

Members of the Nupilal Observation Committee releasing the Nupilal souvenir at Manipur Press Club



## Right to Information week celebration inaugurated

### Know Right to Information and make legitimate use of it – CM

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**Imphal, Oct. 5:** Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh today inaugurated the Right to Information Week Celebration – 2015 being organised by the Manipur Information Commission under the sponsorship of the Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Govt. of India at the Auditorium of the Manipur State Film Development Society, Palace compound, Imphal. Inaugurating the Weeklong celebration, Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh appealed to the people of the state to know their right to information and make legitimate use of it. He said, RTI is a unified venture for the government and public conducive to a better and more developed state. "I also call upon all



stakeholders to use this occasion of RTI week to deliberate on issues abiding interest in the areas of transparency, accountability and good governance", the chief minister added. He also appealed to all the government departments to make necessary voluntary disclosure of information as per provisions of the Act on the one hand and to the citizen not to misuse this

beautiful Act on the other. Presiding over the Function the Deputy CM Gaikhangam in his remarks expressed the importance and benefits of this Act and at the same time the need to use it with responsibility. He said, RTI Act is like a double edged sword and so the intention of the RTI applicant must be responsible and holy. He also appealed not to misuse this Act as RTI Act is like the holy

Bible, the Geeta and the Quran. The State Chief Information Commissioner Th. Ibobi Singh gave the welcome and the Keynote address of the Inaugural function which was attended by the Chief Secretary Shri O. Nabakishore Singh, high level officials of state govt, officials from different departments, members of CSOs, students etc.

## Lancha reiterates falls out of Merger Agreement

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** Spokes person of Coalition for Indigenous Rights Campaign Manipur (CIRCA), Ningthouja Lancha said, "now is the crucial time to analyze whether the terms and agreements inked in the Merger Agreement of Manipur with the then India Government of 1949 is actually in run or not". While speaking at the One Day Interaction and lecture Program on "Challenges and Prospects of Merger

Agreement" at Modern College, here, Lancha questioned on Why Manipur is deprived from the Centre's attention day by day despite of moving towards development. He further said that, by ignoring the points of agreements signed during the Merger agreement the Indian govt. is not respecting the human rights of the people of Manipur. Dr. Naorem Joykumar, ret'd. Professor also spoke as resource person in the

interaction program organized by The Modern College Student's Union. While Dr. H. Indrakumar moderated the program and Dr. K. Biren, Principal of the college presided as president in the discussion program. It may be mentioned that, many researchers and activists of Manipur claimed that the then Maharaja of Manipur, Bodhachandra was forced to signed the agreement paper by the then Governor General of India.

## Lamboi Khongnangkhang locals' gherao Chorus Repertory Theater

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** Locals of Lamboi Khongnangkhang today gherao the office of the Chorus Repertory Theater after a team of police demolished a temporary shed constructed by the local committee at around 8.30 am. The temporary shed was constructed by Lamboi Khongnangkhang Mamang Leikai Social Development Committee between Uripok Kangchup Road and Lamboi

Khongnangkhang. A team of Lamphel police demolished the shed by a Government order. Speaking to the media persons, Thoudam Shanti, Secretary Lamboi Khongnangkhang Mamang Leikai Development Committee said that the Chorus Repertory Theater seems to disrespect the local people as they have named the road as Samushang. This might be the reason leading

to the demolition of the shed. The shed was only 2 months old and was constructed for temporary use. Later, large number of people of the area thronged to the complex of the Chorus Repertory Society however volunteers of the theater group close the gate. The local people said that they will not allow the theater group to open the gate unless there is an agreement between them

## Nupilal souvenir released

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** A souvenir called "Ningsing Chefong" published to commemorate the historic women war in the state to be observed on December 12 was released today in a simple function held at Manipur Press Club. This year the day will be observed as 75th Nupilal Numit Ningshing Thouram at Nupi Lal memorial complex by Nupi Lal Observation Committee.

## 'Anti-Price Rise Day'

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** CPI Manipur State Council today joined the nation in observing the 'Anti-Price Rise Day'. To mark the day a protest demonstration was staged today at Khurai Thoidingjam Leirak by volunteers of the CPI. RK Amusana, Executive member of CPI Manipur State Council while speaking on the occasion said that the government has failed to control the price hike of essential commodities in the nation. He said that the promises made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi before the election and after the election to make India a resource land has never been converted into action. In opposite to what he had told many times price of the essential commodities are skyrocketing, he added.

## SF recovers IED from Tiddim Road

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** A Quick Response Team (QRT) of 12 Bihar Regiment recovered an IED weighs around 1 Kg from the road side of Malom – Bandtiar road, about 200 meters from the Imphal Tiddim Road in Bishnupur district under Nambol Police station at around 4:30 am today.



The IED was retrieved by a team of Bishnupur Police, Nambol Police and Road Opening Party (ROP) of 12 Bihar Regiment, D Company. The IED was found wrapped in a plastic bag. It

contains one motor cell, RDX, two wires and two detonators. Later, a team of Bishnupur Police, Nambol Police and 12 Bihar Regiment, D

Company 201 CEDU Bomb Squad disposed the bomb safely at a gorge between Ichum Kom Village and Leimaram Village at around 8:30 am today morning.

## Cleanliness drive at Langol areas

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** Tourism Development Society, Langol, Imphal West has organized a cleanliness drive in an around Langol Lamkhai and its surrounding areas in collaboration with Shija Hospital and Research Institute, Langaol and local clubs and local meira paibis

today morning. The drive was held with the aim to make Langol a tourist spot. Speaking to the media persons, M Tombi Singh, Chairman, Tourism Development Society, Langol, said the drive was taken up with the objective to keep the areas of Langol

and its surrounding neat and clean. To prevent vector borne diseases as many cases has been detected in the state, he added. Many members and volunteers of Tourism Development Society Langol, Langol Lamkhai, Imphal West took part in the cleanliness drive, he added.

## Union Labour Minister to visit Manipur

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Bandaru Dattatraya will be on the tour to Assam, Manipur and Mizoram on October 7 and 8. The Minister is likely to land at Aizwal first and is

expected to arrive at Imphal in a helicopter. He will later fly to Guwahati in a helicopter, an official source said. The source added that the Minister's visit is significant in the wake of various uprising in many parts of the NE states regarding the issue of the

migrant labourers. It is likely that the minister might have a discussion with each of the chief ministers of the respective states on the issue of the migrant labourers. The minister might also take a stock of the condition of the labour department of the state.

## Manipuri Muslim on Haj Pilgrimage started returning home safely

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct. 5:** 28 Haj pilgrims from Manipur started returning home safely from the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia on Sunday. According to a pilgrim who landed at Imphal international airport yesterday afternoon, altogether 319 persons left Imphal for the Saudi Arabia on August 19 and 20 this year for the Haj pilgrimage which

was coordinated by Haj committee Manipur. The remaining 291 pilgrims are on their way to home and many of them have reached Guwahati he added. Haj is an annual destination for Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca and a mandatory religious duty for Manipuri Muslims that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime by male adults who

are physically and financially capable of undertaking the journey. Mention may be here that this year altogether 769 Muslim pilgrims reportedly lost their lives in a Haj stampede near the holy city of Mecca on September 24. According to the report, India has lost 58 national last month while 78 are said to be still missing

## In Bihar polls, Owaisi a bigger opponent than Lalu: Amit Shah

**IT**

**New Delhi, Oct. 5:** Bharatiya Janata Party president Amit Shah has said All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leader Asaduddin Owaisi is a bigger opponent than RJD's Lalu Prasad Yadav in the upcoming Bihar assembly elections. In an exclusive interview to Hindustan, Shah denied all claims that the leader of the Hyderabad-based party is a BJP "agent" after the JD(U) and other parties had attacked the AIMIM and accused it of working in the favour of the saffron party. Owaisi, the president of the AIMIM party, had announced in September that his party will contest the assembly elections, focusing on the state's northeastern Seemanchal region with a sizeable Muslim population. "All agents of the BJP stand exposed. This is nothing but a ploy by a desperate party. We are not concerned," JD(U) spokesperson Ajay Alok had said. The AIMIM could cut into the Muslim vote bank of the Grand Alliance comprising the Janata Dal (United), Rashtriya Janata Dal and the Congress, and hand over the advantage to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance despite being a new entrant in the electoral politics of Bihar.

Analysts say the AIMIM could influence results in at least 21 Muslim-dominated constituencies of Kosi-Purnia divisions, besides another 15 in Bhagalpur-Munger divisions. Muslims who make up 17% of Bihar's 10.50 crore population are thought to have the ability to influence the electoral outcome in about 50 of the state's 243 assembly seats. Sources have said the AIMIM could field candidates in nearly 30 seats in Seemanchal, which comprises Kishanganj, Araria, Katihar, Purnia and adjoining areas of Kosi region, and has a significant number of Muslim voters. In a telephonic interview with Hindustan Times, Owaisi had claimed he decided to enter the electoral fray in Bihar following his interactions with the youth from Seemanchal region of Bihar who worked at construction sites in Hyderabad. They wanted him to "raise his voice" about their plight back home due to the influence of successive governments. He had also dismissed his political rivals' allegations that the AIMIM's decision to contest in Muslim-dominated Seemanchal region comprising four districts of Purnia, Katihar, Araria and Kishanganj would split the so-called

secular vote bank. "We will win" Shah also sounded confident and said the NDA will win a two-third majority and form a government in Bihar saying the people in the state want it to develop at all cost and will not tolerate another "jungle raj". "Leaders of all our associate parties are meeting people and assuring them that the BJP-led coalition will form a government this time around," said Shah on a campaign trail from Patna to Katihar. He said Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar has formed an alliance with Lalu Yadav and the Congress only because of his sheer greed of power. "If he was even a little bit concerned about the leaders of the past, then he would not have overlooked the ideals of Rammohar Lohiya, Jaiprakash Narain and Karpuri Thakur and joined hands with the Congress. The followers of these leaders have crushed their dreams," said Shah. "If Nitish was concerned about issues and ideals, he would have fought it out alone and never have sided with Lalu, who was his opponent for 20 years."

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