

12 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South), has been at the forefront in conducting numerous people friendly events, providing succor in the remote areas of Tengnoupal and Khudengthabi village in Chandel district



Suspension revoked

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: A day after 20 state legislators had strongly protest the suspension of 5 police commando who were alleged of committing harassment to a team of Naga Students' Federation at Mantripukhri, Director General of Police had issued an order to revoke the suspension of the 5 police personnel today. The suspension order of the 5 police personnel was issued on February 25 by the government of Manipur to appease the Nagaland based students' body. Mentioned may be made that demanding suspension of the police personnel the NSF had imposed restriction of Meitei / Manipur vehicles in so called Naga area from Feb 22. Following the ban trucks were reportedly harassed by NSF supporters at Senapati area which is a territory of Manipur.

Foundation stone laid

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: Foundation stone for setting up "Haotabi Kyamegi Arapti Bailey Bridge" was laid today. Dr Kh. Ratankumar, Minister of Works and Transport of Manipur; K Thamarjit Singh, MLA of Keirao A/C attended the foundation stone laying ceremony as the president and chief guest respectively. The function, organised by Public Works Department (PWD), Manipur was also attended by M Lokendra Singh, Chief Engineer of P.W.D. Manipur and Kh Temba Singh, Additional Chief Engineer-II of P.W.D. Manipur.

Finance Minister presents Union Budget

New Delhi, Feb 29: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today presented the General Budget 2016-17 in Parliament today. Mr Jaitley faces a tough task of balancing the needs of the farm sector as well as the industry when he presents his third Budget as he seeks to garner resources to boost public spending for higher growth amid global headwinds. The Budget is being presented amid worries over government finances the direction of reforms and the country's growth rate in the competitive world. Noting the challenges posed by a global slowdown, the Economic Survey which was tabled in the Parliament on Friday lowered the economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.6 percent from the previously projected 8.1-8.5 percent range mainly because of lower agricultural output due to deficit rainfall. **More details news on the Budget on page 2.....**

HC announces election of MLA M. Prithviraj as null and void

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: In a landmark judgment of the Manipur High Court, election of M Prithviraj as the representative of Moirang Assembly Constituency in the 10th Manipur Legislative Assembly has been declared null and void. Justice Koteswar today announced the court that the declaration for electing of M Prithviraj as the representative of Moirang Assembly constituency by the presiding officer in 2012 is null and void. The verdict of justice Koteswar bench however is yet to be made available as verdict of two other pleas associated with the case is reserved by the justice. The case was filed by P Sharatchandra, the rival

candidate during the state general election 2012 at Manipur High Court in April 2012 praying to declare the election of Prithviraj as null and void and consequent upon his rejection the petitioner also plead to declare him as the representative of Moirang Assembly constituency under the Peoples' Representative Act as the election fought was 2 cornered - which means there was a straight fight between P Sharatchandra and M. Prithviraj. Besides, the petitioner also pleaded for

appropriate action against Prithviraj for submitting false affidavit to the Election Commission of India. Mention may be made that Imphal Times is the first newspaper to report that affidavit of M Prithviraj submitted to the ECI for contesting the 10th Manipur Legislative Assembly was under scanner. This newspaper had carried a lead story under the heading "MLA Prithviraj's affidavit under ECI scanner; directs state CEO to initiate necessary action" in our April 22, 2013 edition.



Irom Sharmila Chanu acquitted of suicide charge; released from custody

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: Irom Chanu Sharmila, charged with the offence u/s 309 IPC of attempt to commit suicide by fasting since 7:15 pm of 22/01/2015 at Shamu Makhong, B.T. Road, Imphal demanding the repeal of The Armed Forces Special Power Act 1958 (AFSPA) from the state of Manipur has been acquitted of the charge and released from custody according to an order issued by Lamkhanpau Tonsing, Chief Judicial Magistrate Imphal West today, according to the argument put up by her legal counsel Advocate Momon Singh, Hunger Strike or Fasting is an accepted

means of protest and agitation, both historically and legally in our constitutional jurisprudence and used as a tool to agitate issues and highlight grievances or demands by individuals, including the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi. According to the order issued by the CJM Imphal West, it was mentioned that in taking the fasting, rather than for taking her own life or destroying her life, the accused person appears to undertake it for the protection of her life as well as those of her people who she felt are wrongly dealt with by the powers given under the

Armed Forces Special Power Act 1958 (AFSPA), whether the said approach or thinking is correct or not. Addressing the media persons inside the court complex after the verdict was announced, the Irom Lady expressed her sorrow on the lack of support for her cause and said that she expect every concerned individual in the state to join in her struggle to repeal the draconian act completely from Manipur, adding that she will continue her struggle at Shahid Minar and will not relent until her goal is achieved so that she, like the rest of the people can live a peaceful and simple life.

Teacher shot down by suspected NSCN-IM

ANI
Chandel, Feb. 29: Suspected armed assailants belonging to the National Socialist Council of Nagaland - Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM) faction shot down a teacher at Aimal village in Manipur's Chandel district on Monday. Following the gruesome murder large number of people today came out at Pallel area and prevented all sort of vehicular movement along the Imphal-Moreh road. According to initial reports,

the NSCN-IM cadres resorted to heavy firing post the incident. The situation is said to be tense in the area. The government had on

September 16 last year declared the NSCN-K, responsible for explosions, ambushes and bombings, as an unlawful organisation for

Joykishan draws HM's attention
IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: BJP MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today draw the attention of house during the ongoing assembly session during zero hour to immediately intervene the situation arisen at Pallel in Chandel district following the killing of one Thopokin Hoakip, a teacher from Aimal village. He said in the aftermath of the killing the angry locals at block all vehicular movement along the road and if the government do not intervene time people of the state may face serious problem.

a period of five years. The NSCN was formed on January 31, 1980, by Isak Chisi Swu, Thuingaleng Muivah and S.S. Khaplang opposing the 'Shillong Accord' signed by the then NNC (Naga National Council) with the Indian Government. Later, differences surfaced within the outfit over the issue of commencing a dialogue process with the Indian Government and on April 30, 1988, the NSCN split into two factions, namely the NSCN-K led by S. S. Khaplang, and the NSCN-IM, led by Isak Chisi Swu and Thuingaleng Muivah.

Woman found hanging

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: A woman was found dead hanging on a tree today morning around 7:30 at Kwashiphai under Bishnupur Police Station. The deceased has been identified as Hatekim Zou (32) w/o Tungnung Joseph Zou (35) of Chothe Village Ward No. 12, Bishnupur District. According to the husband, both the couple has been residing at their aunt's place at Nungshai near Loukoipat for the last couple of months as helpers. He also said that Hatekim Zou was planning to go shopping with her cousin sister but

cancelled being Sunday and instead she left for her residence of Chothe to meet her children. As she did not turn up till late night, locals searched the nearby areas but she was not found, he added. Today morning locals found her body hanging from a tree with her sarong (phanek) which she had worn at the time when she left, between Kwashiphai and Chothe Village. A team of Bishnupur Police recovered her body and was later put at RIMS morgue for postmortem to find the exact reason of her dead. A case has also been registered as family members suspected that she was murdered.

Govt. have proposal for 3 flyovers Foot Bridge in Tiddim road

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: In view of the difficulties faced by pedestrians in crossing Tiddim road, the PWD Manipur has proposed 3 flyover Foot bridge at three different locations at the road stretch in between Airport to Imphal. This was stated by Works Minister Dr. Kh. Ratankumar while replying to the calling attention motion moved by MLA L Ibomcha in today's assembly session. MLA Ibomcha, while moving the calling attention motion had opined to maintain some zebra crossing at some of the places to make conveniences for the pedestrians while crossing the road.

L. Ibomcha also questioned the reason for keeping the foot path and drainage high above the road. "At some places the drain constructed at both side of the state High way is about 2.4 feet and some place it is around 1.5 feet", Ibomcha said. He added that as the drainage is literally high from the road people residing at both the side of the road had to built ramp occupying the portion of road. In this situation it seems like no use for the widening of this road Ibomcha said. Replying to this Works Minister in his reply said that every five years the thickness of the road is increase by 10

inches so in ten years when the thickness of the road is increased by 10 inches then there will be no problem. The reply however surprised the MLA making him immediately asking the Minister "whether the thickness of the road will be higher than the dwelling houses in fifty years if it increase every 10 years". Ibomcha further drew the attention of the Minister to follow some rules in road construction that is being followed at some of cities outside the state. He said roads are repaired and re-constructed but there was no increase in the thickness as they dug out and repaired it.

AMRPSWA appeals exam observers to strictly adhere to guidelines

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: Secretary of All Manipur Recognised Private Schools' Welfare Association (AMRPSWA), L Joy has appealed the micro observers and flying squad members of class X examination to strictly adhere to the guidelines set by Board of Secondary Education Manipur. Speaking to media, the Secretary said that the observation of micro observer during examinations unnecessarily create panic among the students.

Even if, the BSEM felt the need to have micro observers, it should strictly instruct them to follow the examination guidelines set by the board, he observed. Above 37,700 students will take the High School Leaving Certificate examination, which is scheduled to be held from Tuesday at 87 centers across the state including 68 private. He also appealed the members of flying squad to strictly monitor the examination equally at hill and valley centers to prevent students from indulging in

malpractices. While informing that a team consisting four members of the association would also inspect at examination centers, he appealed to all the students' organizations and their representatives who are assigned for observing the conduct of examination to strictly follow the exam guidelines and not to create panic among the exam takers. The examination would be monitored by a team of 45 members including micro observers, who are equip with photo cameras.

DESAM demands to wear phanek made of indigenous fabric by girl students

IT News
Imphal, Feb 29: Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) has appealed girl students to wear phanek (sarong) made of indigenous fabric as uniform of their educational institutes. The students' body also appealed school authority to implement the same with effect from the coming academic session. Speaking to a group of media, Soibam Porcia, Assistant General Secretary of DESAM and Convener of Women's Wing of the body said that with the initiative of various social and pressure groups girl students of government and



private institutions in the state have started wearing phanek since the year 2002. However, a large number of girl students in the state are wearing phanek made of readymade. Wearing of phanek made of readymade gents' pant material is against

the norms of the custom. Besides from cultural aspects, phanek made of readymade dress material indirectly discourage the local entrepreneur. Cultural Secretary of DESAM, Hoirem Jina also appealed educational institutes where

pant is implemented as uniform for girl students to stop the practice. DESAM demanded to implement phanek as uniform for girls instead of pants. Serving March, 2016 as the ultimatum to wear phanek made of indigenous fabric, Jina said the women's wing of the body will launch a statewide campaign at schools, colleges and universities in this regard very soon. DESAM would take actions against those students and authority who failed to comply with the demand of the students' body.

Deworming medical camp



IT News
Imphal, Feb. 29: A deworming medical camp was organized by 45 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) at Assam Rifles Public School, Mantripukhri in Imphal West district of Manipur state on 20 Feb 2016. Ailment caused by worm infestation causes

loss of valuable time of school children hence the need was addressed. It was conducted under medical supervision of Medical Officer of 45 Assam Rifles. Children participated voluntarily and 63 civil children were dewormed along with 361 children of Assam Rifles troops.