

Official of Sargam at the press conference to announce the Mega Musical Concert of Non-Professional Singers of Manipur



## JAC Against Anti-Tribal Bills to convene 5<sup>th</sup> Consultative Meet

**IT News**  
**Imphal Jan 11:** The JAC Against Anti-Tribal Bills is set to convene its 5<sup>th</sup> Consultative Meet on January 14 at Synod Hall, IB Road, Lamka wherein an open house discussion on the future course of action for the Tribal Movement will be held. According to a release jointly signed by H Mangchinkhup- Chief Convenor and Lalkhoah Chongloi- Convenor-Secretary, the meeting is open for all to share their ideas and suggestions on the way forward.

## CADA opens Khongman Unit

**IT News**  
**Imphal Jan 11:** As part of the ongoing drive to eradicate the menace of drugs and alcohol from the society, Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) organized a public meeting at the office of Social Worker's Congress, Khongman Zone IV & V at 2 pm yesterday. Advocate Y Ratanakumar- President CADA; Naorem Ibohah Meitei- Executive Member, Social Worker's Congress; Ningombam Gandhi Meitei- Senior Citizen; Saikhom Tomba Meitei- Senior Citizen and puyam Leibakleima- President, Meeyamgee Yaipha Nupi Lup were present as the presidium members at the meeting. A resolution to prohibit the sale and use of narcotic drugs and alcohol in and around Khongman area was taken and a unit of CADA-Khongman was also opened.

## Peter Mukerjea's judicial custody extended till Jan. 25

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, Jan. 11:** The judicial custody of former media honcho Peter Mukerjea, who was arrested in connection with the Sheena Bora murder, has been extended till January 25th. On December 28th, a Mumbai Esplanade court had extended the judicial custody of Peter till January 11. Mukerjea was arrested on November 19 and his wife Indrani Mukerjee is in prison for allegedly murdering Sheena, who is Indrani's daughter from an earlier relationship.

## Polling for 18 municipal councils and 8 Nagar Panchayats begins

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 11:** Election of 18 municipal councils and 8 Nagar Panchayats in four valley districts of the state has started from 7 am today. For the election of 279 councilors, ruling Congress has fielded its candidates in 199 seats and BJP in 181 seats. In connection with today's election, source received by our staff reporter, arguments

between the Councilor candidates from Independent party, Th Shyamo and Athokpam Manjuri Devi of Thoubal Municipal Council, ward no 5 occurred yesterday night over some ritual ceremony to be performed inside the polling station before the voting begins. Meanwhile, an unconfirmed news is being reported that the Sitting MLA of

Bishnupur AC came to the Ningthoukhong ward no 2 polling station and after evacuating the voters and securing the station with his personal security escorts, stamped the remaining ballot papers. The local have started an agitation against the incident and are demanding a repoll of the station and is preventing the ballot boxes from being taken away.

## Pathankot attack: Pakistan acts on India 'leads', arrests some suspects

**PTI**  
**Islamabad, Jan. 11:** Pakistani authorities carried out raids at different places following attack on the Pathankot airbase in India, leading to some arrests, intelligence officials said on Monday. They said that raids were carried out in Gujranwala, Jhelum and Bahawalpur districts and an unspecified number of people were arrested.

"Probe has been going to ascertain if they were involved in the attack or some of them facilitated it," they said. The arrests led Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to order a joint investigation team of Intelligence Bureau (IB), Inter-Services Intelligence, Military Intelligence, Federal Investigation Agency and

police to thoroughly probe the Pathankot attack links to Pakistan. Sharif has already said that a transparent investigation will be made and those involved will not be spared. On Monday, India linked the foreign secretary-level talks, scheduled for January 15, to Islamabad's decisive action on the Pathankot terror attack. The foreign secretary-level talks between India and Pakistan won't happen if Pakistan does not act against the Pathankot attack masterminds, national security adviser Ajit Doval said on Monday.

The decision to form the JIT, comprising officials from Intelligence Bureau (IB), Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Military Intelligence (MI), was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by PM Nawaz Sharif, the Express Tribune said. Interior minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, national security adviser Lt-Gen (retd) Nasser Khan Janjua, Prime Minister's adviser on foreign affairs Sartaj Aziz, special assistant to the Prime Minister on foreign affairs Tariq Fatemi and finance minister Ishaq Dar attended the meeting. Prime Minister Sharif "is taking an active role in getting to the bottom of the Pathankot incident," a Prime Minister's House source was quoted as saying by the paper. "He also discussed the issue with army chief Gen Raheel Sharif and took him on board about the decision to form a JIT," the source added.

## Scheduled Tribe demand committee set to organize public meeting, agitations

**IT News**  
**Imphal Jan 11:** The Scheduled Tribe demand committee of Manipur (STDCM) will be organizing a public meeting at Thangmeiband Athletic Union (THAU) ground on January 17 in connection with the completion of 3 years of its struggle in the state. Speaking to media persons during a press meet at the Manipur Press Club, president of STDCM Dr. Y.Mohendro

singh said that the STDCM has garnered a lot of support during the 3 years long struggle of demanding inclusion of Meiteis as Scheduled Tribe and reiterated that the Demand Committee will continue various democratic agitations with the support of the people to fulfill its demand. He further added that the reservations, quotas and income tax relaxations are

secondary matters, the President said that the primary objective of the demand was to bring equality, unity, peace and harmony in the State. Dr Mohendro also said that ST status demand for Meiteis/Meeteis would never infringe upon the rights of other tribes and communities in the state and appeal to join and forward suggestions in the public meeting.

## Security tightened around Indian Air Force's Chabua airbase in Assam

**Guwahati, Jan. 11:** Security has been tightened around Indian Air Force station at Chabua in Assam's Dibrugarh district following intelligence inputs about threats to the air base, a police official said. Following the Pathankot terror attack, police has received certain inputs which need to be corroborated and confirmed in consultation with various agencies and security forces but security has been tightened around the airbase, Dibrugarh Superintendent of Police Bir Bikram Gogoi said on Jan 10. "Security measures are being taken accordingly by the police, Army and IAF so

that any unwarranted situation may be avoided," he said. "After receiving the input, the IAF has restricted entry of casual workers in the base. The identity of these workers who are engaged for various works by contractors are cross checked and verified," sources at Chabua airbase said. Chabua is a key base of the IAF and it has the latest airplanes including the Sukhoi-30 MKI and Chetak helicopters. Chabua is also known as the 'eastern bastion' of the IAF which was built in 1939 and used through the war by allied forces in support of the

Chinese against the invading Japanese forces. The station has served as a major supply point for the troops deployed in Arunachal Pradesh with various transport aircraft and helicopters operating from the base. It then took on a training role as MiG-21 were based here training young fighter pilots and providing air defence to the region. In 2009, however, the last squadron of MiG-21 moved out from Chabua and after undergoing major renovation and expansion, the Sukhoi-30 MKI multi-role fighters were inducted in the base since February 2011. (Source: One India)

## Non-Professional Singers Musical Concert

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 11:** A Mega Musical Concert of Non-Professional Singers of Manipur under the theme "AHALSINGBU NUNGSHI CHANNANA LOINASI", organized by Sargam is being held on January 16, 2016 at the Auditorium Hall of MFDS, Palace Compound, Imphal East, Manipur. Speaking to media persons at a press conference held at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, B Netachandra Sharma, President of Sargam said that the main objective of the Mega Event is to help

the aged people of the State. In connection with the event, a Free Health Camp is being organized at the Old Aged Home of Senior Citizens Welfare Association Manipur located at Mongsangei on January 12 where free medicines, foods and clothes will be handed over to the aged peoples. As continuation of the event, free medical and health camps will be organized at different part of the State till the end of the current winter season, he added. B Netachandra Sharma further said that the respect

and discipline which the aged people used to receive in the past seems to be fading away in the current state. To keep the status of the aged people at the highest level, the event is being organized so the aged people who have contributed their time working at different professions could rest their minds, he added. B Netachandra Sharma also said that the funds receive from the event will be donated to the old aged homes, orphans and especially the victims of the recent earthquake.

## First ever successful Dialysis on Newborn in Manipur at SHIJA

**IT News**  
**Imphal Jan 11:** A one month old baby girl born to Soubam Manoranjan and Soubam Anita from Achanbingei was admitted to Shija Hospitals & Research Institute after developing Acute Renal Failure and with a known case of Congenital Heart Disease developed various complications resulting into

seizures, and after 10 days in Amuric Phase with rise in Creatinine and Urea level to critical limit, Peritoneal Dialysis was performed on the baby successfully by a team of Consultants comprising of Dr Guliver Potsangbam- Consultant Nephrologist; Dr Yaikhomba Taorem - Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist and Dr

Khangembam Sachinkumar Singh, Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist. The baby is discharged after recovering successfully with all vital signs and functions returning to normal. With this achievement, SHIJA has added yet another feather to its illustrious cap in the field of medical care.

## Consider open-book tests in board exams, don't give grace marks: HRD ministry to education boards

**New Delhi, Jan. 11:** Seen as significant move in the direction of changing assessment pattern in the school exams, the Union Human Resource Development Ministry has urged all the state and central boards to consider the proposal of implementation of open-book tests in secondary- and senior secondary-level examinations. According to

a media report, School Education Secretary SC Khuntia suggested this at a meeting of 42 education boards on October 28 last year. Consequently, the HRD Ministry has set up an eight-member committee to work on common design of questions papers. The inclusion of open text-based assessment (or OTBA) in board examinations is one of the key action points of the

committee. Sanjay Patwa, a representative of the Madhya Pradesh Board, was the first one to suggest OTBA who feels that it could help reduce the influence of coaching institutes. The report also says that the government has also proposed the state education boards to avoid giving grace marks to students and prepare a policy for awarding grace marks.

## Assam Village Requires Transport Infrastructure Overhaul

**Guwahati, Jan. 11:** In a time when the center is focusing on developing the states in North eastern India and some policies have drawn praise, it seems the developments need to be done in a more widespread manner. While rail network is being widened in the northeastern states and new road networks are being setup, the remote parts still continue to be overlooked! Such is the case of Jogdoba, a village in Bongaigaon district of Assam. The village is yet to witness any repair or up gradation of below average road infrastructure despite pleading of the residents to the political circles. The village has plenty of greenery and wildlife is abundant too. But one look at its ramshackle bridges and pothole ridden roads and you can understand the plight of the villagers! The bridge that connects the village to the outer regions is in dire need of repair. The villagers use it despite the risk simply because they have no alternative.



The condition of the roads here is no better. In some parts, the roads have been damaged heavily by rainfall and resultant landslide and using them can be quite risky. In some parts, deep craters have formed in the roads.

The villagers have tried a lot to make their plight audible to the government so far but the help is yet to arrive. Despite a response from the Center and subsequent communications made to the PWD- the repair and revamp of village road infrastructure is yet to take place. The villagers rue that despite their efforts no change has happened. They claim no engineer or official has visited the village post 1999. Since Jogdoba is in a serene location surrounded by lush green vegetation, plenty of animals and birds can be found in the vicinity. From the golden langur to Chinese Penguin and species of wildcats- lots of animals are seen in the vicinity. The villagers say that the village was famous for a buffalo head sculpted stone which drew plenty of devotees. It also hogged headlines in the late 1990s for extremist outfit movements in the region. However, all these have not been able to salvage the situation for them. (Courtesy nelve)