

Bomb, live bullet found

IT News
Imphal, Dec 31: A hand grenade was found at the gate of Y. Janaki at Uripok Achom Leikai in Imphal West at around 5.30 am today. Y. Janaki is a retired LDM of United Bank of India. At around the same time a live bullet was also found wrapped in a piece of paper at women's shed at the locality. On the paper it was written that the grenade was placed as Y Janaki failed to clarify over the misappropriation of rice for mid day meal. Below the write up Red Army KCP MC was written. The write up also warned him as well as a brother-in-law to face worst consequences in the coming days.

NSCN-IM condoles

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Imphal, Dec 31: NSCN-IM condole the sudden demise of Kivi Zhimo, Under Secretary Sumi Region of NSCN-IM today morning at Council Headquarter. In a statement the NSCN-IM says that late Kivi Zhimo was a sincere National Worker who served the Nation whole heartedly in various capacities. It added that the NSCN-IM extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Team Imphal Times evening daily wishes all all well wishers and readers a prosperous and peaceful New Year. As we join the world in celebrating the New Year Imphal Times will not have publication on January 1, 2017.

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Another tussle between two groups arises at Koutruk over land allocation for National Sports University

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Imphal, Dec 31: Two days after the signing of memorandum of Agreement between the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of India and YAS Department Government of Manipur for allocation of land for construction of National Sports University, differences arises between groups of people over allocation of land. Report reaching here said that even as villagers of Koutruk and Senjam Village had agreed to allot land free of cost for construction of the National

Sports University, some of the neighbouring villages had argued the allocation of land as it belong to them. Mention may be made that on December 29, 2016 Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of India and YAS Department Government of Manipur signed memorandum of agreement for construction of the national Sports University. As per the agreement the Ministry of YAS, Union Government will initiate steps to set up the National Sports University at the site. On the other hand the YAS department

Government of Manipur will hand over the land free from all encumbrances at the aforesaid location to the Government of India of the explicit purpose of setting up the Sports University. With the opposition coming from a neighbour village it is likely that the construction of the Sports University will once more remain delayed. Mention may be made that GoM had completed all procedure for construction of the National Sports University at Yaithibi Loukon but sited by the Gol at Koutruk.

RIMS Nurses staged sit-in-protest

IT News
Imphal, Dec 31: Regional Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) Nurses Association of RIMS, Imphal has staged a sit-in protest against the recovery of a Chinese-made hand grenade at the staircase of RIMS Surgery Ward on December 30. Contending that medical institutions should not be targeted by insurgents in their violent campaign, the protestors said such incident disturbed the quiet environment of the hospital. Claiming that the hospital's environment is disturbed by

such acts of violence, the association members have staged the protests as attacks on hospitals are against civil norms. Seeking clarification from the

concern authority for planting of bomb inside the hospital, the association appealed not to repeat such act that bothered the environment of the medical institute.

TAMOA condemns

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Imphal, Dec 31: Teachers' and Medical Officers/Association (TAMOA) RIMS has strongly condemned the planting of bomb inside the RIMS Hospital premises. In a statement TAMOA said that there have been such incidents before but no

credible solution or development has been seen out of such actions. TAMOA appealed to all concerned individual or group not to repeat such acts in the hospital campus. It also appealed to resolve whatever grievances through truthful dialogues.

Nagas in Delhi intensify their agitation against arrest of UNC leaders in Manipur

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New Delhi, Dec. 31: The Joint Naga Civil Societies, Delhi (CJNCSD) yesterday organised a mass protest rally at Jantar Mantar to further intensify their protest against the arrest of the two United Naga Council (UNC) leaders and the unconstitutional formation of the new seven districts. Thousands of Nagas thronged the streets of Jantar Mantar chanting "Nagas shall defend their land to the last man standing" and effigies of Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and his deputy Gaikhangam Gangmei were burnt down. The CJNCSD raised serious

doubt on the political intention of the central government for its continued silence on the issue and questioned why the Centre has not raised even a single question to the Manipur Government for the imprisonment of the two UNC leaders and the unconstitutional formation of the new seven districts. The CJNCSD states that Nagas have been defending every inch of their ancestral land, liberty, identity and dignity with blood and tears since the mighty British times and dares the Government of Manipur to attempt to carve out even an inch of the Naga ancestral territory in the name

of formation of new districts. The CJNCSD reaffirms that Naga issue is a political issue and vows to stand its ground with UNC till the unconditional release of the two incarcerated UNC leaders and rolling back of the proposed seven districts. Stating that the UNC has been observing partial peaceful shutdown along the national highway which absolutely is a legal and democratic form of protest, the CJNCSD further stated that Ibobi and paid valley-based media ingeniously coined the term "economic blockade" to criminalise the Naga political issue and illegally arrested the president and the information

secretary of UNC. The CJNCSD also submitted another memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterating the following demands: immediate nullification of the creation of the seven new districts; unconditional release of the two UNC leaders; to respect the 3rd August Naga Framework Agreement and to expedite the finalization of the Framework Agreement; imposition of President's Rule in the State of Manipur; CBI enquiry into the 18th December, 2016 communal violence against the innocent Naga civilian passengers at Imphal and immediate compensation for the victims.

Manipur BJP VC urges govt. to detail the allocation of petrol

IT News
Imphal, Dec 31: Vice President of Manipur Pradesh, M Ashinikumar today urged the state government to make public the allocation of Petrol and Diesel by Govt. of Manipur. "Since the taking over of allocation of Petrol and Diesel by Govt. of Manipur, How much Diesel and Petrol has been received by IOC/ Imphal and handed over to Govt. of Manipur for allocation?" Ashinikumar asked. He also asked the quantity allocated or distributed to the Petrol Pump/Retail outlet till December 31 and also to make public the total stock of fuel to Govt. controlled Petrol Pump. Ashinikumar also urged the government to make public the total allocation of fuel to Petrol pump located at Mantripukhri and Yairpok which belong to Minister of Civil Supplies, Govt. of Manipur.

CM, speaker greets on New Year

IT News
Imphal, Dec 31: Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th. Lokeshwar among others greets the people of the state on occasion of the New Year 2017. In his greeting the Chief Minister said that New Year's Day is not only an occasion for introspection, but also for searching and evolving new resolutions for the coming years. The CM appealed people to

resolve to fight and defeat evil designs of divisive and disruptive forces, and consolidate and support the forces of solidarity and harmony. Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th Lokeshwar also wished the people of the state on New Year's Day. In his greeting, the Speaker appealed the people to begin a new live which will bring peace and harmony in the state. He also appealed the people not to be driven by the divisive forces.

DESAM cherished the role of media

IT News
Imphal, Dec 31: Wishing the people on the joyous occasion of New Year 2017, Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) cherished the works of journalists who are disseminating daily information to the people against all odds. Addressing a press meet at its office located at Keishampat,

president of DESAM Moirangthem Angamba noted the role of media during any movement launched demanding safeguard and the rights of the people of the state. Later, DESAM members handed gifts to the media persons as a token of cherishing the work and role of media in our state.

IGAR (S) greets on New Year

IT News
Imphal, Dec 31: Major General Virendra Singh, VSM, IGAR (South) and all Ranks of Assam Rifles has extended greetings and goodwill to the people of Manipur and wish everyone a happy new year. In his message the IGAR

(South) convey the people to live in peace, harmony, unity and understanding irrespective of caste creed and faith. He also appealed the people to weed out inimical elements of the society and tread towards the path of unity, peace and prosperity.

Committee for 2nd Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament form

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Imphal, Dec. 31: An Organising Committee for the 2nd Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament, 2017 is constituted by the Governor of Manipur with Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh as the Chairman. The Committee consists of 19 members including Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur and Special Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur as the

Convenor. Special Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur has issued an order in this regard on December 30, 2016. The Organising Committee will meet on 02.01.2017 at 3:00 PM in the 'Cabinet Hall' to discuss various agenda/items relating to the organisation of the 2nd Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament, 2017 which will be held from 15th-17th January, 2017 in Imphal.

Politics on National Highways; the other perspective

IT Desk
Imphal, Dec. 31: A matter which is needed to be pondered upon is whether the ongoing impasse which put the live of nearly 2.8 million people at stake is related to the upcoming 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election or not. Much has been discussed, much has been deliberated by experts to the genesis of the prolonged economic blockade on National highways in Manipur, but none has taken up the missing link with the ongoing impasse. It is a matter of fact that this is not the first time that economic blockade on High ways in Manipur is being enforced. Early in 2004, during the middle month of 2010 and at many instances between these years, people have been facing the tantrum of economic blockade time and again. So when it is known that economic blockade is a serious crisis of the state of Manipur why the government is still yet to find some ways to overcome the problem created out of this inhumane agitation. Even common man who are not in the government knows that there are certain central legislation to protect the National Highways, why is it that the government authority at center try to shy away with its legislations and why is it that the state government sue the central government over its

inability to render its service as per the legislations made by them. Before the provisions of the legislation to protect the National Highway are deliberated, it is worth discussing who are being benefited with this economic blockade. Well every times when such economic blockade came into force price of essential commodities skyrocketed. Particularly the price of petrol is sold triple the original price by black marketers. Surprisingly, no matter how long the economic blockade is underway, there was no dearth for either petrol or other essential commodities. The only matter is that the price of these essential commodities or petrol is beyond the capacity of common people who live on hand to mouth. So, definitely there are some people who consider blockade season as harvesting season. For them they make triple the profit they usually made on normal days. And there is no reason to believe that these so call black marketers who are probably men frequently remain in touch with high class politicians might have instigated those enforcing the economic blockade to continue it. Well, the above is a conspiracy theory, and when viewed from the legal perspective, it is also worth pondering on why the central government authorities are not respecting the

provisions of the National Highway Act, 1956. Section 8B of the Act says about the punishment for mischief by injury to national highway. It says - whoever commits mischief by doing any act which renders or which he knows to be likely to render any national highway referred to in sub-section (1) of the 8A impassable or less safe for travelling or conveying property, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to five years, or with a fine, or with both. What is ironical is the remark of the Union Home Minister Rajnath during a meeting with a delegates of AMWJU, at which he was quoted as asking whether the blockade by UNC still continue or not. On the other hand, Union MoS Home Kiren Rijiju's statement to media persons last week at which he stated that center is taking seriously to the problems created out of the prolonged economic blockade simply surprises to all the people who are aware of the National Highway Act, 1956. Or is it that - Indian government have separate laws to deal with the state of Manipur. If so there is no use to have faith to the Indian Government. Or else, it is much better to have separate legislations to govern the land which was one of the oldest Asiatic kingdoms in the world.