

Manipur State Legislative Assembly employees conducting social service inside the office complex on occasion of Cleanliness Day



State celebrates 146th birth anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi President likely to approve ILPS bills: CM

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: The President of India is likely to give his assent to the three ILPS Bills after minute examination of the validity and limitations of the indigenous protection Bills, said Chief Minister of Manipur, Okram Ibobi Singh, while addressing a gathering at the 146th Gandhi Jayanti celebration held today at Congress Bhavan, BT Road here.

Speaking to media persons, the Chief Minister said that after the State Assembly passed the Bills, the former Governor of Manipur had reserved the Bills for the President of India's approval. It may take time but the President of India will give assent to the Bills after ensuring that it does not



affect the interests of the people of both hill and valley. In order to safeguard the holistic interest of the people of Manipur the President might consult with Home Ministry and other concern authorities, he added.

Regarding the prevailing unrest in hill areas, the Chief Minister said that the

government has been inviting the apex bodies of hill based civil society organizations for meeting and to address their grievances through dialogue. Even today, request has been made to Kuki Inpi for helping in bringing together all the bodies and convening a meeting.

In his reply to a question

regarding the demand of Suspension of Operation (SoO) signatory Kuki underground groups, the CM said that creation of state within Manipur is not in the purview of the state government. The government is ready to give the demands if it is reasonable, but will not compromise with the territorial integrity of the state, Ibobi asserted.

Regarding the recent appointment of Governor on additional charges, the CM said that the government has been urging the Centre to send a regular Governor considering the present law and order situation in the state. However, it is in the hands of the Centre to appoint a regular Governor for the state of Manipur.

Congressmen, who attended the function also pledged to follow the cleanliness policies of Gandhi.

Talk in progress

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: A talk between leaders of Kuki Inpi and representatives of State Government is being convened at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister here from today 2PM.

Upon invitation from the state government, the apex body of Kuki civil society organization has agreed to convene the meeting in order to discuss the prevailing situation in hill areas especially Churachandpur district.

Excavation at Tombisana High School complex to resume after 10 months halt

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: The excavation works in connection with construction of the Tombisana market begins from today after almost ten months halt. The decision came after the district magistrate Imphal west orders the excavation work to be done with video coverage under police supervision and in the presence of a duly detailed executive magistrate.

Last year, during the excavation, skeletons and skulls of eight persons were discovered while leveling the earth at the Mantra

Pukhri and a case has been already registered at Heingang Police station. The excavation work is now eyed from different sections of the society. The public notice issued by office of the district magistrate also permits the media and the civil society organization to take stock of the excavation works.

The excavation works is being carried out for construction of a new market shed. The site was used as Tombisana High School campus and later used by Central Reserved Police Force followed by state police commandos.

New political party formed

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: A new political party called Meitei Nationalist Party formed on September 30 has announced the objectives of the party today during a press meet held today at Hotel M a s s - Brahmacharimayum Angousana Sharma has been unanimously elected as the founder president of the newly formed party. Speaking during the press meet Angousana Sharma said that the one point agenda of the newly formed political party is to demand Scheduled Tribe status for the Meitei people. He said inclusion of the Meitei to schedule tribe status will solve the inequality between Meitei and other communities of the state.

Wildlife Week Celebration

IT News
Thoubal, Oct.2: As part of the 60th Wildlife Week Celebration, a Painting and Article Writing Competition, 2015 under the theme "Save Wildlife, Save mankind," and "Illegal Trade in Wildlife" was held today at Lamding Model High School in Thoubal District. The Divisional Level painting and Article competition was organized by the Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal under the leadership of Sanajaoba Khurajiam, DFO, Thoubal.

Around 162 students from different educational institutions from Thoubal District took part in the painting and article writing competition. N.Munal Meitei, RFO, Kakching, Th.Lokendro Singh, RFO, Thoubal and Staffs of DFO, Thoubal were also presents on the occasion.

CIRCA continues protest against merger agreement

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: After its month-long protest campaign against the merger agreement of 1949, Coalition for Indigenous Rights Campaign (CIRCA), Manipur organised a people's convention and sit-in-protest demonstration at various parts of the state on Friday.

A public meeting was held at Lilong Arapti Ereima Lampak, Thoubal District with Convenor of CIRCA Somorendro Thokchom;

Spokesperson of CIRCA Ningthouja Lancha and CIRCA Member, Lamjingba. The CIRCA members also addressed the gathering against their agitation and the infamous merger agreement of 1949.

CIRCA, along with local meira paibis also organised another public meeting at Khurai Ukhrul Road Yaipha Lamjing Lup while sit-in-protests were also staged at Sekta and Lousangkhang area with the participation of a large number of local women.

BJYM's Mega Marathon postponed

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 2: The Mega Marathon organized by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), Manipur Pradesh scheduled to be held on October 4 has been indefinitely postponed due to threat from an underground organization of the state.

Speaking to the media at its party head office, Vice president of BJYM, Kh. Basanta said that the Mega Marathon is being organised to promote the spirit of sports amongst the youths of the

state and is in the interest of the people as whole. It is postponed considering the safety of the participant he added.

He further appealed that instead of imposing banned to the development works taken up by the BJP and its frontal organization, all organizations and individuals should appreciate the works taken up by them.

JAC Formed; killer family ostracized

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: Locals of Khabeiso Sabal Leikai, Imphal East district has formed a JAC (Joint Action Committee) against the killing of Md Manoj Khan (25) during a meeting held at Khabeiso Community hall today morning.

Md. Manoj Khan (25) s/o Md Hanifa (50) of Khabeiso Sabal Leikai was shot dead last evening around 5:30 pm by Md. Seraj s/o Md. Olli living in the same local.

The JAC resolved to ostracize Md Siraj and his family from the locality. The JAC also resolved to take

the same action to any locals who give shelter to Md. Siraj and his family from the locality.

The JAC demand a judicial inquiry as well as capital punishment or lifetime imprisonment to Md. Siraj Khan who has surrendered to the Heingang police last night.

The JAC also resolved to ostracize Mrs Chandni (w/o Firoz Khan elder brother of the deceased Manoj Khan) and the person who was having affair with her from the locality.

The JAC demand the concern department to hand over the properties

belonging to Md Siraj Khan s/o Md Olli to Mrs Shanti (17), wife of the deceased Md Manoj Khan.

While inviting civil society organizations of Khumidok and Kairang area the JAC further said that they will not take the dead body until the concern authority punished those involved in the killing of Md Manoj Khan.

The deceased Manoj Khan is the second son of Md Hanifa (50) of Khabeiso Sabal Leikai and was survived by his wife and 3 daughters and 1 son. His wife is also pregnant.

Cleanliness drive at Pallel

IT News
Thoubal, Oct 2: The 3-day-long cleanliness drive conducted in connection with Lamyanba Irabot Day and Gandhi Jayanti concluded today.

The drive, conducted by

police personnel of Pallel Police Station and members of Chingmee Tammee Apunba Lup under the leadership of AK Khelen Singh, OC of Pallel Police Station; Pallel Keithel and surrounding areas.

KCP Poirei on Mela organizers

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: Rebel group Kangleipak Communist Party, Poirei Meitei Lup expressed its appreciation to the Kthuheiba Keithel Yokhat Lup, Mela Association for its assurance to promote handloom and handicraft products of the state instead of encouraging the gambling by outsiders. In a press hand out, the outfit said that they

are watching keenly to the growing gambling promotional Mela organized by many organizations in association with the outsiders.

It said that, the outfit will stand tough with its principle to protect the identity, culture and the traditions of the state and any attempt to promote outsiders' culture and gambling by organizing Mela will not be tolerated.

Irabot Day at Delhi

IT News
Imphal, Oct 2: The Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) organised 'Irabot Day Observance Talk Programme' at the Department of Political Science, Delhi University (North Campus) on Wednesday.

Delhi sets to witness 3rd edition of North East Fest

Agency
New Delhi, Oct.02: Riding high on the success of last year, the 3rd edition of the North East Festival promises to be bigger and better this time round with special additions like handicrafts, local and tribal garments and ornaments, and local cuisine.

The three-day festival set to begin here from October 16 at Indira Gandhi National Centre (IGNCA).

"This time the main focus is on tourism and we are trying to call tour operators from all across the country to display the culture and heritage of the North East. Delhi Tourism is helping us quite a lot and any tourist who is traveling to Delhi that time the tourism department will motivate to visit the festival," Shyamkanu Mahanta, Organiser in Chief, North East Festival said.

The event is set to host 60 artisans and small textile entrepreneurs who will showcasing unique products from the region.

An exhibition of agriculture and horticulture, 40 musical bands with performances by popular stars of North East like Zubeen



Garg, Aloba Naga and Band Papon has been scheduled for the inaugural day of the festival.

"I promise Delhi has never seen this quality of handicraft exhibition. We will also impart and display knowledge to visitors about North East Tribes and freedom fighters from the region," Mahanta said.

Dance performances like Bihu, Bagumba, Manipuri dance, Mizo

Bamboo dance, Naga unity dance and 30 more such forms are set to entertain the audience.

Besides, an awareness program is set to be launched on the world's largest river island 'Majuli' which is under threat from erosion.

"One evening will be dedicated to Majuli awareness. We have asked Water Resources Minister Uma Bharati to attend the program and discuss ways and means to protect the island. There are talks that Majuli might be included in Unesco's world heritage sight list," Mahanta said.

Besides cultural programs and a focus on tourism, the major attraction this year is the commencement of the North East Festival Football Competition, driven by Indian Collegiate Athletic Program (ICAP).

The inaugural edition will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium from October 9 to October 15.

"Along with the football competition we are also going to showcase traditional sports of the region like Kobong Tisao (Wrestling both men and women).