

Bandh supporter today came out at the street and stop all sort of vehicular movement along the route during the 48 hours bandh called by JAC formed against the suspicious murder of Simam Tomboi Singh at Thoubal Tangjing area.



## Anomaly in State Veterinary dept.; 170 employees benefited with forged ACP OM

**IT Exclusive**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** 170 employees of the state Veterinary and Animals Husbandry Dept. have benefited Assured Career Progression (ACP) scheme using forged Office Memorandum. Besides, the department is being alleged of paying grade-III scale to 5 demoted officers and promoting 4 non recommended Vety. employees to Grade III officers.

The matter has been put to the notice of the Chief Minister of Manipur and the office of the Chief Minister has directed the Principal Secretary, Vety. & A. H. to initiate prompt necessary

action against the officers concerned for the cause of the anomaly. A source with the Imphal Times said that the then director of Vety. Manipur, Dr. S. Joute had granted ACP Scheme to 170 employees of the Vety. department using forged Office Memorandum issued by the Finance Department, Govt. of Manipur. The source added that the 170 employees were benefitted the ACP Schemes as according to the Office Memorandum No. 16/6/2000-FD(PIC) dated 25/6/2007. But as according to a official letter No. 32/1/2012-FD9PIC) dated 16/4/2013 of the Under Secretary, Finance (PIC-II), Govt. of

Manipur it has come to light that the said Office Memorandum used to benefit the employees was forged one. The Department also allowed withdrawing Grade III scales to five demoted Vety. Officers for a period from February 25, 2012 till their retirement and put under suspension an employee for more than 90 days without framing any charge sheet for complaining against the gross violation of the government rules and regulations. The source also reveals various irregularities and misappropriation of public fund by the authority of the

department. It said that during 2012-13, the department procured vaccines and appliances worth Rs. 136.72 Lakh under ASCARD but the said vaccines and appliances were not distributed to the Vety. Institutions. In 2013-14, vaccine worth Rs. 280.52 lakhs were procured but distributed only 3 items. Relevant records for distribution of the procured vaccines and the appliances are not available with the department depicting that there has been mass misappropriation of fund by the functionary of the State Veterinary and Animals Husbandry Dept. Govt. of Manipur.

## Mera Haochingba festival celebrated

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** Mera Haochingba festival was celebrated today in the state at different place, since morning.



“Mera Haochingba” a traditional festival of Manipur which endeavors to build up brotherhood and unity among the indigenous people settling in hill and valley of Manipur was celebrated today at Sana Konung, Imphal with titular King of Manipur Leishemba Sanaajoaba as the main host. Sana Konung, which used to give a deserted look all the times, was filled with a riot of colours as hundreds of people both from the hills and the valley attired in their respective traditional colourful dresses.

Exchange of gifts such as traditional fabrics, vegetables and fruits among the hill and the valley people including showcase of cultural dances marked the festival.

During the celebration of Mera Houchongba, various tribal communities - Mao, Maram, Maring, Tangkhul, Kabui, Zeme, Liangmei, Tarao, Chiru, Kom, Kharam, Haokip, Gangte and Paite and officials of Sana Konung adorned the dais as guests.

Speaking at the function, Titular King of Manipur, Leishemba Sanaajoaba said that Mera Hou Chongba festival has been celebrating in the state since time immemorial. The festival is observed with the presence of hill and valley people to strengthen the emotional ties and the unity between the two indigenous groups settling in Manipur. ‘Mera Haochingba festival’ of

Manipur was also celebrated at Kangla Ultra organized by Kangla Religious Committee, Kangla Fort Board, Imphal. Dy. CM Gaikhangam, MLADr I Ibohalmi Singh, CS O Nabakishor also attended the function.

While speaking at the occasion, Gaikhangam said that Mera Haochingba festival continues to maintain the unity among the hill and valley since the time immemorial and it is our duty to follow the path and keep unity among us. We need to understand the history of the state very carefully. If we know and learn the history, automatically the unity will come into reality, he said.

Mera Houchongba festival was also celebrated at Lainingthou Sanamahi Temple, Haying Khongbal, Tolong Yumphan, Imphal organized by the Lainingthou Sanamahi Temple Board. During the function, men and women in their colorful attire performed traditional dance, thang-ta (martial arts), mukna, pou chingnaba (both indigenous game) were shown mesmerizing the guests and the audience. ACOAM-Lup, Kanglaipak in association with MMRC

Khangabok jointly organizes Mera-Haochingba Festival at MMRC Unity Park Kangabok in Thoubal District.

To mark the occasion, the traditional Mera Wa (Bamboo) was erected to signify the bondage of brotherhood between Hills and plain people in the Traditional Manipuri Home at MMRC Park.

The month is being observe under the theme following the path of our ancestors. Social Welfare Minister AK Mirabai, Parliamentary Secretary for IPR & ML, K. Meghachandra and Social Worker of Khangabok O. Surjakanta attended as Chief Guest, President and Guest of honours respectively. Speaking on the occasion Secretary General of ACOAM-Lup, Telheiba Mangang said that celebrating the day is the need of the hour to strengthen the bondage of brotherhood among the Hill and Plain people.

“Celebrating the Mera Haochingba we once more reminded that the Hill and Plain people had been living peacefully since time immorials”, Telheiba said.

## CM attended Niti-Ayoga meeting

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today leaves to New Delhi to attend the meeting of the Niti-Ayoga to be chaired by the prime Minister of India. The Chief Minister will return Imphal tomorrow to attend the state cabinet meeting which is scheduled to hold at 2 pm tomorrow. The cabinet meet will discuss for prorogation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly and also will discuss on the proposal for holding general election for 18 Municipal Council and 8 Nagar Panchayat. The meeting will also discuss for creation of Junior MSC/SDC post for the newly created sub divisions.

## Farmers’ meet

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** Wahengbam Mansing memorial organized one day farmers meet today at Kumbi Lai Achouba at 10am today. Agriculture Minister Abdul Nasir, Kumbi MLA Sanasam Bira and social worker Wahengbam Bobbyjames attended the discussion cum farmers meeta as dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion Agriculture Minister Abdul Nasir assured to extend all possible help to farmers of Kumbi AC.

## Digital India campaign

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** As part of the nationwide campaign of Digital India, a new batch of NDLM (National Digital Literacy Mission) has been started from today at Kumbi College at 12.30pm. The inauguration function was witnessed by Manipur state coordinator of ACME, Wahengbam Rorkyachand Singh, Local elected representative and staffs of Kumbi College.

## State Govt. now adopt direct purchase policy instead of acquisitions of land for government uses

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** The State Government has now adopted direct purchase policy instead of acquisition of land for government uses as the later often faced strong opposition from public. Mass agitation, Bandh, Blockade and sit-in-protest are the common scenario to any move by the government for acquisition of land for taking up developmental process. In view of the emerging

situation the government now has adopted the direct purchase policy for land that is needed for taking up developmental works. An official source said that under the new policy, the Health and Family Welfare dept. of the state government is all set to buy land at Bishnupur district through negotiation for construction of the GNM School in the district. In the similar way the state Home Department is looking

forward for purchase of land at Andro, Khangabok and Athokpam Makha Leikai for extension of Police station and VDF post. Even the state PWD department has decided to purchase land for construction of Bridges at Barak and Makru River along NH-53. The decision for purchase of land instead of acquiring it under the ML and LR Act will be discussed in the state cabinet that is scheduled tomorrow.

## ZEOs violate RTE - AMPSWA

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 27:** All Manipur Private School Welfare Association (AMPSWA) today said that ZEO of state education department are collecting Rs. 50 each as registration fee from the student of class VIII in violation to the provision of the RTE. Speaking to the media person secretary of AMPSWA L. Joy Khuman said that after the implementation of Right to Education (RTE) every child under class 8 has the right to free and compulsory

education. The Board Secondary Education Manipur had stop taking registration fee of class eight from 2015 after the matter has been insisted by AMPSWA. Central board of secondary education (CBSE) and other state Board also exempt the registration fee as according to the provision of the RTE. The AMPSWA general secretary further said that the association was taken by surprise after the ZEO announced Registration fee for class VIII students without fine on or before October 15.

“This is a complete violation of the RTE and the matter has been put to the notice of the Union Human Resource Ministry”, Joy Khuman said. He said, “Every year AMPSWA conducts Pre Board Exam for the student of class ten as preparation for their metric examination during the month of November. For 2015 the Pre Board Exam is going to held from November 20 to November 30”. He appealed CSOs and other organization not to call bandh or strike during the examination day.

## Life Savers Manipur celebrates 1st Foundation Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct.27:** Babina Diagnostic Centre offers concession to voluntary blood donors of Life Savers Manipur in any health investigation at the centre. The statement was made by Dr Th Dhabali, Chairman & Managing Director Babina group today while speaking at the 1st Foundation Day Celebration Life Savers held today at Manipur Press

Club. Attending the function as Chief Guest, Dr Dhabali encouraged voluntary blood donors for their selfless contribution in saving lives. While describing on the technical parts of the components of blood and blood transfusion, he said blood transfusion should be given only at the life saving stage of a patient.

Lashram Daneshwori, a B.Sc 5th Semester student in Birmingol College and a resident of Waiton Mamang Leikai, Imphal East was conferred the Certificate of Honour in connection to the function. She was honoured for her consecutive 5 times blood donation in the blood donation camps organised by Life Savers Manipur since 2013.

## India makes fervant pitch for permanent seat in UNSC

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Oct. 27:** Making a fervant pitch for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council, India Tuesday said it along with Africa comprising nearly 2.5 billion people “can no longer be excluded from their rightful place” in the world body. “Although Indians and Africans comprise nearly 2.5 billion people, our nations continue to be excluded from appropriate representation in the institutions of global governance. India and Africa can no longer be excluded from their rightful place of the permanent membership of the UN Security Council,” External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said. “How can we expect legitimacy from a governance structure that excludes the entire African continent and a country, which represents one-sixth of humanity?” she said, addressing the Ministerial Meeting of the 3rd India-Africa Summit here. Noting that democratic reforms are essential in global institutions, Swaraj said the 70th session of the UN General Assembly is an opportune moment to achieve concrete results to resolve these long-pending issues. “Unless we put in place more democratic global governance structures, the more equitable and just international security

and development frameworks that are essential for the collective peace and prosperity of this planet, will continue to elude us. “There can no longer be pockets of prosperity in vast areas of underdevelopment and insecurity,” Swaraj said. With both India and several African countries battling the menace of terrorism, the EAM batted for better cooperation through intelligence sharing, training and other measures to counter the problem. “In view of the fast growing linkages of such terrorist groups across the globe, we must step up our cooperation through intelligence exchange, training and other measures to counter this menace. We also hope that the international community will cooperate with urgency to adopt the Comprehensive Convention against International Terrorism,” she said. Barring for enhanced partnership between India and Africa, Swaraj said the cooperation should now be extended to agriculture, education and skills development, energy and infrastructure, science and technology should now be enlarged to areas like Blue or Ocean economy, maritime security and counter-terrorism. She noted that over 1,80,000 Indian troops have participated in

UN peacekeeping missions — more than from any other country and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already announced that India will further scale up its participation in UN peacekeeping operations, including by providing training for African peacekeepers at facilities in India and in the field. India and Africa also need to work together ahead of the Conference of Parties (COP) 21 on Climate Change in Paris and the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference in Kenya since both share equal concern and interest in this regard, she said. “Our negotiators are cooperating closely in Bonn currently. We look forward to finalising an ambitious and comprehensive climate change agreement based on the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibility. “The challenge of global warming can only be addressed adequately through technological solutions and financial resources to manage the transition,” Swaraj said. She said that the recent announcements regarding the signing of a Tripartite Free Trade Agreement and the launch of negotiations for the creation of a Continental Free Trade Agreement in Africa will stimulate further trade and investment.