



Manipur celebrating the Nation's 70th Independence Day at 1st MR parade ground

## NSCN-IM condole the demise of Kilonser Kahoi T. Swu

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** Cabinet office of the Government of the People's Republic of Nagalim has expressed its heartfelt condolence to the untimely demise of its Kilonser Kahoi T. Swu due to an illness.

A statement said that Lt. Kahoi T Swu joined the GPRN/NSCN-IM in the year 1992 and had served the Nation with utmost sincerity and dedication in various capacities. "Naga nation will always cherish and appreciate the selfless service he has rendered. May the almighty Lord comfort and give strength to bear the great loss to the bereaved family", the statement added.

## "Know your force cum weapon display"



**PIBDW**

**Imphal Aug 16:** Jwalamukhi Battalion under the aegis of Senapati Brigade of Red Shield Division organised a career counseling programme including weapon and equipment display and lecture on "know your force cum weapon display" at Good Samaritan Public School, Chawngthu Avenue, Saikul in Senapati District on August 12.

The awareness programme was attended by 250 school students (140 girls and 110 boys) and 18 teachers. The lecture introduced the students to various career opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces. The event gave a deep insight of armed forces to the local young minds and was also a spring of information. The post commander gave a detailed insight on various avenues available to the students apart from opportunities in armed forces. Assorted weapons and equipment were put on display for the knowledge of the people.

## ADMIT CARD LOST

I, Bishwamitra Moirangthem, have lost my Admit Card of Class-X, Roll no.4131911 of 2014 issued by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on the way between Kumbi and Moirang in Bishnupur District on August 10, 2016. Finders are requested kindly handover the same to the undersigned.  
Sd/-  
Bishwamitra Moirangthem

## Anti-AFSPA crusader Pebam Chittaranjan remembered on 12th Death Anniversary

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** Anti-AFSPA crusader Pebam Chittaranjan, the student leader who self immolated in protest against the draconian act Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) was remembered today by paying fitting tribute at his memorial site.

Commemorating the supreme sacrifices of this student leader, Manipuri Students' Federation (MSF) observed the day under the theme - "To Excel Right to Life at THAU ground Thangmeiband in Imphal West. Pebam Chittaranjan set himself on fire on August 15, 2004 at Bishnupur keithel when the nation was celebrating the Independence Day demanding repeal of AFSPA. He succumbed to his injury on August 16 at RIMS.



As a mark of respect to the supreme sacrifice, a statue of Pebam Chittaranjan was today unveiled at Bishnupur keithel. Over 500 people including students, civil society representatives attended the statue unveiling ceremony. Rich floral tribute were also paid to the statue of the student martyr. At the memorial function held

at THAU ground under the theme "To Excel Right to Life", Senior Advocate Khaidem Mani, Human Rights Defender Phulindro Konansam, Senior Citizen L. Sadananda and President of MSF Oinam Nandababu attended as dignitaries on the dais. Chittaranjan was just 28 years old when made the supreme sacrifice demanding repeal of

AFSPA. The sacrifice of the student leader make no impact as AFSPA still continue in the state.

Another anti-AFSPA crusader Irom Sharmila who had been on fast for 16 years ended her fast after she thought that her protest fails to get intention of the world largest democracy. Speakers in today's memorial function lauded the courage of Pebam Chittaranjan Mangang.

## CAD & PD labours warns agitations if fails to clear wages

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** CAD and PD labour Welfare association begin cease work strike against non-clearance of 4 months wages. Speaking to the media persons, executive member of the association, Irengbam Babu said that contractors of the CAD and PD Naoba (proprietor of Yaiphaba Hotel) has been failed to pay wages for 4 months of 108 labours engaged by the firm. He said that association had submitted various memorandums to the concern

department regarding the matter but still no action has been taken up to clear the wages. He further added that according to the government rate, according to the government approved rate the firm has to clear a sum of rupees 40 lakhs for the 108 labours. However, the association had only demanded to clear Rs. 25 lakhs. He warned serious form of agitation if the association fails to clear the due at the earliest possible time.

## Manipur celebrate Nation's Independence Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** State government yesterday staged the nation in celebrating the 70th Independence Day at 1st MR parade Ground. Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, other Ministers, MLAs, and other top officials of the state government. As a part of the celebration Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh hoisted the tri colour flag of the Indian Nation. March-past contingents paid salute to the Tri-colour flag.

## Blast protest

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** Locals of Tara Keithel today staged sit-in-protest at Tera Keithel denouncing the bomb blast at Tera Keithel near gate of Modhumanol at around 8:30 yesterday. Speaking to the media persons, a protestor condemns such incident in the crowded area which may cause casualty to innocent civilian. She appeals not to repeat such act in the local area.

## CorCom pardons ex-Pradhan

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** A statement by Ksh. Yoiheiba, media Co-ordinator (CorCom) today said that former Pradhan of Swombung gram Panchayat Sandham Ibomcha Meitei (46) of Yorbung Khunou who was responsible for inciting mob against the revolutionist movement in 2018 Oct 23, has been pardon after the former pradhan himself surrendered to CorCom and plead for forgiveness.

## Paban's "Phum Sang" selected for Intl. Festival

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** Haobam Paban Kumar masterpiece "Phum Shang" (Floating Life), the documentary film base on the life of Loktak, has been selected for the official competition of the 18th International Environmental Film and Video Festival (FICA), which shall take place between the 16th and 21st of August, 2016, in the town of Goiás, Brazil.

## Child saves a 4 year old boy from drowning

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 16:** On the occasion of country's 70th Independence Day, a 5-year-old boy saved a child from drowning in a pond of Upokpi Mamang Leikai under Bishnupur district. According to report by Secretary of local club, Upokpi Youth Club, Ch Lokendro the incident took place on August 15, 2016 at around 3pm, where a boy of 4 year-old identified as Soibam Mangan Meitei, s/

o Soibam Bishworjit Meitei of the area was felt into the pond situated at Upokpi Mamang Leikai opposite stone crusher. Seeing the boy started drowning, another boy identified as Soibam Ribash Meitei s/o S Khogen Meitei shouted for help and on hearing his distress call a group of worker from the nearby stone crusher plant and locals of the area come out running and saved the life of drowning minor.

## Imphal-Moreh road indefinite Bandh enters 6 days; at least 5 vehicles vandalised

**IT News**  
**Chandel, Aug 16:** At least 5 vehicles including a two wheeler were vandalised along the Imphal-Moreh Section of National Highway 102 by the Bandh supporters of JAC against the murder of M. Jamkhohal Zou @ George. On the fifth days of Indefinite bandh imposed by the JAC, the bandh supporters vandalised the windshields of some vehicles coming from Pallel towards Moreh near H. Kotlenphai Village along the Imphal-Moreh Highway early morning. The vandalised vehicles includes a Bus, a Silver colour Omni Van, a Black colour Alto



Car, a Silver colour Ecco Van and a two wheeler Honda Activa. According to one of the bandh supporter, the vehicles coming from Pallel towards Moreh were intercepted near H. Kotlenphai Village and vandalised for defying the

indefinite bandh in between 1.00am to 4am. After giving a stern warning to the drivers, the vehicles were made to return from the spot, said the bandh supporter. It be mentioned that the JAC against the murder of M.

Jamkhohal Zou @ George imposed indefinite Bandh along the section of Imphal-Moreh Highway since midnight of August 10 in protest against the failure of the government to take necessary action against the responsible SoO signatory UG group and its cadres involved in the murder. Meanwhile, United Zou Organisation (UZO) Sognu Block also endorsed the ongoing agitation of JAC against the murder of M. Jamkhohal Zou @ George and demanded befitting punishment against the responsible group or individual involved in the murder.

## Non-Local Media, Sharmila and AFSPA

By - Jimine Laishramcha

Irom Chanu was crying, and that looked like she was reluctant to place the honey on her tongue. She did not break the fast readily in front the jam-packed media. She took her time and kept crying. Then heard two female voices of non locals, possibly of outside-media persuading her in English "have it, have it, go for it" as if they feared Sharmila would not end her fasting.

Suddenly non local media are becoming very active on Manipur when Sharmila announced to end her hunger protest against government on 26 July 2016. That was the largest flock ever flying down to Imphal to prattle at the closing ceremony of Chanu's 16-year-long hunger strike. This media are of Indian mainstream and some are of international represented by some mainstream Indians whose noses have been very insensitive to the smell of newsworthy happenings in Manipur. They did not file stories when Sharmila started in early November 2000; they did nothing when she completed 365 days beating the 21-day record of Mahatma Gandhi. They even hardly covered when Sharmila was in Delhi on some occasions. This time they did their faire share with Sharmila but not with the cause and concern she has been for. They have detested themselves from needed din of the draconian AFSPA and state of militarization. They have been completely blind to the traumatized lives haunted by the sections 4 and 6 of AFSPA which respectively empowered military to kill us and destroy our properties anytime, and make us handicapped to proceed for justice in law courts always. They visibly demonstrate their true color; displaying active absence of bloody reality of AFSPA and militarization.

Now, the tone and texture of non-local media are galore with ostensible love and care for Sharmila; they shape headlines to show people of Manipur as all heartless rendering her homeless. They force us all to undergo colossal condemnation for what some of us have done towards our own sister.

First, they did misreporting that people around her opposed the decision to end the hunger strike. We all including Meira Paibis, civil societies and armed opposition groups acknowledge and salute Sharmila's 16-year-sacrifice and none of us including armed opposition groups oppose the ending of her fasting. Second, she has changed, changed possibly after hobnobbing with suspects, her fiancé and state elements. Third, hence some of us refuse her to marry a suspect and contest election. It needs time to clear the clouds, and to apply commonsense - state elements are always there and logically they are active to indoctrinate her.

In spite of this, local groups and youths continuously extend support and solidarity to Sharmila; they arrange shelter, visit every day, offer suitable foods, listen to her, design election campaign, etc.

The non-local media do not discuss the demerit of ever eroding domain of the non-violent form of protests. Need they spread out the message of importance of retaining Gandhi's weapon? So now, in the eyes of Manipuris and Kashmiris logically more functional is of violence and vulgarity. She was forced to exit from beautiful domain that Gandhi kept, only because New Delhi closed the entrance. Why do the national media not make a talking point on this?

They may analyze questions from professor Akoiang Bimol - "What is 'personal' and what is 'public' about Irom Sharmila and/or what she does? Is Sharmila a public figure, someone who is involved in public issues or issues of public importance? Is AFSPA a private issue or a public issue? Is Sharmila a public figure, someone who is involved in public issues or issues of public importance? Is she a deified being who is above criticism?"

Many of the media really are trying to portray us in mean-minded frame. So, they zoom in on voices of some Manipuris who criticize Sharmila's plan to marry an outsider. Here, we ought to tell them this, - If possible humanity in a borderless world is one super beautiful notion. But those governments, nations, groups of the planet who are big and powerful are real bellicose. The dominant minds and discriminatory hands make John Lennon's "Imagine" impossible as of now. Survival struggle for weaker peoples, tiny groups is the most challenging reality amidst such gluttony world created and controlled by the cruel majority.

Again, just wondering why the outside media skip or belittle Herojit's confession-story of fake encounter killings of 1528 lives in Manipur. They ignore easily that many of the killings were carried out by combined force of Indian army and Manipur police. All that gross human rights violations happened under such strong impunity of AFSPA where state police too began to embrace de-facto power of AFSPA.

In fact, we all know the non-local media can make meaningful and effective noises to end the era of militarization and inhuman legislation if they are fair enough towards justice and human rights happen in Manipur. But this flock are flying back home leaving all the brutes of draconian AFSPA to us.