

Holiday
 Imphal Times wishes the people of Manipur a grand prosperous Cheiraoba. As the Team Imphal Times join the celebration there will be no publication on April 8, 2016.
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CM, Dy CM, BJP extend Cheiraoba greetings

IT News
Imphal, April 7: Chief Minister of Manipur, Okram Ibobi Singh; Deputy Chief Minister, Gaikhangam and Bharatiya Janata Party, Manipur Pradesh has extended greetings on Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba festival to be celebrated on April 8. Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba festival heralds the advent of the new year and is celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety. The festival strengthens the bond of love and brotherhood not only amongst the family members but also amongst the fellow members in the neighbourhood. With the advent of another new year, let us strive to work harder as one to bring peace, progress and prosperity in the state, wished Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh. Deputy CM also wished to strengthen brotherhood and peace among the people of Manipur with the beginning of a new year. BJP, Manipur Pradesh has also greeted the people of Manipur on Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba.

NEFIS strongly condemns beating of Muslim boys

IT News
Imphal, April 7: North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) has strongly condemned the beating of Muslim boys, who had gone to see the celebration of Thabal Chong Ba in Thoubal district of Manipur. In a statement NEFIS stated that certain nefarious forces are behind this incident, who wanted to destroy the social fabric of Manipuri Society. "These nefarious forces for their narrow political interests, want to create rifts and destroy the relations between the communities", the statement added. It further stated that communalizing of Manipur Society should be condemned by all the political parties as well as progressive members of Civil Society. Moreover, the inaction of State Agencies is highly condemnable; who not only failed to stop the incident, but have till now not initiated any action against the culprits. The members of Civil Society should ensure confidence building measures, so that incidents such as this are not repeated. NEFIS condemns this communal incident and stands for unity among different communities of Manipur and North-East.

Govindas calls on Asian investors to make NE states as their destiny

IT News
Imphal, April 7: Commerce and Industries Minister Govindas Konthoujam today called on the investors from South East Asian countries to make North Eastern States of India as their destiny. Speaking during the inaugural function of the North East - ASEAN Business Summit organized under the theme "How to attract investment & Entrepreneurship in NE", Govindas Konthoujam said

that North East states of India including Manipur can be dream business centers for Asian countries if investors understand the potential of these region. The 2 day long North East ASEAN summit -2016 being held at City convention centre of palace compound is organized by department of commerce and industries government of Manipur in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

and International Chamber for service Industries (ICSI). Commerce and industry minister Govindas Konthoujam said that North East Asian summit was being held to exchange the traditional market of north eastern region along with neighbouring countries. The chief guest of the function Tofail Ahmed, Minister for commerce and Industries government of Bangladesh said that north east states in India have close relationship

with Bangladesh. He said Bangladesh is interested to carry on business with these region in India. The Bangladesh Minister invited the Chief Minister and Commerce and Industry Minister of Manipur to visit his

country to sign MoU for the development of commerce and industry between to country. Over 140 delegates from Myanmar, Bangladesh, Vietnam Thailand and Philippine are taking part in the Business Summit.

Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly Th Lokeshwar Singh, Chief Secretary of Meghalaya KS Krophia IAS and Chief Secretary of Manipur O. Nabakshore Singh IAS graced the function as dignitaries on the dais.

State BJP talk tough; says will not spare corrupt congressmen

IT News
Imphal, April 7: While alleging Congress government for ruining the state, State General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Manipur Pradesh has warned that the party would not spare "corrupt Congressmen" who have siphoned off money. Addressing a gathering at the 36th foundation day of the party at Keibul Lamjao organized by BJP Thanga Mandal, the General Secretary said that people of the state have loath towards the 14-years of Congress misrule in Manipur. A strong antagonistic attitude against the present Ibbi-led Congress government has prevailed among the voters. BJP, Thanga Mandal has started exposing swindling of whopping amount money by congress government in the name of irrigation, drinking water, tourism, road development etc in Thanga assembly constituency in the recent years. "The Congress is the enemy of the people of Thanga especially the fishing community." The BJP government at the Center will not spare those corrupt officials and concerned Ministers and legislatures

who are involved in such illegal graft practices, Asnikumar warned. Tourism Ministry, Government of India had already sanctioned Rs 46 for Thanga and Karang Island for development of mega tourism projects three years ago. It is reported that Rs 12 cr and 7 cr released and deposited to the work agency for Thanga and Karang respectively. However, there was no sign of tangible work at the spot till date. This is the big question among the people of the areas and the state, whether it has been siphoned off or where the money has gone. And, the Ministry of DoNER has also sanctioned Rs 2.8 cr for deconstruction of Keibul Lamjao Water Supply scheme 3-4 years back and reportedly Rs 2 cr has already been withdrawn 2 (two) years back for providing drinking water to the people of Keibul Lamjao, but till date the people of Keibul Lamjao never get a drop of water. This is one of the unpardonable crimes against humanism, Asnikumar said. A high level committee led by Additional Director General of Tourism, Government of India

has arrived in the state to inspect the development of tourism and infrastructure in the state including Thang A/C, he informed, while adding that the wrongdoing will be exposed soon with the arrival of the Central team. It is time to realize the misrule of Congress in the last 14-years in the state of Manipur and sufferings of the people. The fishermen of Loktak are pathetic condition for their survival under Ibbi regime. He also said that BJP was formed on April 6, 1980 on the objective of nationalism and one nation one constitution. Under the dynamic leadership of Narendra Modi the party has gained support from the people and formed government at the Center. While the Prime Minister Narendra Modi is taking initiatives develop the northeastern parts of the country, people of rural and underdeveloped assembly segments like Thanga and Kumbi must elect BJP legislatures in the upcoming 2017 general election, he appealed. The BJP leader also appealed the party workers to work for the growth of the party at the grass root level and ensure formation of government in 2017.

Beauty contestants call govt. event organizers 'fraud'

IT News
Imphal, April 7: Contestants and designers from Manipur State participating in the "Jewel Queen 2016" the Beauty Pageant & Fashion Parade for the entire North East organized at the ongoing 1st Manipur Industrial Expo, 2016 at Lambokhiongangkong, Imphal West has announced to withdraw themselves from the

event alleging the event organizers turned out to be fraud and cheat. Sailesh Nongmaithem, a designer complained media persons at Manipur Press Club that in contrast to the criteria that Vivek Diwankar (IAS) Commissioner, Commerce and Industries, given to them there were no juries in the competition which has begun

from April 4. In a meeting held on March 10, 2016 at the chamber of the Commissioner at Old Secretariat, the IAS officer gave high hope to the designers that during the event three top designers will be selected by special juries coming from Milan, Italy and the selected ones will have chance to visit Milan.

KNF-N warns contractor of PMGSY

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Imphal, April 7: The Kuki National Front-Nehlu (KNF-N) group on Thursday warned that contractor who is bidding lower than the actual tender price for PMGSY Phase-X under the govt. of India for Manipur. Speaking to few media persons at their general headquarter Daitwi camp, Sadar Hills in Senapati district, Captain Arun Kukki, CO of the general headquarter stated that in the operational area of the organization any groups or individual is not allow to collect

or made any monetary demands and other UGs groups should not interfere. Under the PMGSY Phase-X for the construction of Inter Village Road (IVR) in Sadar Hills No. MNO6257, from "Rishophung to Komlaching" consecutively for three times a tender has been bid in a (-) Minus by VS Nganingkhui against the interest of the public and against the rule of India govt. KNF-N has been observing all this bidding from the beginning. He said VS Nganingkhui a contractor has not follow the

guideline and bid the tender in (-) Minus 26.99 repeatedly. Considering the act as a challenge to the organization Captain Arun Kukki said that any malpractice is found in awarding the contract works then the party will not remain as silence spectator. The organization also asked VS Nganingkhui to contact KNF-N within 2 weeks starting from today, and further urges any organization or civil society not to support or help the said contractor.

Sainik School Imphal Alumni stands for Brig. LI Singh

IT News
Imphal, April 7: The Sainik School Imphal Alumni Association (SSIAA) has expressed serious concerns over the suppression of the case against Brig. LI Singh. The association said that keeping the case for such a long time without disposing it has deprived the officer's right in the line of promotion. President of SSIAA, N Ibhugochoubi, representing former students of Sainik School from Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura and many parts of the country stated during a press meet at Manipur Press Club that Brig. LI Singh of 13th Battalion Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) is the first Army Officer among the alumni of the Imphal Sainik School to reach the rank of Brigadier and based on his clean track record, he was appointed as the Deputy Director General, Discipline and Vigilance Directorate at

the Army Headquarters, New Delhi after his tenure as the Commander of the Watershed Brigade in Sikkim. Now he has become a sacrificial lamb of an enduring conflict between top army generals, as reported in media. The SSIAA has stated that the highest authority of the country should immediately intervene to restore the honour and the dignity of Brig LI Singh. For excellent, commendable performance and exemplary leadership while commanding his battalion in Drass, Brig LI Singh was awarded *Yudh Seva Medal* after *Operation Parakram*. "We the former students of this prestigious institution feel that the case of Brig LI Singh is a serious matter and must also be the concerns of the entire population of Manipur. The Alumni of the

School will be making representations to the President of India, who is the Supreme Commander of Defense and the Prime Minister to intervene. For thousands of Alumni and many serving officers in the uniformed services, Brig LI Singh is a source of inspiration to serve the great nation," the President of SSIAA stated. The President also stated that Brig LI Singh continues to motivate thousands of youths in the region to join the uniformed services. "His case being highlighted in the national media and being discussed, the Alumni Association categorically stated that the highest authorities concerned of this great nation should not remain silent and be a mute spectator. The great institutions must prove the veracity of their existence," he stated.

PREPAK claims responsibility, arrest duo are not connected with the outfit

IT News
Imphal, April 7: People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) has claimed responsibility of bomb attack at the garage of Thounaojam Bishambor Singh (60) s/o late Achouba of Lamphel Sana Keithel Pukhri Achouba Mapal on 4, April 2016 at around 11.40 PM. The armed outfit in a release

claimed that the attack was conducted by a mobile team of PREPAK against Th Bishambor, who had indulged in various corruption activities while he was working in Industry Department. It also warned Th Bishambor to come forward to bring an understanding with the outfit on or before April 15, 2016. Meanwhile, it also clarified

that Leisangthem Somakanta alias Shamo (46) s/o late Shamungou of Lamphel Sana Keithel and Irom Boy (43) s/o late Iboyaimea of the same locality, who have been arrested by a combine team of Imphal West Commando and 40th Assam Rifles in connection with the attack, are not related with the PREPAK and its Red Army.

Befitting tributes paid to heroes of Battle of Kanglatongbi

IT News
Imphal, April 7: Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 has paid tributes to the war heroes of Second World War in remembrance of war heroes who had sacrificed their lives in the Battle of Kanglatongbi today at Kanglatongbi and Imphal War Memorial Cemetery. Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 paid the tribute on behalf of Christopher D Johnson and his family, a war historian and also a son of an allied force soldier who fought during World War II at

Imphal. Members of Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 paid floral tributes and placed poppy cross at the memorial statue at Kanglatongbi War Memorial and Imphal War Cemetery. Battle of Kanglatongbi also known as Battle of Lion Box was fought between the Axis (Japanese) Force and Allied Force. During the Second World War (1942-1945), when the desperate marauding Japanese forces were trying to open their line of communication to Imphal, a small detachment of the 221

Advance Ordnance Depot put up a stiff resistance stalling the desperate bayonet charges and the advance of Japanese forces till reinforcement arrived and turn the tide against the Japanese at the midnight of April 6, 1944. The night of 6/7 April 1944 was a curse, the Japanese after occupying the old site, mounted a heavy attack on the Depot. Apart from keeping heavy pressure that night, the enemy made a downhill attack from the hill side where a deep drainage was used as a covered

approach to the depot. A very well camouflaged bunker had been sited by the depot on this approach. The Bren Gun Section positioned in this bunker having spotted a section of the enemy within range opened fire. This shook the enemy and forced them to withdraw leaving many dead. The modest war memorial was constructed in memory of the exemplary courage, bravery and supreme sacrifice made by the ordnance personnel during the battle of Kanglatongbi or Battle of Lion Box.

PROF.S. SEKHARJIT JOINED TO "UROLOGY DEPT OF RIMS

Former Director Prof. S. Sekharjit joined back to his parent dept "Urology" the last week of March vide office Memorandum No. A.11016/1/09-CHS-V Govt. of India Ministry of Health & Family welfare Dt. 24th Feb' 2012. According to this Memorandum Post of Director & other administration post will be allowed to go back to their respective specialty to the Medical College/Institutions & continue upto 65 yrs which would be their age of superannuation. Moreover these postings will not be vacancy based their pay/perks being drawn against administrative posts should be protected. The officers of HAG(Higher administrative grade) level on joining back the teaching institutions in their respective specialty will be designated as "Professor of Excellence". Prof Sekharjit was Head of Urology dept till 13th Sept 2010. He had been counted as one of the three Urology faculty members (minimum requirement as per MCI) for eligibility of admission of 2 Mch Students during his tenure as Director and thereafter till date. His departure from RIMS Urology dept. will disqualify the annual intake of 2 Mch Students therefore he has decided to support the dept for sometime more he expressed.