over the issue since the last two months. Nine people have died during this agitation and their last rites have not been conducted till now, MHA stated. According to the leaders of Manipur Tribals Forum Delhi, Manipur tribal want to march with the coffins towards Parliament to draw the attention of the Centre government. The three infamous Bills was passed by Manipur Assembly on August 31 after violent agitation by valley based organisations and similar protest was followed at CCPur for withdrawal of the Bills.

## AMAND celebrates Ningol Chakouba

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 16:** The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune celebrated Ningol Chakouba festival at the officer's Mess, R & DE (Engrs), Vishrantwadi, Pune on Sunday. A press statement of the Association said that the age old festival was organised with firm objective to foster the spirit of unity, harmony and goodwill amongst the Manipuri brothers & sisters living in and around Pune. Around 170 Manipuris attended the festival, said the press statement. Manipuri Football star Gouramani, Jackichand, Gobin and Lalit who are playing for Pune FC in the ensuing Indian Super League (ISL) Football Championship, 2015 also took part in the auspicious occasion.

## Blood Donation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 16 :** Life Savers Manipur in Collaboration with Langol View Charitable and Maternity Home today organized 11<sup>th</sup> voluntary blood Donation camp at IHBT complex, RIMS. The voluntary blood donation camp was organized by State Blood Transfusion Council, MACS and Blood bank, Dept. of Immunohaematology Blood Transfusion (IHBT).

## National Press Day observed; 8 journalists awarded

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov.16:** Media in Manipur observed National Press Day to commemorate the establishment of Press Council of India (PCI) today at Manipur Press Club Manipur. In connection with the observance, a one day workshop on the theme "The Impact and Import of Cartooning and Caricature as a medium of Expression of Opinion" was also held. The observance function was organized by Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai, President, AMWJU, M. Okendro, Minister and Spokesperson Government of Manipur and other dignitaries from DIPR took part in the function. State Journalist Awards for the year 2014 was also distributed in the function. Khoirom Loya Lakpa, Editor of Manipuri daily, Thoudang bagged the Manipur State Journalist Award for Best Editor while Naorem Gyanand, District correspondent, Ashem Babycha, Staff Reporter,

Mutum Rameshchandra, Staff Reporter, Wangkhem Rishikesh, all four of them from Hueiyen Lanpao Daily bagged this year's State Journalist Awards in the category of reporting on Rural reporting, Women and Children, Public Health and Hygiene, and Sports respectively. Angom Ranjit Singh, Chief Reporter, Laisharam Keshonanda, Sub-editor and S. Soniya, Sr reporter of Poknapham daily bagged the prestigious award in the category of Art & Culture, Science and Technology, and Best Parliamentary Reporting respectively. While speaking in the gathering Wangkhemcha Shyamjai drew Chief Minister's attention to add an award category to the present 8 categories. He

appealed CM Ibobi to add a category on the "reporting on differently able persons" as media could also give special focus on the life and works of different able persons as well as the media could give more information on the welfare and developmental activities taken up by the Government especially for them. On the other hand, giving sign the statement by Syamjai being noted, O Ibobi said the Government is always ready for the welfare of Journalist. The government is always acknowledged of the responsibilities being taken by Journalist of Manipur, the CM encouraged and said the media fraternity in Manipur to move forward in the future too.



## Ulfa presses Centre for Chetia on peace talks table

**By: Prabin Kalita, Courtesy: TNN Guwahati, Nov. 16:** The Ulfa leadership is putting pressure on the Centre to facilitate the participation of its founding general secretary Anup Chetia at the peace talks to be held on November 24 in Delhi, under the chairmanship of Union home secretary Anil Goswami. Chetia, who was extradited from Bangladesh on Wednesday, was taken into a six-day transit remand by the CBI on Thursday. Chetia is currently being interrogated by different intelligence and security

agencies but so far there is no formal announcement of Chetia joining the peace process. The central executive committee of Ulfa has been in direct contact with the Centre since Friday, seeking a reply to the uncertainty over Chetia's participation at the November 24 meet. "We want him (Chetia) to be with us when we sit for talks on November 24. He is our general secretary and his participation is very crucial, but we are yet get a concrete word from the authorities," a source said.

The central agencies, which are interrogating Chetia, are also want him to make his decision on the peace process clear and for this reason the CBI has taken him into a six days' transit remand, the source added. Chetia's counsel Bijon Mahajan said, "There is nothing illegal on the part of the CBI to take Chetia into a six days' transit remand because the agency has brought him to Guwahati within six days or on the sixth day." Close on the heels of Chetia's extradition, Dhaka is hosting the two-day home

secretary-level meeting between India and Bangladesh on Monday. The peace process with Ulfa started in 2010 after the top leaders, including its chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa, were handed over to India by Bangladesh in 2009. The outfit has submitted its charter of demands and since then several rounds of talks have taken place. Union minister of state for home Kiren Rijiju, a few days ago, hinted that the Centre was keen to bring an end to the peace talks with a solution.

## Combing operation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 16:** A team of Imphal West Police today conducted search operation at Yaikul area this morning around 5 am today as a part of the precautionary measures for the upcoming Sangai Festival. A combined team of Imphal West Police and Commando conducted the search operation at Yaikul

Moirangkhom and Yaikul Janmasthan. The search operation was led by DSP (ops), Imphal West, Netrajit. No individuals were apprehended in today's operation. Police and Commandos will continue such operations in sensitive areas of Imphal West to prevent untoward incidents ahead of the Sangai Festival.

## DDAM Cricket camp

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**Imphal, Nov. 16:** 5<sup>th</sup> Residential Cricket Coaching camp organized by the Disabled Development Association Manipur (DDAM) begins today at Oinam Savombung Awang Leikai in Imphal West. The residential cricket coaching camp will continue till November 25. The inaugural function of the

residential camp was attended by Social Worker Khurajam Loken Singh, MLA of Langthabal constituency Karam Shyam, Chairperson of Samuroi Nagar Panchayat Th. Mangileima, Legal Advisor DDAM G Pousing, and 12 Bihar Regiment of Mayang Imphal Post Captain Prasant Kuri as President, Chief Guest, Guest of Honor respectively.

## Congress condemns RSS leaders' 'Naxal' remark

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, Nov. 16:** Hitting out at senior RSS leader Indresh Kumar for his controversial comment that Naxals never attack the minority communities in Chhattisgarh, the Congress on Monday said that it is a 'low life RSS agenda' and they are just trying to communalise the issue. "It's a nonsense statement. Why has he (Indresh Kumar) singled out churches? I don't remember any instances where Naxals have even attacked any temples or other religious institutions. Relating Naxals with attacking people of a particular religion or not attacking people of a particular religion is only trying to communalize the issue. It's a pathetic low life RSS agenda." Congress leader Sandeep Dixit told ANI. "If you can say there is a communal agenda behind churches not being attacked, I can bring a political agenda

and say that how come other party has never been attacked and only Congress leaders were massacred in a Naxal-led violence," he added. Dixit further slammed Kumar's statement and said that this kind of an attitude to communalise any situation is an 'old RSS-VHP-BJP-led agenda', which should be condemned. Earlier, calling churches and Christians to play an active role in eradicating Left wing extremism, Indresh Kumar asked why Naxals have never targeted the minority community in Chhattisgarh. "Development can be achieved (only) through peace and brotherhood and not through violence. I have raised a few questions keeping in view Chhattisgarh which has been suffering from the menace of Naxalism with a high degree. Naxals have never targeted churches and priests just because they serve them or is there some other reason?" he said.