

Last rite of Octogenarian Congress leader Rishang Keishing held. Fitting tribute paid to the departed leader at state level



Man escapes from kidnappers

IT News
Imphal, Aug 24: A person who was kidnapped by 4/5 gunmen escaped unharmed from the claws of the kidnappers. The incident happened yesterday. Report reaching here said that a person identified as Thanglienmang s/o Sathkohao Khongsai r/o Thingkangphai under Churachandpur Police Station was picked up and kidnapped by 4 to 5 gunmen at around 11.30 pm day before yesterday. Thanglienmang after staying in the custody for a night latter managed to escape from their custody yesterday. The matter was reported to police and accordingly police had registered a case. Reason behind the kidnapping could not be ascertains.

IMF liquor seized

IT News
Imphal, Aug 24: A team of Manipur Police led by Sub Inspector K Bikramjit Singhof Khomjom Police station under the supervision of OC of the police station today seized over 500 bottle of Indian made Foreign Liquors. The IMF whicky bottle were seized from the possession of Soibam Ibotombi Singh (46) years of Khongjom Laibung Leikai. The drive is being conducted to ensure free and fair election in the upcoming panchayat election. The police team also seized around 200 litre of local brew from Khongjom area. The seized IMF Whisky bottles along with the country liquors were displayed in front of media persons today and later disposed in their presence.

SC declares right to privacy as Fundamental right

Courtesy PTI
New Delhi, Aug 24: The Supreme Court today declared right to privacy as a Fundamental right under the Constitution. A nine-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar ruled that right to privacy is protected intrinsically as part of rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. Others members of the bench comprising Justices J Chelameswar, S A Bobde, R K Agrawal, R F Nariman, A M Sapre, D Y Chandrachud, S K Kaul and S Abdul Nazeer also shared the same view.

Indo-Naga talk hits another hurdle NSCN demands separate Naga constitution

IT News
Kohima, Aug 24: The ongoing Naga political talk between the Government of India and the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah) has hit another hurdle. The weary talk has hit another obstacle when the NSCN (IM) insisted for a separate constitution for Nagalim (Nagaland), which it said is another key demand to resolve the vexed issue. NSCN (IM) sources said they have crossed some major hurdles like integration of contiguous Naga inhabited areas and a separate flag. But the latest round of talk held Tuesday in New Delhi witnessed one more hurdle when the Naga group demanded for a separate constitution.

"Having a separate constitution for the Nagas has become the bone of contention in the talk," said a senior functionary of NSCN (IM). In yesterday's talk the NSCN (IM) was led by Chief Negotiator, Thuingaleng Muivah. Union Government's interlocutor R N Ravi had a marathon negotiation with the Naga representatives.

The next round of talk is expected on Tuesday next. The NSCN (IM) asserted that a separate constitution and a flag will not be compromised as this will recognise the existence of two entities.

"We will never accept Indian Constitution. Separate Naga Constitution should be incorporated in it for safeguard," another NSCN (IM) leader said.

A NSCN (IM) insider said demand for a separate flag for Nagalim is almost settled. Centre's emissary Ravi also said Nagas's demand for a separate flag is under discussion.

"For separate flag it is almost settled," NSCN (IM) source disclosed.

The Naga group also said it would not decommission arms, adding that the cadres would

be commissioned as regular army and guard the borders of Nagalim.

Extension of Article 371(A) of the Constitution of India to other Naga inhabited areas and Pan-Naga are other two core issues settled, according to sources.

On the issue of Centre's map to take all factions onboard the final agreement, the NSCN (IM) source said the former will not have a political dialogue with other groups. It is understood that the Centre wanted other groups to accept the agreed points with the NSCN (IM) and accept the final accord.

Centre's interlocutor Ravi is also in touch with other factions - the prominent among them is NSCN (Unification). He is also in touch with Naga National Council (NNC) led by Adinno Phizo. But the group said there was no need to enter for another round of peace talk and demanded for a political talk. A senior leader of NNC disclosed that Ravi was in touch with them.

NNC said Naga people are heading for another 16 Point Agreement which would be signed between the "pseudo nationalists" and the Government of India.

While the Centre and the NSCN (IM) are in hurry to strike a final agreement there is a fractured support to the

ongoing peace talk. Several Naga organisations led by the Naga Hoho has supported the talk while few others have rendered their scepticism stating that it would be a sell out agreement.

The state government has also supported the talk.

"And whereas we discourage mushrooming of state-centric groups and their slogans based on narrow approach that promotes divide and rule policy in Naga society," a joint statement issued by senior leaders of Ao community stated. The statement has come against the backdrop of some people asking the NSCN (IM) not to talk for Nagas of Nagaland.

The joint statement was issued after the joint meeting of Concerned Citizens' Forum and Concerned Senior Citizens Forum Mokochung on August 17. "Whereas we have minutely evaluated the previous commitments of the Ao community giving mandate to the NSCN/GPRN (IM) collective Leadership during the last several political consultative meets Indo-Naga political matter for negotiating with Gol and to bring early settlement honourably and acceptable both to the parties and therefore, the Aos should continue to stand by it," the statement added.

5% GST applicable on selling of space for advertisement in print media: Centre

New Delhi, Aug 24: Government has clarified that five percent GST is applicable on selling of space for advertisement in print media if an agency buys space from the newspaper and sells the same to clients on its own account.

However, the GST rate will be 18 percent of the sale commission, if the agency works as an agent of the

newspaper on commission basis. The Finance Ministry said, 18 percent GST will be liable, if the advertisement agency supplies any service other than selling of space for advertisement and such supply is not a part of any composite supply.

The Ministry said in case, such supplies are part of any composite supply, the rate applicable will be 5 percent.

RBI to issue Rs 200 note

Courtesy ET
New Delhi, Aug 4: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue the first-ever Rs 200 denomination banknotes tomorrow. The currency note is expected to address liquidity issue and also reduce the burden on the Rs 100 note.

"The Reserve Bank of India will issue on August 25, Rs 200 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing signature of Dr. Urjit R. Patel, RBI Governor," RBI said in a release. "The new denomination has Motif of Sanchi Stupa on the reverse. The base colour of the note is Bright Yellow. The note has other designs, geometric patterns aligning with the overall colour scheme, both at the obverse and reverse," RBI said.

The circulation of the new note is likely to bridge the shortage of small currency denomination notes that have faced a shortage after introduction of Rs 2000 note and demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes. RBI also expects the new note to be very popular as there is no other denomination between Rs 100 and Rs 500 notes.

Evening Daily Paonilkhon observes 27th foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Aug 24: Evening Daily 'Paonilkhon' today observed its 27th Foundation Day at Manipur Press Club here in Imphal. Director IPR, Meghachandra Kongbam graced the occasion as Chief Guest while President of the ALL Manipur Working Journalists' Union, Wangkhemcha Shamjai presided over it. Deputy Director of IPR Chongtham Noyon and former President of AMWJU AK Sanaton attended as Guests of honours.

A special issue of one of the oldest vernacular daily was also released today in connection with the 27th Foundation Day.

In recognition to his service of W. Inaocha, who had distributed the news papers, Paonilkhon honoured him by presenting a small token of gift. Speaking on the occasion, Meghachandra Kongbam said that Evening papers are taking important role in a society like ours. He said people always get first hand news through evening papers and appreciates the dedication of the staffs and editorial team of evening papers.

The Director of IPR further said that the state government too in recognition to the service of the journalist fraternities and hardship faced by them has formulated certain welfare measures of the journalists fraternity. He said the government is all set to



establish a Press Park in the coming days and already the state government has sanctioned a journalist welfare fund to help the working journalists in time of need. He gave the credit to the new government led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh who was once a journalist and understood the problem being faced by the journalist of the state.

Veteran Journalist and the one time president of the AMWJU, while speaking on the occasion calls on journalists fraternity to be more serious with their job.

"Sacrifice, sincerity essence of patriotism is a much for journalist of the state", he added.

Earlier, Editor of the Daily Chongtham Meghachandra, in his key note speech, deliberated on the struggle he face in bringing life to the newspaper facing all odds. The role of the newspaper particular the role being taken by Paonilkhon newspaper has

been categorically stated. "Evening papers are small newspaper papers with limited audiences due to certain factors", Meghachandra said that time limitation for distribution of the newspaper to reach the audience is the greatest challenge of eveningers in the state. He however said that the role in shaping the society should not be ignored by the people of the state particularly those in the DIPR.

On one hand the state should be proud of acknowledging the fact that in print medium media Manipur is marching far ahead when compare with other North Eastern State.

"We have now over 7 evening newspapers including English daily", Megachandra said. He further added that the evening newspapers are small due to certain limitation and in recognition to its service the government particularly the DIPR should support these small newspapers as it stands as another pride of the state.

Khousabung ready for Xth State Level Manipur Pine apple Festival

IT News
Imphal, Aug 24: Commemorating the 70th Year of Pineapple Cultivation, the Xth Manipur Pineapple Festival will be set into motion at Khousabung in Churachandpur District, Manipur on August 25 & 26, 2017.

Whereas August 25 will be observed as "Farmer's Day" with workshop, seminar and Pineapple contest, August 26 will witness the gala event, a sui generis celebration with gaiety, bash and merriment. A 70th Year commemorative month will be unveiled on August 26, with a bevy of beauties taking the stage by storm in the evening



On the day, bevy of beauties would be taking the stage by storm at the Headquarters of Khousabung District Council Constituency in Churachandpur District of Manipur. Khousabung, the "Capital" of "Pineapple" in Manipur is the Headquarters of 01-Khousabung DCC since 1972. The beautiful village, abode of Pineapple is about 5kms North-West of the historic Moirang town and will be hosting the Xth State Level

Manipur Pineapple Festival on August 25 & 26, 2017, that will also marked the "historic" 70th Anniversary of Pineapple Cultivation as a livelihood alternative in Manipur. One may take along the fame Dr Kalam Road, from Moirang Power House to reach the destined destiny. Meanwhile, the District Health Society, Churachandpur is organizing Free Medical Camp tomorrow at Khousabung as part of the Xth State Level Manipur Pineapple Festival.

Premier Singh honoured with 1st International Excellence Award for Service to Disabilities

IT News
Imphal, Aug 24: In recognition to his selfless service for the welfare of the persons with disabilities, son of the soil Moirangthem Premier Singh has been honoured by conferring the "1st International Excellence Award for Service to Disabilities" during a function held at the Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi, India yesterday. The prestigious award was conferred on by the Dr. Thawar Chnad Gehlot, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The award will recognized path breaking work in the fields of inclusive education



and empowerment of persons with disabilities through interventions in accessibility, advocacy, employment, sports and culture, those working towards empowerment of people with disabilities in their

everyday lives or those living with disabilities that are role models for other like them. These include schools, teacher, sportspeople, physiotherapists, activities, NGOs etc. to name a few.