



Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam inaugurating Community Hall at Changangei

## Best News Analyst award to P Ibochouba

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 22:** Chief editor of Kangla Pao Pukhrabam Ibochouba has been awarded Best News Analyst Award 2015 by the Media Incentive Thyia Home Library Trust. The award is given to the editor for their performance in the news analyses of All India Radio Imphal.

## Combing Operation Conducted

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 22:** Taking security measures ahead of the upcoming Republic Day Celebration, Imphal East and Imphal West Commandos conducted search operations at different areas of the state today morning at 4 am to 6 am.  
 Team of Imphal East Police led by Additional SP (OPS) W Singhajit conducted search operation at Nahabam Bamon leikai area. Around 250 people both male and female between the ages of 15 to 50 years were verified. 2 persons who could not produce identity proof documents were detained at Porompat Police Station for further verification.  
 On the other hand, a search operation was also conducted at Wahengbam Leikai, Imphal West under the supervision of Additional SP (OPS) O Bikramjit where around 200 people including female were verified but 5 persons have been detained for further verification.

## Myanmar to release political prisoners before power transfer

**Reuters**  
**Yangon, Jan. 22:** Myanmar's outgoing administration of President Thein Sein will free about 15 political prisoners on Friday, and may release scores more, an official from the President's Office and activists from Assistance Association for Political Prisoners told Reuters.  
 The release comes days before Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) is due to form the government following its landslide victory in the November 8 election and an appeal by the United States to release political prisoners.

## State celebrates Gaan-Ngai festival "Beautiful culture of Manipur is incomplete without Gaan Ngai"



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan. 22:** State celebrated the biggest and one of the oldest indigenous festival of Zeliangrong tribes "Gaan-Ngai" festival today at Zeliangrong inhabited villages in the state. The state level Gaan-Ngai Festival, 2016 was held at Changangei Kabui Village under Imphal West organized by Gaan-Ngai Celebration Committee under the aegis of Zeliangrong Union (AMN). Deputy CM Gaikhangam in his speech described Manipur as "land of festivals and festive". He described Manipuri culture as bouquet of colourful flowers. He said Manipuri culture will never be completed without Gaan-Ngai festival.  
 On this 2016, Gaikhangam wishes Manipur- a state without Bandh and Blockade.

"Peace and harmony be shower upon the people of Manipur" Gaikhangam said. Pou Amu Kamei, President, ZU (AMN) giving his key note of the festival said the very festival of Zeme, Liangmei, Rongmei and Inpu tribes celebrates with the spirit of welfare and unity not only among themselves but also among all communities of the state. Describing historical background of the festival Kamei said the festival is believed to be as old as human culture and particularly agricultural life. The specific tribes had been celebrating the festival as an inseparable part of their traditional and customs.  
 Minister AK Mirabai, Z. Kikhonbou Newmai, Vice Chairman, HAC, MLA TN Haokip among others took part the festival.

## Road Accident: 10 injured

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 7:** In a tragic accident between Maruti 800 and diesel auto near Taohng Lamkhai, 10 people including 2 girls have been badly injured today at around 1pm.  
 Diver of the diesel auto r/c MN01F3844, Kojenbam Rojit Kumar (28) s/o Kojenbam Tomba of Phumlou said that the Maruti 800 hit his auto when he was coming from

Imphal to Phumlou carrying the passengers where all the passengers sustained injuries.  
 Eye witness said the driver of maruti 800 seems to be in alcoholic state. Taking the charge of the locals attending the injured passengers, the drivers manage to escape the scene. The injured passengers have been admitted at RIMS casualty ward. Among the injured passengers 2 girls studying in 7 and 11 standard also sustained injuries.  
 Rojit suffered injury on his forehead and left arm while some of the passengers suffer major injuries.  
 A case has been registered by the Lamsang Police Station. The driver of the Maruti 800 is absconding while the vehicle has been picked up by police.

## Fitting tribute paid to Chingshubam Akaba on 9th Death Anniversary

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 22:** Meetei Erol Eyek Loinsillon Apunba Lup (MEELAL) and Meetei National Front (MNF) jointly observed the 9th death anniversary of Chingshubam Akaba. The main function was held at Rupmahal Theater. Rich floral tribute was paid to sacred yard of the Akaba at Wakha Leima Ching as a part of the death anniversary.  
 MLA N. Biren who graced the occasion as Chief Guest of the function said that people of the Manipur should learn to forget and forgive our past mistake. He added that the mistake of the past was due to the system of that time and not by the citizens.  
 "To unite our society we need compromised each other without any feeling of antagonism", Biren said.  
 The MLA further stated that Akaba and Shusha had given a vision to bring together all the communities of the region in one platform. He said the vision of the two leaders should be respected



by our generation. He added that Meitei should change their ego first if they truly felt that the vision of Chingshubam Akaba and Shusha be fulfilled.  
 Titular king the Manipur Leisamba Sanaioaba, Former minister RV Mingthling, Secretary of BOSEM Dr. Ch. Sarat, President of MEELAL Moirangthem Naokhamba Meetei also attended the function as president, guests of honour and special guests respectively.  
 As a part of the function, meritorious student who scored high mark in MIL in the HSLC exam of 2015 and

## Reporter found dead

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan. 22:** In a shocking incident, a staff reporter of Pandam evening daily, found dead in a rented room today morning.  
 The person is identified as Sougajam Malabi (34), son of late S Abhimanyu of Kalanga Jiribam. Malabi was found lying dead on his bed by land owner at waheng Leikai near Beigo Hotel.  
 The death body is deposited at RIMS morgue. Cause of death is not known so far however, according to land owner the dead be caused by heart attack.

## North East celebrates Magh Bihu, Makar Sankranti with gusto

**ANI**  
**Guwahati, Jan. 22:** Earlier this month, Magh Bihu and Makar Sankranti were celebrated with great gusto in Assam and Tripura. On Magh Bihu, farmers in Assam and other parts of the northeast prepare Meji, a house made of straw, and burn it during the celebration. They offer prayers to deity for a better harvest next year.

## Maoist and KCP Poirai Lup call General strike on India Republic Day

'Manipur still suppressed using draconian laws'

'India treats the people of NE as slaves'

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan. 22:** Armed group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCP-M) has called 12 hours general strike on January 26 from 5am to 5pm to boycott the Republic day celebration.  
 In a press statement signed by comrade Nonglen Meitei, Secretary, Publicity and propaganda MCP-M, the Maoist called on the people to boycott the Republic celebration. It said Manipur

was never apart of India and it was forcibly annexed against the will of the people. Since, Manipur has been annexed by Indian people have been suffering the worst form of human rights violation. It also gives example of how Th Monorama has been killed by the Indian Armed Force and how the agitation of Irom Chanu Sharmila has been suppressed by the government.

On the other hand the outfit also blamed the government over its failure to punish those responsible to the building of the two Ima Keithel which were damaged during the recent Earthquake. It said the government is playing politics with the people. It also blamed for inciting communal feeling between various communities of the state by converting the historic Thangjing to Thangting.

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan. 22:** Armed group Kangleipak Communist Party, Poirai Meitei Lup has called general strike in North East states of India on January 26 to boycott the Republic day celebration. In a press statement, Malemngamba Meitei, Publicity secy. of the outfit said that Indian has been occupying the North Eastern states of India for over 67 years and people of

the region still have to live a live which is worst than the live of a slave. The outfit said that celebrating the Republic Day celebration of India is nothing but pinching the sentiments of the people of the region who has been fighting for restoration of the lost freedom.  
 It said that the Indian agent are utilising all means to suppress the freedom struggle of the people. Extra judicial killings and fake

encounter are some of the tools utilised by the Indian Union to suppress the peoples' struggle.  
 The rebel group also term the Suspension of operation as another trap to suppress the revolutionary movement. It also added that those who are trap in the surrender policy have now become an obstacle to the freedom movement of the people.  
 The outfit appealed to stay indoor during the general strike.

## Woman entrepreneur encourages youth to become self reliant in Manipur

**ANI**  
**Imphal, Jan. 22:** Twenty-seven-year-old Nongmaithem Momita who hails from Yaiskul Chingakham Leirak is one of the Manipur's most promising entrepreneurs, and is running a food processing unit.  
 After her post graduation in commerce, she expanded her mother's business and launched 'Mom's Goo Goo Food', a food processing unit in June 2015. She employs a staff of five people and plans to further expand the business.  
 "At first my mom, dad and I were part of this business. My mom would do the cooking and my dad would help in the packaging and then I would sell it to the retailers. Now, we are able to provide employment opportunities to five to six women in our locality and there are many more who are willing to work in my unit but due to lack of funds or some other issues we cannot hire them. However, we will soon employ them and further increase the production," said Momita.  
 "When I started for the first time, this business was very small. I used to buy two to three kilos of meat and prepare it



alone. Sometimes, my husband used to help me in packaging and I would sell it only for Rs. 10 per packet. Now, we have different ranges of products because of my daughter's hard work," said Nongmaithem Luxmi, Mother of Momita.

The unit produces items like dry meat with spice, dry meat with bamboo shoot, dry meet shingju and pork meat pickle. These products are also available in the local shops.  
 "It is very good. Now we have only four items and we are planning to produce more other items. I am earning around 6000- 7000 per month. Before I used to depend on my husband but now I have my own income so I manage my own expenditure and other household requirements," said Chongtham Ongbi Sunita, a staff  
 "If we produce more products and improve the quality then there is a chance that we can export. The food quality is very good and it's very hygienic. We have not registered any complaint about the product," said Pholendro, a retailer customer.  
 The Centre's 'Skill India' initiative will motivate more women entrepreneurs from the northeast to start new ventures.  
 It will also help boost the economy and generate more employment opportunities.