

Eminent personalities leading the clean Manipur drive here in Imphal: seen here are RK Nimai, Consultant to the Govt. of Manipur, Nidhi Triparthi, Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur and Dr N Dhaballi, president Manipur Tourism Forum cleaning the street.
(Photo: DIPR)



Chief Secretary launches weeklong cleanliness drive ahead Manipur Sangai fest

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Manipur Chief Secretary O Nabakishor today launched a weeklong cleanliness drive in Imphal areas with the theme "Clean Manipur, Green Manipur" as part of the ensuing Manipur Sangai festival. Organised by the Department of tourism, Government of Manipur in association with Imphal Municipality Council (IMC), the weeklong cleanliness drive will go on from November 9 to 16. Chief Secretary O Nabakishor launched the cleanliness drive this morning at about 7:30 at Keishampat Junction. Dr RK Nimai (Retd IAS), Consultant to Manipur, Nidhi Triparthi, Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur, Shyamal Poonia, Director (Tourism), Rachel N Guite, Dy Director, Robert Kshetrimayum, Secretary



MAHUD, Ng Uttam Singh, Executive officer Imphal Municipal Council, Dr N Dhaballi, president Manipur Tourism Forum, Dr Kh Palin and Thmabaljao Phaoimei, former IMC Chairperson also attended during the launching of weeklong cleanliness drive. Chief Secretary O Nabakishor while launching the cleanliness drive lauded the joint initiative of Tourism Department and Imphal Municipal Council to make a clean and green Imphal city as part of the Manipur

If the properly tap the potential of tourism, the economy of the state could be promoted. Many people from outside including foreigners are visiting the state to witness the tourist spots. Imphal city is the face of the state. As such, we need to keep the face of the state neat and clean", maintained the state's top bureaucrat officer. Stating that the incomplete private buildings from Keishampat to Airport road has also mangled the image of Imphal city, Nabakishore appealed to the owners to complete construction of their buildings at the earliest. The weeklong cleanliness drive will cover Keishampat junction to Airport, Maharani bridge to Tera Bazar, Wahengbam Leikai Trafficpoint to Keishampat junction, Ima Keithel and Khwairamband Market and Minuthongto palace compound

Sangai festival slated to be held from November 21 to 30 with pomp and gaiety. Lamenting that most of the people in the state have no civic sense and proper habit of throwing litters, Chief secretary said that people are throwing litters anywhere without following the guidelines of the Municipal by-laws. Improper throwing of litters has mangled the image of the Imphal city. "Blessed with many picturesque locations, Manipur has great potential for tourism.

Sharmila produced to court; delay in proceeding wrath the Iron lady

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: The first court hearing of Irom Chanu Sharmila after completing 15 years of hunger strike demanding repeal of Arm Forces Special Power Act 1958 was held today. The Court hearing was delayed by around 4 hours. The hearing scheduled was earlier fixed at 10:30 am, but as CJM RK Memcha has been promoted and the in-charge CJM A. Nauteinashori was out of station, the hearing was held

at around 2.00 pm. Wrath over the delay Irom Chanu Sharmila tried to left the court room at around 1:50 pm without attending the hearing. Later JM(FC) of Imphal East Alek Muivah arrived at around 2:08 pm and the court proceeding began. Supporting Irom Chanu Sharmila movement, Rongmei Lup Phuum (Assam, Manipur and Nagaland), All Manipur Muslim Women Organisation and Women action for Development also attended the court to witness the court

proceeding. After the court appearance from Chanu Sharmila said that the term and condition recently announce by the ministry of home affair for meeting with a prisoners is nothing but to shattered the freedom of speech of political prisoners. The MHA earlier said that a security amount of Rs 1 Lakh has to be deposited for meeting prisoner including Irom Chanu Sharmila. Next hearing is scheduled on November 23.

Tribal JAC meet Govt.

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Representative of JAC Against Anti Tribal, Churachandpur and GoM for the 1st time today had a meeting at Chief Minister's Secretariat today in the afternoon, to find out a possible solution to the present imbroglio relating to the passing of ILP Bill by the state Govt. The talk whis started from around 2 pm reportedly lasted for about an hour and State Govt was represented amongs other by CM, Home Minister, Govindas Konhoujam, Chief Secy. At the time of filling this report exact details of the outcome is still not clear. Source said that the Tribal JAC urged the government to withdraw the bill terming some of the content as anti tribal. However when the govt. representatives asked them to pin point the content which hurt the sentiments of the tribal people, the JAC reportedly seeks more time to study it.

Chingsubam Akaba remembered on 71st Birth Anniversary

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Pioneer leader of the Meitei Mayek revivalist movement in the state Chingsubam Akaba was remembered today on occasion of his 71st Birth Anniversary. A memorial function was held at Thwai Village in Ukhrul District. On the occasion, the daily evening newspaper Pandam, established by him also observed its 2nd founday day. Titular King of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba, R.V Mingthing, Gormer Minister, P Dhanakumar, Retd. IPS, Abul Kalam Deputy Director Archive, Sweeten Rahing, President Tangkhul Naga Wungnaolong, T. Robindro Singh, eminent Social Worker, Mathankui Zimik, Vice Vhairman, R Suisha Trust, Sorokhaibam Hemanta, Life Time Secretary Manipur State Sumang Leela Council, RS Yarsang, Ex-member Manipur District Council among others attended as dignitaries. As a part of the observance, fitting tribute was paid to the portrait of Chingsubam

Akaba. Speaking on the occasion Titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba said that the present crisis in the state is an argument between two right minded group. Each communities has their points in bringing up the issues and demanding their right. He said if the leaders of both Hills and plain people need to gather frequently to short out the differences between the various communities of the state. RV Mingthing, while speaking on the occasion said that each of the communities in the state have the same origin and there will be nothing wrong if a Tangkhul boy identified themselves as a Meitei or a Meitei identified as a Tangkhul. The Tangkhul leader said that Manipur was first administered under the joint initiative of the Tangkhul and the Meitei and the then government of that time was very stable. Awards to journalists were also distributed on the occasion.

Suspected parked vehicles panic locals of Pallel

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: People in Pallel area in Chandrel district along Imphal - Moreh road were set to panic after a two wheeler numberless Dio vehicle was found parking overnight near the police station. At around 7 am today police blocked the road and check the vehicle to have been fitted with IED. However after checking the vehicles it was latter learnt that the Dio vehicle did not contain anything the traffic was let free.

One NNC cadre held

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Based on specific intelligence regarding movement of a UG cadre, troops of the 12 BIHAR of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) along with Imphal West Police Commandos launched a joint operation in general area Konhoujam and apprehended an active cadre of Naga National Council (NNC) on November 7. The apprehendee was identified as No 1731, SS Lt Poujianing Kamei, aged 25 years, S/o Merthangam Kamei, resident of Marangjing, Tamenglong district. One mobile phone alongwith SIM card was recovered from his possession. The apprehendee alongwith recovered items has been handed over to the Patsoi Police Station.

Tera area road fill with garbage; local draws govt. attention

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Locals of Tera Khurajiam leirak also known as Industry Road and Loukrakpam Leikai have asked the concerned authority to take immediate measures to prevent dumping of garbage at their surrounding by others. Speaking to Imphal Times, Suraj of Tera Loukrakpam Leikai and Member of Neinashang Club said that every night people from neighboring localities dump their waste materials at the open space situated near the Takyel Community Hall. Due to the waste materials deposition of large amount of waste materials locals of the area are facing undue problems, he added. He also said that despite of repeated appeal Municipal authority failed to remove the trashes that were dumped at the road side. Even locals have posted notice at the sites not to throw waste materials but it doesn't dither the people to their waste materials at the area. While, Ng Mema of



Loukrakpam leikai said that locals have feared about possible outbreak of communicable diseases due to the presence of garbage heaps at the locality.

She also appeals the concern authority and people to keep the area clean in order to fulfill the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission.

PREPAK to observe Martyrs Day on Nov. 12

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Proscribed group PREPAK is all set to observe martyrs' day (Athoubasing Ningshing Numit) on November 12 as in the preceding years. The outfit appealed to all the people of the land to join the martyrs' day observance and pay befitting homage to the revolutionaries who have laid down their lives in the course of the movement.

A press release issued by the outfit's assistant secretary, publicity and propaganda Leibakgarka Luwang further appealed to all the people to refrain from holding/ participating in any entertainment programmes on November 12. Recalling the genesis of martyrs' day, Leibakgarka said that PREPAK's Ayekpam Dhiren alias Angam of Sagolband Tera Loukrakpam

Leikai, Phuraiatpam Kabikanta alias Leimu alias Leingam Sharma and PLA's Pukhrabam Gambhir of Singjamei Makha Naorem Leikai achieved martyrdom after fighting a fierce battle with a combined force of CRPF and Manipur Police, the latter led by SI Sunil Sharma and ASI Naorem Shyamjai on November 12, 1978 at Leimarok, Kameng. In remembrance of this heroic battle, PREPAK has

been observing November 12 as martyrs' day every year. Later in 1985 on the same date and month, the outfit's founder RK Tullachandra fell to a bullet fired by one MR personnel in frenzy after the 7th MR post opened at Kabo-wakching sugar mill was overrun by PREPAK cadres who made a daring attack to confiscate weapons from the MR personnel. In remembrance of

the twin incidents of Kameng and Kabowakching, PREPAK and its Red Army have been observing November 12 as martyrs' day in honour of all the revolutionaries who have laid down their lives in the course of the liberation movement. The outfit appealed to all the people of the state to shun all kind of entertainment programme.

Pollution free Electronic Rickshaw Launched in Manipur

IT News
Imphal, Nov 9: Electronic Rickshaw, powered by solar energy was launched today at Thoubal district in Manipur. Introduction of such solar power rickshaw is the first time in the entire North Eastern region of the country. Y. Bijen Chairperson of Thoubal Municipal Council, flagged off the E-Rickshaw today at Thoubal Keithel. The launching function of the E-Rickshaw organized by South Eastern Taxi Welfare Association and Heirok based social worker Ningthoujam Ongbi Sumatibala Devi, held at



Khangabok District Hospital gate was attended by N. Ibomcha, Senior Scientific officer, Baba Atomic Research Center, Kolkatta and Kh. Subol, Retd. CRPF officer as dignitaries on the dais. Senior Scientist N. Ibomcha is the man behind the introduction of the solar powered electronic rickshaw in Manipur. The solar powered electronic Rickshaw can also charged through electricity and once charged full it can travel 100 Km at the speed of 30 km per hour. The vehicle is pollution free.

Free cataract detection and eye screening camp held

IT News
Chandel, Nov 9: National Program for Control of Blindness (NPCB) Medical Directorate Lampbel has organized a one Day Free Cataract Detection and Eye Screening Camp at the Church campus of Molnoi Area KBC Centre Church in Chandel District today. The camp was organized in collaboration with the KBC Centre Church of Molnoi Area under National Health Mission with the objectives to reduce the backlog of blindness through identification and treatment of blind.

Over 260 villagers from the surrounding villages availed free eye screening facility and altogether 44 cataract patients were detected during the camp. Besides distributing Medicines free of cost to patients, Spectacles were also provided to 34 patients free of cost during the camp. Dr H Bidya Devi, Manipur State Program Officer of NPCB; Dr Subhajit, Eye Specialist JNIMS and Dr Chaoba Singh, Eye Specialist Imphal Eye Clinic took part in the camp among other.