



Volunteers of Indo ASEAN Friendship Organisation, Manipur (IAFOM) on 5th Foundation Day

## Moreh Bandh

**IT News**  
**Moreh April 21:** Life at Moreh came to a stand still after various civil society organizations of Moreh area called 12 hours band starting from 6 am today. The bandh is called in protest against the serial blast which injured three AR personnel.

## Bandh affects the normay at Kakching

**IT News**  
**Kakching, April 21:** Kakching market wore a desert look after All Manipur constable appeared candidates called indefinite bandh along National Highway 37 effecting from today morning. Even as the bandh is called along NH-37 it could not be sure why the band is imposed at Kakching area.

Women vendors, Groceries and other Business establishments were completely shut down. No public transporters including Auto Rikshaws which runs in and around the town were seen except some private vehicles. However no report for toward incident as of now. On the other hand some bandh supporters came out at the street at Lillong area and started preventing vehicular movement at Imphal Moreh route. However after some time the bandh supporter lift the ban.

## Car bomb scare

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** As security tightened ahead of the proposed president's visit in the state, security force was alerted after a Silky Silver colour Santro car was found parked unattended near Heikakpokpi Power Sub-Station at Kaching Lamkhai along Imphal Moreh route yesterday evening. Police suspect the car to have been planted bomb. Bomb expert later found out that nothing explosive material was content in the car. The registration number of the car is NL01C5140. The car was later pulled up by the police team of Kakching police as the owner failed to turn up till late hour yesterday.

## State Govt. deceiving President by allowing to inaugurate half constructed structure - Hemanta

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Khongjom War Memorial Trust today said that the state government is going to deceive the president of India by inviting him to inaugurate the incomplete complex at Khongjom. Imphal times had yesterday reported that only half the construction of the Khongjom War memorial monument and Tourism complex has been completed and had reported about the report sent by the MHA, Govt. of India to Raj Bhavan about the condition to be

inaugurated as well as the security question. Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, president of the Khongjom War Memorial Trust Moirangthem Hemanta said that it is very unfortunate that state government has invited the president of India to inaugurate the Historic Khongjom War Memorial monument as well as the tourist completed without completing the construction. He further added that the newly constructed war memorial pillar at which the

President is supposed to inaugurate is constructed at the same site at which the then president of India VV Giri had inaugurated in September 20, 1972. He said the Government had also deceived the Trust by not installing the symbolic sword at which the government had agreed to install at the War Memorial complex. Rather than installing a symbolic sword as mutually agreed, the Government has been working to erect three giant pillars at the memorial complex, Hemanta said.

## More than 100 feared dead in heat wave across India

**Bhubaneswar, April 21:** More than 100 people are feared dead in India in an early-summer heat wave which forced schools to close and halted outdoor work like construction, government officials said on Thursday. India's hottest months are May and June, but some states have already registered temperatures in excess of 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit), forcing authorities to take emergency steps. In the southern Indian state of Telangana, 45 people have died from heat exposure, and another 17 in Andhra Pradesh, officials said. Some 43 were

believed to have died in neighbouring Odisha, although an official there said each of the deaths was being investigated. Y.K. Reddy, a director at the Indian Meteorological Department, said Telangana has recorded its highest April temperatures since at least 2006. Reddy said there were worries the death toll in Telangana could rise and his department was issuing heat-wave warnings to advise people to stay indoors. Schools in Telangana were shut last week two weeks ahead of their summer holidays. As an emergency measure, Odisha

has ordered schools to remain closed until April 26 and banned construction work during the hottest times of day. Some small-scale businesses were already suffering. "I am closing my shop before noon because it is too hot," said Tulu Sahu, a small grocery seller in Bhubaneswar city in Odisha. "You cannot stay in the shop." Neighbouring Pakistan, which suffered its hottest spell in decades last year, plans to open 500 response centres to provide shelter and cold water to people if a heat wave warning is issued, a government official said. No heat deaths have yet been reported.

## JACAMPS condemned implementation of onetime tax

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Implementation of onetime tax by the Director of Transport, Government of India on March 22 (order no. DT/1/TDC/2013/256) against the commercial vehicles (passenger service vehicles and vehicles under 5 tones) is perverse and must be revoked immediately said L Somorandro Singh, convener of the Joint Administrative Council of All Manipur (under 5 tones) Passenger Service and appeal the drivers running passenger services not to pay the onetime tax while no solution are brought between the related

L Somorandro Singh said that drivers who are running passenger service will face difficulties once onetime tax is implemented. Most of the drivers (auto rickshaw, Magic, Winger, D.I, 407 and 5 tones vehicles) are ruining their families hand to mouth. Implementation of onetime tax is strongly condemn by the Joint Administrative Council of All Manipur (under 5 tones) Passenger Service and appeal the drivers running passenger services not to pay the onetime tax while no solution are brought between the related

association/society and the state government, he added. Somorandro demands the concern authority and state government to revoke the implementation of onetime tax and appeal not to take up any related steps of onetime tax on the divers and vehicles. Failure to fulfilled their demands will raise different form of agitation which is already been prepared by different associations and societies of Joint Administrative Council of All Manipur (under 5 tones) Passenger Service, he added.

## AIFOM celebrates 5th Foundation Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Indo ASEAN Friendship Organisation, Manipur (IAFOM) today celebrates its fifth foundation day at the residence of Kansom Ibohah Singh at Lamphel Sanakeithel today. The simple function was presided by Kansom Ibohah

(Retd. Col) who is also the Chairman of the organization. ISTV Chief Editor Brozendra Ningomba, Advisor, IAFOM also co-preside the foundation day celebration. The AIFOM is a registered body established by a group of youths to initiate entrepreneurship adventures

among the youth of the states. K Sietiyait, the Secretary of the organization spelled out the activities so far conducted by the organization. The organization also target to build better friendship through trade and cultural activism with the south east asian countries to boost economy of the state.

## KCP Poirei Meitei Lup calls on to regroup KCPs

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Armed rebel group KCP Poirei Meitei Lup today calls on all factions of KCP groups to reunite and fight against the Indian oppressive rule as a mark of tribute to the departed leaders of the outfit. In a press statement the statement said that many groups of the KCP are now floating as there seems to be no persons to lead and reunite the party. It said as for the KCP Poirei Meitei Lup, the Chairman and the executive committee member expressed its desires to regroup all the KCP groups which has been divided due to external influences. It said the more the party remained separated the more the image of the KCP went down.

The statement also recalled on the history of Manipur at which the erstwhile kingdom was dominated by external forces due to differences of the then prince and princes. It also mentioned about how Hijam Irabot had dreamt of a future Manipur and said after Manipur regain independence from the hand of British on August 14 and 15 midnight of 1947. The hangover attitude of the Indian regime after British left them had not remained quiet but stated playing to interfere the politics of the neighbouring kingdom like Manipur and then after Hijam Irabot had been conspired of waging war against the then King he was compelled to go underground in 1948. It was

at the time that the then King of Manipur was forced to sign the merger agreement to the Indian Union. Narrating on how the KCP come into existence, the outfit said that after the demise of the leader who had dreamt to change the Manipur by restoring the freedom of the erstwhile kingdom, the party had been left with no proper guidance due to lack of proper leadership as well as communication. The party said the outfit has been working for unification of all group but it felt that the issue of regrouping need conscience of each party and appealed those leadership to come forward and stand together in a common platform to strengthen the Party.

## Maoist condemns killing of truck driver; calls on to award punishment to drug mafia

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Maoist Communist Party Manipur has strongly condemned the killing of truck driver Chinoasong for a mere monetary demand by some mercenaries. The outfit terms the killing of a labourer as an act barbaric gang. The Maoist Communist Party Manipur said any heinous crime against the working class will not be spared and said the outfit share the pains and sorrow of the bereave family. The outfit further assured all support to any kinds of agitations regarding the killing by the Tangkhul Community and calls on the Kuki brethren to come out and spare head any such movement to find out the gang who had mercilessly murdered the driver. It said the outfit is prepared to punish those

responsible for the killing as according to the desires of the people. On the other hand the Maoist Communist Party Manipur questioned on whether the Ibohah led Congress government need to continue even after knowing that the name of a nephew of the Chief Minister Okram Ibohah Singh has been included among the accused of drug smuggling in the state in the charge sheet filed by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). In a statement of the outfit sent yesterday, the outfit question about the dignity of the Congress party including the Ministers, MLAs and workers when the nephew of the Chief Minister who led them has been name as drug mafia in CBI charge sheet. It said the

episode of Loktack scam had already proved the quantum of corruption by Okram Ibohah Singh and said that if the people still required a government led by the relatives of the mafia. The outfit recalled on the humiliation of an Inspector identified as K Ranjit who was assigned as the head of the Special Investigation Unit for seizing the large quantity of drugs from the airport. People should remembered how the person had been transferred and how the SIU has been abolished after the case. However, the drug smuggler has been kept protected by the Chief Minister. The outfit also appealed all the people of the state to stand united and fight together for justice.

## SP capsules worth Rs 5.2 lakhs seized

**NP**  
**Kohima, April 21:** Kohima police personnel manning the Khuzama interstate check gate while conducting routine checking and frisking of vehicles have intercepted one Maruti Wagon-R bearing registration number AS-17-

2734, Chassis No. - MA3EEED81S00108847, Engine No. F10DN4009254 and recovered 52,000 capsules of banned Spasmo proxyvon drug worth Rs 5,20,000 in black market. The drug was neatly packed in polyethylene bags and was found concealed in various part of the scheme body of the vehicle. Accordingly two persons

identified as PH Esha Ali, S/o Najeeruddin and Md. Imtiyaz Khan, S/o Md. Hamid Khan, both from Manipur were taken into police custody for possession and transporting the banned drug. In this connection, a regular case vide Khuzama P.S. Case No. 0017/2016 U/S 22 (C) NDPS Act is registered against them and remanded into judicial custody.

## Psychological impact of recent earthquakes surfacing

**Thingnam Anjulika Samom**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Besides death and destruction of homes, a very important but till date overlooked impact of the recent earthquakes in Manipur, especially in January and April this year, has started surfacing. According to psychiatrist Dr. RK Lenin of the Department of Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), there has been a growing stream of patients coming in at the department to seek medical intervention/treatment as a result of the recent earthquakes.

"After the April 13 earthquake, around 10 persons came to me for treatment for panic and acute anxiety issues," says Dr Lenin who is also the honorary secretary of the Indian Psychiatrist Society, East Zone. "The numbers were even more after the January episode," he adds. "The symptoms were mostly insomnia, refusal to enter the rooms, fear of recurrence, high level of anxiety, inability to sleep with doors closed, etc. The anxiety is also fuelled by the frequency of occurrence of the earthquakes and the rumours of another mega earthquake happening in the



near future," says psychiatrist Dr. Senjam Gojendra of the same department. Dr. Gojendra himself has come across seven persons coming for treatment in the last couple

of months. "These are acute stress reactions and phobic anxieties, which if left unaddressed, could lead to full-blown post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) cases," he adds. "Apart from these new cases, there had been an increase in the number of old patients who had started leading normal lives after treatment but had relapses due to the earthquakes. So the accumulative number is rather high," says Dr. Lenin. "The psychosocial impact of any disaster is a long-term and disabling burden for any society. It is widespread but often unseen and ignored. Psychosocial care and support should be an important aspect of any disaster management and relief operations," he adds.

## Assam's Morigaon district takes step in water conservation

**Dispur, April 21:** In Assam, Morigaon district is taking step in water conservation at a time when several areas of the country are facing drought. Morigaon Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar said that the district administration has taken up the project covering 109 bighas of land at Gobha village panchayat near Meghalaya border. He said that works are being carried out during past one and half years under MGNREGA. Mr.

Kumar further said that on completion it will serve the entire area as source of water. The initial project cost is two crore rupees which is likely to be completed in another six months. Nearly 400 job card holders of 10 villages under Govha gaon panchayat has been working daily basis on this project. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that water security through water conservation is the focus point of this ambitious project.