



State observes Patriots' Day

IT News

Imphal, Aug. 13: The 124th Patriots Day 2016 was observed at various places of the state today in memory of the brave Manipuri martyrs who were hanged to death on August 13, 1891. The State level observation began at 8 am with Manipur Chief Minister O Ibohi, Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, Speaker Th Lokeshwar Singh, Council of Ministers, MLAs and others top ranking officials paying rich floral tributes to the portraits of Bir Tikendrajit and Thangal General at Hicham Yaicham Pat.

A contingent of Manipur Rifles gave gun salute to the martyrs at Hicham Yaicham Pat and Thangal General Temple complex as part of the

function. The main function will begin at 3.30 evening at Kangla Utra by laying wreaths to the martyrs which will be followed by floral tributes at Shaheed Minar with a General Salute by the contingents of Manipur rifles. Artistes of Shri Shri Bal Mukunda Dev Government Music College will present the opening song after which speeches by the dignitaries will be made. The programme is schedule to conclude with the National Anthem to be played by Manipur Rifles Band Party.



Speakers bats for Institutionalization of patriotism in Manipur

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Imphal, Aug. 13: Athouba Sing-gee Ningshing Thousilup, Samakomong has observed the Athoubasinge Numit-2016 at Sana Konung here today with titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba.

As part of the celebration floral tribute was also paid by leishemba sanajaoba before the photo of martyrs of the Kangleipak ngingtam labhou the freedom fighters of erstwhile Kangleipak and present Manipur.

Addressing the gathering as resource person, Naorem Sanatomba, Assistant professor, Manipuri Department, Manipur University pointed out the

need to institutionalise patriotism in the state, while highlighting the contributions made by students in today's polarised society of Manipur. He also appealed to inculcate the sense of response and responsibility among people. Sapam Dilip, Lecturer of LMS law College Imphal said that the main objective of celebrating the patriots' day is remembering the sacrifices made by our forefathers and to follow their path of "selflessness" for the betterment of Kangleipak (Manipur).

Stating that leaders are not born but should be made by

the people to lead them, Dilip said that after Hijam Irabot, not a single mass leader has been produced in Manipur. "The people of Manipur do not need a thousand IAS officers, but a single leader, who is sincere and responsible. The people shouldn't wait for leaders to be born because our leaders should be made by ourselves," Dilip said.

Other speakers also emphasized on the need to

include patriotism in the academic curriculum in order to instill the sense of love for his/her country and willingness to sacrifice for it.

They also expressed to celebrate the patriots' day in a meaningful manner and organise "Athoubasing-gee Numit" over the years from today at different places across the state.

RPF clarified

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Imphal, Aug. 13: Proscribed group RPF today clarified that the person identified as Thingujam Puinabati devi @ Inaocha, daughter of (late) Th Ibohal of Khular konsam Leikai, who was arrested by a team of Imphal East police commando from main gate of JNIMS near Auto parking on August 8, 2016 was in no way related to the outfit as well as with its armed wing PLA.

Guild GB meeting

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Imphal, Aug 13: The 2nd Annual General Body meeting of the editor Guild Manipur (EGM) was held today at the Conference Hall of Classic Grande. Director of IPR Meghachandra Kongbam, Founder Editor of Aza daily Newspaper Valley rose and president of EGM Ahongshangbam Mobi graced the occasion as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and President respectively.

General secretary of the EGM, Rapachandra Yumnam, in his speech elaborated on how the EGM was born. He said that editors of various newspaper in the state sometimes face extreme of form of pressures for publication of news item which are of the individual's or organisation's interest in the state of Manipur.

He recalled the incident at which bomb were even planted to the residence of the editor and also at media houses in order to get publication of press statement released by outlawed organization. "It was at such time that we need to unite and stand against all form of pressures to protect our ethics of journalism", Rapachandra said.

Later he presented the report of the activities of the EGM and its future prospect.

Sainik school Imphal observed Patriots' Day

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Imphal, Aug 13: Sainik School Imphal (SSI) observed Patriots' Day in the Maneckshaw Auditorium of the School with great zeal and enthusiasm. Officers, staff and cadets paid floral tributes to the Martyrs in commemoration of their supreme sacrifices and dedication to the motherland from the colonial rule of the British. On the occasion, the school Principal Capt (IN) Vinay Tiwari addressed the cadets reminding them of the memorable events of India's freedom movements against the British that existed in different parts of our country



many decades ago. Educating the young cadets, he stated each one of them has to imbibe the qualities displayed by the brave patriots. Cadets of SSI, on the occasion, performed a drama depicting the historic events of 'Bir Tikendrajit', which was followed by a patriotic song, sung in chorus by forty six cadets of the school. Also, an Inter-House Quiz Competition was conducted for Cadets both Senior and Junior categories.

Untimely demise of Chairman Isak Chishi Swu impacts Naga Solution

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Kumbi, Aug. 13: The untimely demise of NSCN-IM Chairman Isak Chishi Swu and his prolonged illness has adversely impacted the peace process between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM over finding a speedy solution to the vex Naga Problem, said a joint statement of the NSCN-IM and the Government of India signed by Th Muivah, General Secretary of NSCN and RN Ravi, Interlocutor, Government of India. The joint statement said that the Political initiative of the Govt. of India and the NSCN to amicably resolve the Naga

political issue has received a new urgency and impetus during the last two years.

"The talks have become more purposeful, less ritualistic, more forthright and far more frequent and it help building unprecedented mutual understanding and trust", the joint statement said.

The joint statement credited the Narendra Modi government for the successful signing of the historic framework agreement on August 3, 2015. The agreement is termed as a roadmap to settle the political parameters of the final solution of the vex Naga solution.

Both the government of India interlocutor and the NSCN General Secretary said that the talk has been progressing in right direction with determination.

"We are closer than ever before to the final settlement and hope to conclude it sooner or later", the statement added. Meanwhile, Imphal Times expressed regret over its news report over the appointment of Isak Chishi Swu wife as the Chairman of the NSCN IM. As according to official information the post of the Chairman of NSCN-IM still remain vacant.

Passing of new ILPS Bill: Manipur Govt. still fails to convince CCpur JAC

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Imphal, Aug 13: The draft Bill prepared by the state government which has been made public through newspapers and website inviting if any, to sort out the differences between the various communities of the state has failed to convinced the JAC formed against the ILPS related Bills as it strongly opposed any introduction such Bill in the state.

In a press hand out, the JAC drafting of a new Bill is an insult to the Tribal Martyrs and tribal people in Manipur. The JAC form against the Bill in an email to media house also stated that Hill area was never together with the valley area as it was governed by separate administration while the valley with Manipur Darbar. It said the then King of Manipur signed merger agreement with the Indian union only with the valley area measuring 26,500 hectares.

"In fact the merger agreement with the Indian Union signed by the Manipur signed by the Manipur Maharaja Bodhachandra Singh extended only the valley area of the present Manipur.... And not a single inch of Hill Areas", the public appealed

distributed by the JAC stated.

The content of the "public appeal" distributed by the JAC has the potential to incite hate felling among the various communities of the state it mention sentimental issues regarding the territorial boundary of the erstwhile kingdom. And moreover, instead of submitting constructive criticism to the draft Bill by pointing out what

actually are the articles which deprive the rights of the tribal people, the JAC straight away called the new draft Bill as "anti tribal".

Political analyst now questioned the hidden agenda of the Manipur Government to the passing of the ILPS related Bills for allowing open illogical and dry argument to any move taken up for protection of the indigenous people of the state.

JCILPS submits Memorandum to state Governor

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Imphal, Aug. 13: A four-member representative of the JAC against the announcement of wanted JCILPS Leader Kh Ratan, headed by former convenor JCILPS women wing L. Nganbi submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Manipur today. Speaking to the media person at Singamei thong, Nganbi said that the Governor gave a good response about the memorandum which was submitted today, assuring them that he would consider all possibilities after analysing the memorandum.

She further said that the JAC

also mentioned to the Governor that state government and central government has been appealing to the underground groups to come out and live a normal life, however the action of the state government towards Kh. Ratan is very unfortunate, as a normal individual has been forcefully turned into a wanted absconder.

She further added that the JAC strongly appealed to the Governor to remove the wanted tag on Kh. Ratan and implement of ILPS in Manipur to protect indigenous people of the state.

Withdrawal of salary by MLA's wife without attending school is unfortunate – KSA

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Imphal, Aug 13: Kangleipak Students' Association Thoubal district today said that the information about the withdrawal of salary by a wife of MLA without attending school is very unfortunate for the student community of the state.

While appreciating Imphal Times for exposing the reality, KSA said that the volunteers of the union has been investigating about the matter from a very long time and while inspecting Wangbal Junior High School in Khangabok Assembly constituency it has been found

out that there were no adequate infrastructures besides the computer set has been reported stolen.

The KSA further said regarding the matter of the Paonam Ongbi Shama Devi, wife of MLA

Paonam Brojen of Wangjeng Tenthya Assembly constituency, the KSA had talk with the head master to initiate action the teacher for abstaining her duty however as she is the wife of an MLA, no action has been initiated against her.

The KSA Thoubal unit said that the student body has every information on how the MLA's wife came to the school once in

a blue moon and signed the register for around one month. The KSA further blamed the ZEO Thoubal for dereliction of duty and said that the student body will keep continue its drive to clean the dirt in the education system in the state it said the Head Master of the School should come to the Head office of the KSA on or before August 17.

Legal Aid Clinic opened at Kumbi College

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Kumbi, Aug. 13: A Legal Aid Clinic has been opened today at the premise of Kumbi College during a simple function. As part of the opening of the legal clinic, Manipur State legal services authority and Bishnupur

District Legal Services Authority jointly organised a day long legal awareness programme. The awareness programme was attended by legal experts and professionals from state as well as district legal services authority.

No turning back without fulfilling demand: Robita

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Imphal, Aug. 13: Demanding the removal of AFSPA and Implementation of ILPS in Manipur, Arambam ongbi Robita Leima, Founder Secretary of Crime Against Women (CAW) began her fast-unto-death protest in front of CAW office at Canchipur today.

Speaking to media persons, Robita said that she is not competing nor against Irom Chanu Sharmila who recently ended her 16-years long fast. She said she is continuing the movement against AFSPA and for ILPS in the state as the people of the state are not satisfied with the sudden end of the fasting by

those who sought the help of CAW in solving their cases are very lucky.

She further added that no one can stop her protest as her body has been sacrificed for the people of the state. She would die but would not turn back on her resolve without fulfilling the demand.

Meanwhile, a team of police personnel declared restriction on the place and recommend shifting to a crowded area at around 2:30 pm. When contacted on phone by our reporter she said that she is going to Kangla for prayer and would meet Leisamba Sanajaoba and Sharmila after which she would continue her protest at a proper area.