



Tribute paid to Saheed S Madhumango Sharma on 21<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary  
Imphal West Dist. Traffic Police begins drive on illegal parking

### 3 rapist turn out to be juvenile; one released on bail; 2 sent to observatory home

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 11:** The three accused arrested in connection with the rape case of a girl at Ngairangbam Loukon in Imphal West district few days back have been turned out as minor and after they trio has been produced to district session court, 2 of the culprits have been sent to observatory home and one among them has been released on bail. Mentioned may be made that three persons including a boyfriend of the girl were arrested by the Patsoi police in connection with the raping of the girl allegedly called out the girl from her home promising her to elope. However, he along with two of his friend took her to a field at Ngairangbam and allowed her friends to rape her in his presence. Local caught 2 among them and handed over police. Police later arrested the other.

### Death anniversary of Saheed S Madhumango Sharma observed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 11:** Dr S V Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region, Meghalaya delivered the 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial Lecture on the topic "Prime Minister's Vision- 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Revolution in the North East" on the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary of Saheed S Madhumango Sharma. Prof HJijam Tombi Singh, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Manipur University presided over the function organized by The Saheed Madhumango Foundation at Lamyamba Shanglein, Palace Compound. Floral tributes were also given to the portrait of Saheed S Madhumango Sharma by the visiting dignitaries as a mark of respect on the occasion.

## Traffic police clean vehicles from Paona and Thangal keithel; violators' vehicles deflated

**IT News**  
**Imphal Feb 11:** Parked vehicles on the road side of Paona Keithel and Thangal Keithel were driven out and started deflating those who fails to clear on time today by the Imphal Traffic police as an initiative to solve traffic congestion in Imphal City. Paona Keithel and Thangal Keithel along with the BT road is becoming the most congested area in the Imphal city which is gearing up to upgrade it into Imphal city in the coming days. It is not allotting parking space at the road side but it is because of the traffic police inability to control the unorganized parking like double parking and others, said a commuter while talking to this reporter. When asked to traffic police Inspector, Rameshwar said that the drive to clear parking at the

roadside of both Paona Keithel and Thangal Keithel have begun since the last couple of days as according to an order of the higher ups in the state Traffic Police and the SP of Imphal west with the recommendation of the Traffic Regulation and Parking committee (TRPC) on December 26 last year. However, due to the Jan 4 earthquake which damage portion of Khwairambandh Ima Keithel, traffic police had to relax for some time. As the matter has been partially settled the Traffic police had started enforcing the order, Rameshwar added. Many of the vehicles both four wheelers and two wheelers, which were found parking on the road side of Paona keithel were deflated but after prior warning to take it out. Many of the owners of the vehicles

criticized the deflating of the tyres saying that that is not the proper way for enforcing the new order. "If any vehicles are found violating the new regulations they did not need to deflate the tyres, but instead they can pull it up using lifter vehicle and fine them," a lawyer whose car was deflated said in a state of animosity. The same law was enforced some years back, and due to complaints from the shopkeepers at Paona keithel and Thangal keithel, the band on parking on the roadside has been lifted. Regarding the parking space, Traffic police officer Rameshwar said that those visiting Paona keithel can park their vehicle at the back side of Polo ground and along the road side of Wahengbam leikai as well as at the road side near MPCIL office and near Keishampat bridge.

## Big bro ostracized for having illicit relationship with cousin sister

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 11:** A 28 years old boy was ostracized from his locality in Khundrakpam Assembly Constituency for having illicit relationship with his 18 years old cousin sister (daughter of his father's younger brother). The girl alleged that his cousin brother forcibly rape her some 9 months back resulting her to deliver a baby boy some days back. The matter came to the notice of the locality after the girl delivered a baby boy. Members of the local club

and meira Paibi of the specific village had been informed by the girl that the 28 years old boy threatened to end her life if the incident was told to anyone. According to the girl, she never expect that she would get conceived after the incident as she live a live much like a tomboy. The incident was seriously noted by the local of the village and a public meeting was held at a club of the locality. The meeting deliberated the issue and finally come to the conclusion

to ostracize the youth from the locality. The meeting also resolved to award the similar punishment to any of the family who had provided shelter to the boy. While appealing both the family to maintain good relationship as usual and warn them of befitting punishment by the locals if any unwanted incident occurred between the two family. The family which started the trouble should accept to the kind of punishment the local club and meira paibi awarded, the meeting resolved.

## Student bodies jointly appeals against AMSU decision

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 11:** The long standing demand to upgrade Jiri College to a full-fledged Government college by various student bodies and civil society organisations is a rational and necessary one as the college is situated at Jiribam sub-division which is 222 Kilometers from the District Headquarter. However, the decision by

AMSU District Committee, Jiribam to close down all educational institutions in the sub-division from February 16 in persuasion of the demand is bound to adversely affect the academic atmosphere of the students given the fact that the examinations for BOSEM, COHSEM and CBSE is fast approaching. In this regard, a joint statement signed by

presidents P Ranabir Singh of Jiribam Special Branch, L Romio Singh, DESAM Local Council and L Bonson Singh, KSA Jiribam Branch appealed to AMSU District Committee, Jiribam for withdrawing its decision and to reconsider an alternative means to press their demand which will not disturb the academic atmosphere of the students.

## Chandel denizens took out Mass Rally

**IT News**  
**Chandel, Feb. 11:** The denizens of Chandel District took out a Mass Rally demanding immediate implementation of Manipur State Action Plan on Climate change at Chandel District Headquarters today. The rally was jointly organised by Forest Resources Management & Environment Development Council, Chakpi River Protection & Development Society, Chamdil District Farmers Union, Maha Area Chiefs Association, People's Development Organisation Chandel District. Commenced from Mini Indoor Stadium, the rally was proceeds toward DC



Lamkhai via Japhou Bazaar after a Public Meeting in which some prominent public leader including Chandel's Forest Range Officer Tomba Sharma also spoke and stressed about the needs and importance of implementation of Action plan on Climate change. Large number of

villagers including women, Civil Organizations leaders and Village Chiefs took part in the rally by holding several placards inscribed with slogans "We demand implementation of Manipur State Action Plan on Climate change, No Water No life, Stop burning of Forest, etc."

## MSAD organizes Candle light Protest at Delhi

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 11:** Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) organised a candle light protest at Faculty of Arts, Delhi University on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February condemning the Manipur Government for not taking up any appropriate action to serve justice for 2009 fake encounter case of Chungkham Sanjit and Thokchom Rabina and other extra judicial killings. MSAD would like to know if there are any hidden agendas as to why

the Government of Manipur is still silent even when the culprit have confessed himself and revealed the responsible officers in that fake encounter, a press release signed by Rajeev Mairembam, General Secretary, MSAD questioned. The statement further added that it is a well-known fact that the security forces in Manipur (both state and central) are exercising extra judicial powers against the people creating a fear psychosis to the public for quite a long time.

Most of their claims of encounters turned out to be extra judicial in nature. This can be vividly seen in the report of Santosh Hegde Commission submitted to the Supreme Court of India, the release reiterated. The association appealed to the people of Manipur to rise and uphold democratic rights while disclosing that MSAD is preparing for further protests with other concern organisations and students in Delhi.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sentinel Cup sets to begin from Feb. 12

**IT News**  
**Imphal Feb. 11:** The 13<sup>th</sup> Manipur State Equestrian Championship will be organized by IGAR (South) and Manipur Equestrian Association at Mapal Kangjeibung from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The event is being conducted as the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition of the Senior Championship "The Sentinel Cup" sponsored by HQ DGAR and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Edition of the Junior Championship sponsored by HQ IGAR(S). The event is a radiant and eloquent testimony of the Assam Rifles enthusiastic zeal to encourage and promote Equestrian games in Manipur. The function will showcase the rich and varied cultural heritage of the state with celebration of the Manipuri Pony through the well contested equestrian events. It is also an effort by Assam Rifles to save the rare breed of Manipuri Pony from the brink of extinction. Altogether, 11 teams registered under Manipur Equestrian Association, with over 100

riders in Senior, Junior and young Girls categories from 11 different esteemed clubs of Manipur will be participating in the competition. The equestrian events will include Tent Pegging (Team), Tent Pegging (Individual) in Senior and Junior categories with Individual Show Jumping in all the three categories of Girls, Seniors and Juniors. The

tournament has grown from strength to strength with the participants increasing every year. The championship has now emerged as an annual mega event contested by Equestrian enthusiasts from entire Manipur. An exhibition match of 'Sagol Kangjei' (Traditional Manipuri Polo) will also be showcased as part of the event.

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Notice

No. 11/02/HM/NIHGS-2016: It is hereby notified to all the concerned that a meeting of all the teaching and non-teaching staffs, guardians, well-wishers, local educationists, patron members, medical representative etc. of the North Imphal Girls' High School will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Office Chamber of the Headmaster, NIGHS for the constitution of the SMC, NIGHS with the election of the Guardian Representative, Teacher Representative, the Secretary and the President as per Letter No. 6/3/95-ED(ZEO.I) dated the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Any objection from any quarter can be made at the Office of the Headmaster, NIGHS on or before the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 during office hours.

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## Luingaini: Unique festival for peoples with Unique History

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In a representation submitted to the Manipur Chief Minister for reinstating 'Gaan Ngai' as State Holiday by Zeliangrong Union Clubs Association Manipur Valley (ZUCAMV) on 31-10-2002 allegedly stated 'Lui-Ngai-Ni' as artificial state sponsored festival'. The declaration of 'Lui-Ngai-Ni' as state general holiday during the Chief Ministership of Rishang Keishing in 1988, himself from Tangkhul community and his remaining in active politics as senior most Congress leader at the time of dropping Gaan Ngai from the holiday list perhaps prompted ZUCAMV to make such statement.

The endeavor for the invention of common festival of the 'Nagas' in Manipur started in the mid 1980s. Nagas being the most colorful people have been characterized by diversity. Some who now identify themselves as Nagas were classified by the earlier British colonial administrator as belonging to the Chin-

Kuki-Mizo (CHIKIM). If that is the case then can we say whether 'Naga' is more of a political creed than a socio-cultural identity. Hobbsawn and et.al says (rp., 2002) 'traditions' which appear or claimed to be old are often quite recent in its origin and sometimes invented. This contention seems equally valid in the case of Lui-ngai-ni. An introductory statement by Secretary, Organising Committee, in the *Souvenir*, Naga Lui-Ngai-Ni, the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1988, Imphal says: "of late, the Naga groups have emerged from their isolated doll-states and asserted their identity as one race in the comity of the Indian Nation which has been accepted by the Government of India. ... The Nagas do not have a common festival which could be called as the "national festival." This statement reflects the quest for concretizing the identity of the Manipur Nagas, which they perhaps felt it inevitably necessary to satisfy the political needs of the present generation.

Considering the need for a common festival of their own, Naga scholars, leaders and social workers considered to organize a seminar, to find out ways and means whereby a common festival of the Nagas could be formulated. Proceedings of the Seminar on the 'Manipur Naga festivals' held on 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 1986 at GM. Hall, Imphal resolved that the Nagas in Manipur should have a common festival day in a year. Names suggested in the Recommendation Committee of the seminar are:

- Naga Seedling Day
- Naga Cultural Awakening/Revival Day
- Naga Festival Day
- Naga Farmer's Day
- Naga Seed Day
- Naga New Year
- Naga Seed Sowing Festival and so forth

The members recommended Naga Seed Sowing festival which is to be observed in the 15<sup>th</sup> of

February every year as the most appropriate and decided to forward it to the state government for necessary implementation. Naga Seed Sowing Festival was observed for the first time in 15<sup>th</sup> February 1987 with an appeal to 'every sane Naga' to play their part to make it a permanent Naga festival for years to come for "a race without its own culture is a lost race beyond redemption". (Lui-Ngai-Ni Souvenir, 1988). The follow up seminars and consultations in the aftermath of the festival decided that "the function shall hitherto be called Naga Lui-Ngai-Ni". Lui-Ngai-Ni festival also has now been listed as one of the tourist festivals of India by the Ministry of Tourism, GoI. The nomenclature 'Lui-Ngai-Ni' was coined by amalgamating the initials 'Lui' from the Tangkhul New Year festival, 'Luirai'; 'Ngai' from the Rongmei festival 'Gaan Ngai' with 'Ni' from the ending of the MaoMaram/Poumai festival, 'Chithuni'.  
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