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## CM, Dy CM, Speaker and other VVIP pay tribute to Anglo-Manipuri war heroes at Khongjom



**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 23:** Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th. Lokeshwar, MPCC President TN Haokip, MLA N Biren, MLA K Ranjit and other Ministers and MLAs today pay fitting tribute to the martyrs of Khongjom war who had sacrificed their life fighting the British army at Khongjom battle field in 1891. Chief Minister along with

other VVIPs and VIPS paid floral tribute at the Memorial venue of the war heroes and later offer tarpan at Khongjom River at around 10 am. Commemorating the Anglo-Manipuri War of 1891, popularly known as the last war of Independence for Manipur, State government has been observing the day

to pay honour to the martyrs at the highest level. The day is also observed at various places organised by different civil society organisations. Many representatives of the Civil society organisation also paid floral tribute to the memorial site of the war heroes at Khongjom.

## President hails Anglo-Manipuri war heroes of 1891; inaugurates Khongjom war Monument cum Tourist center

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 17:** President Pranab Mukherjee who arrived in the state capital today and attended the Historic Khongjom Day Kheba Ching Khongjom appraises the war heroes of Manipur who had fought the British army to safeguard the freedom of Manipur. He recalled on how the country has been slowly occupied by the British troop due to lack of unity among the various Princely states of the time. He said the war against British to restore the

freedom of the country can be traced from 1857 uprising. The President was referring to the first war of India against the British ruled which is popularly known as Sepoy Mutiny. He said after the British Paramount took over the reign from the East India Company the British change its policy and started expanding its colonial regimes. Pranab Mukherjee also recalled on how the brave soldiers of Manipur fight the powerful British Empire in the Anglo Manipuri War.

Interestingly the President did not directly mentioned any of the war heroes particularly Paona Brajabashi at which the state worship as the war hero of Khongjom War. Earlier, on his arrival at Tuliha airport, the President was given warm reception at the highest level by the governor of Manipur V Sanmuganathan, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, Chief Secretary O Nabikishore, DGP Khouthe and DCs of Imphal East and Imphal West before lifting for Kodompokpi helipad at

Thoubal district. At Kodompokpi Helipad, The President was received by Education Minister Kh Ratan, Agriculture Minister, Additional Chief Secretary, Additional DGP and Deputy Commissioner of Thoubal district and guided to the observance venue by official vehicle under tight security arrangement. Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam along with other MLAs accompanied the President while inaugurating the Khongjom War monument cum tourist Center.

## JCILPS submits memorandum to President

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 23:** Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) today submitted memorandum containing a 24 points to the President of India through the

Governor's Secretary at around 1 pm today about an hour before President landed at Imphal airport. The memorandum urges the president of India to give his consent to the three ILPS related Bill passed by the Manipur Legislative Assembly last year after various agitation by the people of the state. The three Bills - the Protection of Manipur Peoples Bill-2015, Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reformation (7th amendment Bill 2015) and Manipur Shops and Establishment 2nd

Amendment Bill 2015 which was passed on August 31, last year is being sent to the President for taking assent. In the memorandum it is also reportedly mentioned that ILPS legislations is the need of the hour of the state as the Indigenous people of the state are now at the verge of extinction. It said it is important for both the country and the world community to protect and preserved the culture and tradition of the indigenous people as it is a treasure for human being. The memorandum also stated about the need for immediate

implementation of the legislation and urged the president to give consent to the three ILPS related Bills. Speaking to media person convener of the JCILPS expressed dissatisfaction over the state government failure to take prior appointment from the president office to allow the JCILPS member to meet the President. He said had the state government forwarded the request of the JCILPS in time there would have been no objection to the meeting of the president by the members of the JCILPS.

## Hailstorm destroys at least 150 houses in CCpur

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 23:** As nature's fury continues, people particularly in North eastern part of India as well as the neighbouring countries face the worst situation. At around 5 am today morning a strong hailstorm had destroyed at least 150 houses in Saichang, Santing, K Zoar and Maumou area of

Henglep Sub-division. However, there are no reports of human casualty. Report reaching here said that the hailstorm blown away many houses besides destroying the crops and other set ups. People of the area are now struggling hardship searching for a safer place. Following the natural disaster, a team comprising of S.

Thienlaljo Gangte, SDO, Churachandpur, Soimenlian Leng, SDO Henglep, Rev Thangkhoisem along with other government and civil society members rushed the site.

The government team along with the church leaders provided all possible assistance for the safety of the villagers.

## MLA Joykishan lauds Narendra Modi over nomination of Mary Kom as RS member

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 23:** BJP MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today lauded the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for nominating Manipuri Boxer Mary Kom for the post of Rajya Sabha member by his government. The BJP MLA said that the nomination of MC Mary Kom is a clear indication of the love and care of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the people of Manipur. While expressing his heartiest gratitude to the

Prime Minister for his government choice of picking somebody from the state Joykishan said BJP lead government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi showed that the BJP government care a lot towards the North Eastern region especially Manipur. "This is the first time that an eminent woman from the entire North eastern region has been nominated as an MP from the region. This happen only in the time of BJP led

government under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi", Joykishan said. He further added that even though there are many sports start who may be more qualified from Mary Kom, Narendra Modi had shown his love and care for NE region by nominating Mary Kom for the post of Rajya Sabha MP. MLA Joykishan also congratulated 5 times world Boxing Champion Mary on her becoming as the new Rajya MP.

## Red Shield Division Organises Medical Camp

**PIB Defence**  
**Imphal, April 23:** A Medical Camp was organized by Red Shield Division at Nungong village under Bishnupur District on 23 Apr 2016. The camp was managed by 2/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) of Loktak Brigade. The camp was headed by Medical Officer along with Nursing Assistants of the Battalion to address health as well as hygiene problems of the villagers. The Medical camp was attended by about 235 villagers across Nungong, Aimol, Parengba, Bunge Chiru and Keinou villages who availed free consultation



and were given free medicines and treatment. The gesture shown by Army was appreciated by all villagers, and the village chiefs expressed their gratitude.

## Bau singh gi oina leiri: (Bau singh's oina is still to come)

**By: Aheibam Koireng**

In our growing up years, among those what our teachers and elders used to say, 'Bau Singh Oina' translated as 'Bau Singh's left' is what which invites curiosity and eagerness to know. They often used to taunt us by saying so when we underperform and fall short of their expectations on things they have great faith that we will certainly deliver. But how it comes to coinage and gains currency and prominence remains vague with very little idea.

'Bau Singh Oina' was in fact coined complimenting the skilled left hand of Sapam Babu Singh in the game of Boxing. His other name is Kamlakanta. Sapam Babu @ kamlakanta was



born in 2 December 925 at Keishamthong Aheibam Leirak of Imphal as the last male child of Sapam Damudor Singh and Keinya Devi. Babu was his pet name called endearingly by relatives and localities. During the World War II, his family fled from their ancestral familial residence. He then lived at Thangmeiband at his sister's place. There at Thangmeiband, he met Late Sagolband Indramani, a pioneering figure of 'Man Building' who is credited for introducing many of the sporting disciplines like Boxing, Body Building, Weight Lifting and other allied sports. Under the guidance of Indramani, he started pursuing and taking part in Boxing, Body Building, etc. As for Boxing, he

started his training under the instructorship of Mainsam Achou from Sagolband Meino Leirak. Seeing the extra ordinary skill of his left hand, he was very closely watched by his Boxing Coach and often used to compliment his skilled left hand. Babu participated in the Manipur Olympic Games (25-27 December 1947) in the event of 10 Miles Long Distance Race representing 'Sindam Sinsang' Club and secured runners up position. He was also given special felicitation in the said games for demonstrating 'Boxing as a sporting event' by the Manipur Olympic Association. People began to take notice of his left hand as

he started demonstrating and teaching Boxing at various places in Manipur. With it, his left hand became a topic for discussion, and people started telling stories about it. His popularity increases with his championship win in Assam. Taking pride in consideration that the state of Manipur no longer has death of eminent Boxer, the 'Manipur Man Building Institute' organized a Boxing Exhibition at Imphal Polo Ground on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1953 to raise the fund. The boundary of the ground was fenced all over with GI Sheets and a temporary Boxing Ring was also erected in the middle. Prominent boxers from other parts of India were also invited. Publicity was carried

out at various places using loud speakers. Sagolsem Indramani, Laishram Manaboi, Salam Gambhir, Salam Tombi are some of the people who took major responsibility in organizing it. A response from the public was overwhelming, with many of them buying ticket with the intention to witness the skilled left hand of Babu. On the very day of exhibition match, Tombi, Babu Singh's elder brother advised him not to go citing the superstitious notion that going in the northerly direction on Tuesday attracts ill-luck. Nongmaithem Kunjaraj, a well known Boxer, also came to his residence and wished him luck.

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## Blood donation camp for Khongjom day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 23:** Desam organised voluntary blood donation camps in connection with 125<sup>th</sup> Khongjom day under the theme "maheiroi khunai amadi leibak me y a m g i d a m a k kathoklabae" at shija blood bank and transfusion services. This is the 61<sup>st</sup> blood donation camp organised by the student body. 36 volunteers of desam from Imphal West and Thoubal donate blood voluntarily. DESAM general secretary Nameirakpam Addison lamented that 62<sup>nd</sup> blood donation will be held tomorrow at rims. He further acknowledge that the need of camp to meet the shortfall of blood in the state. On the other hand Manipur Photography Club also organized a blood donation camp in connection with the Khongjom Day being observed across the state to commemorate the battle of khongjom fought between the Manipuri and the British Army. As many as 20 volunteers of the Photography club donated blood at JNIMS. A doner speaking to Imphal Times said that when our ancestor could sacrifice their life for the people of the state it is a small service to pay tribute to the martyrs.