

## General strike called against the killing of M. Megha freezes life at Yairipok; protest staged

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 10:** The dead of 47 years old Moirangthem Megha who was killed by a large number of people after he kicked a ritual performer during Lai Haroaba festival at Yairipok Top Chingtha in Imphal East district has sparked protest against the action of the mob, particularly those organising the Lai Haroaba Festival. A JAC formed against the killing demanding punishment of those involved in the killing of M Megha. Terming the act of killing Megha as "brutal and barbaric" the JAC today called general strike since early morning today at Yairipok area paralysing the town. Large number of people also staged a sit-in-protest at Yairipok. Laimanai Thongkhong demanding immediate arrest and punishment of those involved in the killing of Megha. During the strike almost all shops and business establishment remain shut. Passenger service vehicles, private own vehicles stay off the road. Normalcy was severely affected due to the strike. General strike supporters came out at Yairipok Top Chingtha Nganba (Ngabong) market, Tulihal Azad Junction and Yairipok Bridge and halt all



short of traffic. Police team also tried to put the situation under control but was helpless as the strike supporters were outnumbered. Meanwhile, various placards demanding punishment of the culprits involved in the killing of Megha were displayed during the sit in protest at Yairipok. Laimanai Thongkhong. A protestor said that until the culprits were arrested and punished the dead body of Megha will not be received and the general

strike will continue. The JAC member said, "Educational institutions, emergency medical services and ritual related programme will be relax from the preview of the general strike. It may be mentioned that, at 11.30 pm of March 7, the last day of Nongpok Ningthou Panthoibi Lai Haroaba festival at Yairipok Top-Chingtha Village, Moirangthem Megha was killed by a mob for kicking a performer called "Tangkul Saba". A video on how the

incident happened, which posted at social media Facebook went viral prompting many to react with slashing criticism to the killing to Megha. As per the video uploaded at FB, the way the ritual performer acted was too obscene. The video suggest that Megha kicked that ritual performer as he seemed to be irritated to such obscene behaviour in the name of Lai Haroaba. His dead body is still at JNIMS morgue.

## Over Rs. 130 crores worth poppy plants destroyed so far

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 10:** As part of the continuous drive on destruction of poppy cultivation in the state, 83 acres of poppy cultivated which worth about Rs 5

crore 81 lakhs were destroyed today at Hangoipat under Saikhul Sub-Division in Kangpokpi District. Total of 1837 acres of poppy plant cultivated farms were

destroyed which approximately worth about Rs 130 crores (Rs 128 crores 59 lakhs in exact figure) in the market so far official said. Speaking to newsmen at his Old Lambulane office, W Basu said that today's drive was jointly carried out by a team of NCB, NAB, 7MR, Police Personnel of Saikhul Police Station, Imphal East Police Personnel and Staff of Forest and Horticulture led by himself where 83 acres of poppy cultivated plants worth about Rs 5 crores 81 lakhs were destroyed. Basu also said that 36 joint operations have been carried out along with various departments and staffs including, NAB, NCB, District's police, district's administrators so far. He also added that poppy destruction carried out this get more support from people and other government agency if compare to last year.

## Maoist slams MUSU and MUTA

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 10:** Maoist Communist Party Manipur today slammed the Manipur University Student Union (MUSU) and (MUTA) as well as other stakeholders of the University for sidelining the issue to converting the University complex into a militarised zone. In a press statement, the Maoist said that even as the people of the state is aware of the prime Minister visit in the

state to inaugurate National Science Congress, none of the authority had ever prepare to urge the Prime Minister for shifting of the Army camp from the complex of the Manipur University premises. It said instead of getting the real issue some of the people in connivance with the authority of MU have been taking interest in the contract work for beautification of the Manipur University Complex for the Prime Minister visit.

## "Thajagi Paojel" released

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 10:** A poetry book entitled "Thajagi Paojel" written by MAjrun Kabir was released this afternoon at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal. Professor Thodingjam Tombi Singh, President Manipur Sahitya Parishad, Imphal; Retired MCS Abdus Salam, Former Joint Secretary (Education), Government of

Manipur, Imphal; Dr. Rahejuddin Seikh (Samu), Director D.D.U Kousal Kendra Dhanamanjuri Community College, Imphal and Saratchandra Longjamba, D.M College of Arts, Imphal graced the book released event as president, chief guest and guest of honour respectively. The released of poetry book "Thajagi Paojel" was organized by Writers' Union Manipur.

## CM Biren's brainchild CMHT awarded as "most efficiently run health programme by the state government"

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 10:** The pioneer project of the Manipur government - "Chief Ministergi Hakselgi Tengbang - CMHT" which was launched by the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on January 21 this year - the day Manipur celebrate its statehood day has been awarded as the "most efficiently run health programme by the state government" by the Indian Express Group. The project was the brain child of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Media Advisor to the Chief Minister, Irengbam Arun in a message through social networking site whatsapp said that the credit for making success of the progress goes to officials of the State health department, district administration and legal aids service providers which help in the implementation of the scheme. The award was conferred to Director Health Services, K. Rajo, by the Indian express group yesterday evening at



Novotel, Pune in the two days Health Summit organised by Indian Express Group. Overjoy with the kind of recognition Chief Minister N. Biren Singh - "Manipur got this award in the category "Most Efficiently Run Health

Program by the State Government". The award title is "EXPRESS PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDS 2018" given today at NOVOTEL, Pune in the two days Health Summit organised by Indian Express Group".

## PM Modi and French President hold delegation-level talks ; 14 agreements inked in different areas

**New Delhi, March 10:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said, the reciprocal logistics support between the armed forces of India and France is the golden chapter in the defence history of the two countries. Mr Modi said this in a joint address to media after the delegation level talks with French President Emmanuel Macron at Hyderabad House in New Delhi. Both sides exchanged 14

agreements in various fields of cooperation including Nuclear Energy, Defense and Environment. The two countries also issued a joint statement after the talks. Speaking to the media Mr Modi said, France and India have a very long history of bilateral cooperation in defence, security, space and high technology. He said, Indian Ocean region will be very important in future peace and development and

both the countries will release the Indian Ocean cooperation Joint Strategic Vision today. PM also praised France for its commitment to India's Make in India. Speaking on the occasion French President Emmanuel Macron described terrorism as a threat to peace and said there is a need to promote peace in the world. He appealed India to become the first strategic partner of France as the two countries have same vision.

## India lambasts Pakistan at UNHRC for harbouring terrorist Hafiz Saeed

**Islamabad, March 10:** India has lambasted Pakistan for harbouring the United Nations designated terrorists like Hafiz Saeed. Responding to Islamabad's bid to raise the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Council meeting in Geneva, Second Secretary at the India's UN Mission, Mini Devi Kumam

said, in gross violation of a Council resolution, the UN-designated terrorists like Hafiz Saeed are freely operating with State support, and are being politically mainstreamed in Pakistan. Urging the Council to call on Pakistan to end cross-border infiltration, to dismantle special terrorist zones, safe havens and sanctuaries, Ms Kumam said terrorism is the grossest violation of human rights. She said India await credible action by the Government of Pakistan to bring all those involved in the 2008 Mumbai attack and the 2016 Pathankot and Uri attacks to justice. Denouncing Pakistan as a failed state where terrorists thrive and Osama Bin Laden received protection, the Secretary said,

the world does not need lessons on democracy and human rights from a country whose own situation is charitably described as a failed state. Ms Kumam also demanded that Pakistan should end forced conversions and marriages of minorities, including Hindu, Sikh and Christian women, and prosecute all such cases. She said India urge the Council to call on Pakistan to stop targeting political dissidents and legitimate criticism in Sindh, Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and to stop torture, enforced disappearances and unlawful killing, including that of journalists and activists by its security agencies. News Content

## Security tightened

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 10:** Security measures have been tightened in and around Imphal city particularly in Canchurp area and its surrounding ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the state. The PM is

inaugurating the National Science Congress on March 16. AR and Manipur Police also strengthen security measures at Moreh town. The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh is inaugurating the ICP Moreh ahead of PM's visit.

## Sajik Battalion inspires youth to join armed forces

**Imphal, March 10:** The Assam Rifles have endeavoured in their own way to motivate the youth of Manipur to join the Indian Armed Forces as an Officer. In order to motivate the students of St. Mary's School a "KNOW YOUR ARMY AND ASSAM RIFLES" motivational lecture along with weapon and equipment display was organized by Sajik Battalion on 08 March 2018. Students were quite excited to be briefed about various entry schemes through which they can join the pride of the Nation "The Indian Armed Forces as officers. The two hour lecture and display was attended by 110 students. This kind of display showing the pride of the Nation and glorious history of Armed Forces will certainly motivate the young and bright students and assist them in choosing a career in the armed forces, which poses a challenge to them with the motto - "DO YOU HAVE IT IN YOU".