

BJP suspends members over move to defer Nagaland polls

Kohima, Jan 30: The BJP on Monday suspended Kheto Sema and Tsasepi Sangtam, a State vice-president of the party, from its Nagaland unit for attending and signing without authority a resolution by Naga civil society groups demanding that the Assembly elections in the State be put off. Earlier on Monday, 11 parties, including the ruling Naga People's Front, decided not to contest the February 27 elections, following a demand by tribal bodies and civil society groups that the protracted Naga political problem be resolved first. The decision came at a meeting called by the core committee of the Nagaland Tribal Hohos and Civil Organisations, which was attended by representatives of 11 parties including the BJP and its ally, the Naga People's Front, and the Congress. (Courtesy: The Hindu)

Anti Leprosy Day

IT News
Thoubal, Jan.30: As observed in other part of the country, Lions Club of Thoubal, Leo Club of Thoubal and IRDEO Wanghal jointly observed "Anti Leprosy Day" at IRDEO Complex Wanghal today. The observance was attended by Lion Joy Oinam Region Chairperson Lions Club International District 322D, Dr.Ch.Renubala Devi District Chairperson, Leprosy Eradication, Lion Dr.M.Rajendra Singh President Senior Citizen Welfare Thoubal and Kh.Kumar Secretary IRDEO as dignitaries on the dais.

Total bandh in Nagaland imminent : State heading for Constitutional crisis

Courtesy: Nagaland Page Kohima, Jan. 30: With the Government of India very unlikely to listen to the call to defer the February 27 State General Election, Naga organisations are likely to adopt tougher measures to stop election activities in the State. Some Naga organisations under the name and style "Core-Committee" has urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to defer the polls and let the Union Government and the Naga militant groups engaged in the talk hammer out a solution. But observing the ground scenario the ECI is all prepared to conduct the poll, so also the BJP led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is not in a mood to listen to the call of Naga organisations. The contention of the Centre was that any solution with the Naga militants will be within the ambit of Indian Constitution and that election is a must. Observing the attitude of the Centre, Naga organisations are

contemplating to impose total bandh in the state after January 31 in a bid to stop electioneering activities - to stop candidates from filing nominations. But a source said NGOs who are currently having hectic consultations with political parties and militant groups have not taken the final decision, adding "most likely, but not taken decision". With this impending development, the State is heading for a Constitutional crisis. The BJP which has abstained from elections in 1998 is not attending the consultative meetings called by the Core-Committee, which indicates that the party is going ahead with the poll. Again the Core-Committee has convened another round of meeting of political parties and Naga militant groups on Monday at Kohima to further deliberate and chalk out strategies to stop conduct of polls. Except the BJP, other political parties have agreed to abstain from participating

in the democratic process if consensus could be reached. The Congress party which defied the call of the NGOs led by the Naga Hoho in 1998 and participated in the election has taken a u-turn this time. If Naga people abstain from the poll this time, it will create another history in the Naga political arena. Naga people first boycotted first Indian General Election held in 1951-52. While some organisations and Naga negotiating parties are determined to boycott the polls, the mood of the majority of people appears different. Many consider the decisions of some Naga organisations as not a collective decision of the Naga people, nor should they claim to be representing the popular voice of the masses. The ground picture speaks in a different way. The popular demand of the people is to reveal the contents of the Framework Agreement signed on August 3, 2015, so that people could support the peace process.

Manipuris in Assam demanded for inclusion in NRC final list

IT News
Silchar, Jan.30: The Manipuri Youths Front Assam (MYFA) in a memorandum submitted to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and State NRC Coordinator Pratik Hazila through Cachar District Development Commissioner Madhumita Choudhury on Monday demanded to include all the name of Manipuri community of Assam in final draft list of NRC. In the memorandum, MYFA president Seram Herajit and Secretary General Fanjowbam Lokenath urged the state government to make correction of the spellings of the names of the Manipuri people mentioned under the first draft list of NRC. The Youth Front also

demanded the government to include Manipuris as indigenous community of the state as the Manipuris have been residing in Assam since many centuries back due to many circumstances like war, matrimony and other purposes. The memorandum also reminded the historical book written by historian D.Dutta, which mentioned that during the early phase of 17th century three Manipuri prince ruled greater Cachar in three different parts. The memorandum also revealed that during the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 several Manipuri army of Cachar were also actively involved. The census report of 1881 also proved that there were 47356

Manipuris were settled in Surma Valley now Barak Valley while 149 in Brahmaputra valley and 115 populations were in Hilly region of Assam. The MYFA leaders stated before scribes that from many authentic historical facts, it is proved that Manipuris are "khalanjya" or Indigenous people of Assam so on this ground the government must include Manipuris as indigenous community of Assam. The Youths Front members also warns the government saying that if the government fails to fulfill their charter of demands they will take series of democratic agitations in near future.

Fitting tribute paid to the Father of the Nation Martyrs' Day

IT News
Imphal, Jan. 30: The State today observed Martyrs' Day to pay respects to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi as well as to the freedom fighters of the country. The State level observance was held at GM Hall, Imphal. Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla led the dignitaries including Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his Council of Ministers, Opposition leader O. Ibobi Singh, MLAs along with other top civil and police officials to pay rich floral tributes to the statue of Gandhi. During the observation, a siren was played as a warning signal and closing signal for observance of two minutes silence. The two minute-long



silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed souls. During the two minutes silence, all vehicular movement came to a halt. During the observation,

teachers and students of Shri Shri Bal Mukundev Government Music College, Imphal presented the favourite Bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi to mark the occasion.

KSO demands setting up of require infrastructures for Tengenoupal district

IT News
Imphal, Jan 30: Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) Tengenoupal Block has urged the state government to set up require infrastructures for the newly created Tengenoupal district by including in the budget 2018-2019. In a press conference held today at Tengenoupal district head quarter, President of the KSO Tengenoupal Block, H. Daniel said that the newly created district still does not have Administrative buildings of Deputy Commissioner & SP, District Hospital, Indoor and outdoor Stadium, District Session Court, Chief Medical Office, District Supply Officer,

District Sports Officer, ZEO, Power, PWD, PHED, Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Social Welfare, Treasury, DIC and District Transport Offices which is a much for a district. This require infrastructure should be constructed by the state government by including it in the upcoming budget. The KSO also appealed immediate bifurcation of DRDA and other department from Chandel as assured by Minister RD & PR during Tengenoupal District Chavang Kut celebration on 1st November 2017. Other thing demanded by

the KSO are immediate repairing of Road in Tengenoupal to Sangsak road and declaration of the Tengenoupal District Headquarters and its surrounding areas as Tourist Destination by developing necessary infrastructures on priority basis. The KSO also demanded creation of Aimal/Molnoi and Sita Sub-Deputy Collector Circle. The president of the KSO Tengenoupal Block also requested the State Government to issue the School uniform and Text book before the Government institution session start.

1 KCP (Noyon group) arrested

IT News
Imphal, Jan 30: Tengenoupal District Police team led by Inspector P. Tarunkumar Singh and AC 8 MR Th. Krishnatombi Singh arrested a cadre of KCP (Noyon group) from near Eastern Shine ground at around 7.30 am today. The arrested cadre has been identified as Ashem

Rishikanta@Thoupanba Singh(22) son of A.Tomba Singh of Ningthoukhong Kha Khunou. Police source said that the individual is a s/s Lance corporal and was trained in 22nd batch in the year of 2013 at Leipok of Myanmar. He has been working under s/s Lt. Langam, the source added.

Corrigendum

Imphal Times could not produced its hard copy publication on Jan 29 due to technical problem. The inconveniences is highly regretted
Manager
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Sparsh Leprosy Awareness campaign cum Anti-Leprosy Day observed

DIPR
CCpur, Jan 30: Deputy Commissioner, Churachandpur district Shyam Lal Poonia today declared to make the district 'Leprosy Free' during the launch of Sparsh Leprosy Awareness campaign cum Anti-Leprosy Fortnight observance organized by District Leprosy Unit/NLEP, DHS, CCpur at CMO Mini Conference Hall here. The campaign has been observed to create awareness about leprosy on January 30 every year to commemorate the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi. Speaking as the chief guest of the function, Shyam Lal Poonia declared that the district administration would make all

efforts to find all leprosy cases as early as possible and use all possible resources available in the district to achieve the objective. He also declared that there will be no discrimination and stigmatization of persons affected/infected by leprosy and will not allow others to do any type of discrimination. "We individually and collectively will work to end stigma and discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and contribute their mainstreaming," the DC declared. Other highlights of today's programme were paying of tributes to the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi, role play and demonstration on hand

washing technique by students of Nursing School. Amongst others, the programme was attended by Dr Kimngaiheing Simte, CMO; Dr Kimneihlam, District Leprosy Officer and Smt Zengaihlu, DPM. Dr Kimneihlam, District Leprosy Officer said that Sparsh Leprosy Awareness campaign will be held for the next 15 days in the district. Several activities including spreading awareness to grassroots health workers at selected place will be taken up. The thrust of this campaign is to promote community participation to reduce stigma and discrimination against leprosy and enhance early case reporting, she said.

One who loves and thinks of Manipur should also love and think of pony: Th. Radheshyam

Imphal, Jan. 30: Education, Labour & Employment Minister Thokchom Radheshyam has appreciated the initiative taken up to organized the State Level Manipur Pony Show, 2018, and, said; anybody who loves and thinks about Manipur should love and think about conserving and saving the one only soul of Polo the Pony. The Minister was speaking as Chief Guest at the valedictory function of the "State Level

Manipur Pony Show", 2018 held at the Sports Complex, College of Agriculture, Central Agriculture University, CAU, Imphal. The Pony show was organized by the Department of Animal Sciences College of Agriculture, CAU, Imphal under the aegis of the ICAR-NRCE Project "Conservation of Manipuri Pony", CAU, Imphal. He said that, such initiative will help in creating awareness about safeguard the pony. The Government is

already mapping out a policy for the conservation and safeguarding the endangered species of horse Pony, he added. The winners of the third State Level Manipur Pony Show, 2018 was also presented today. The first prize in the Category A - Stallion was won by Deepak Kharel with his horse Tanglei, of Louthrel Horse Riding Club, second and third places was taken by K. Tomthin and A. Abung Meitei, of CAU.

In the Category B - Mare T. Herojit of Wangkhei X - Polo Club won the first position while the second and third position goes to Yumnam Binoy Singh of Paradise Polo Club and Th. Kaoba Singh of Kongpal Chingkhei Hunba. Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal Dr. M. Premjit Singh, Dean, CAU, Imphal Prof. Joykumar Laishram, Head of Joykumar Secretary Dr. Th. Ranadhir Singh, professors, student and pony lovers attended the closing ceremony.