



Maj. Gen. P.N. Rao, GOC 57 Mountain Div. calls on Chief Minister Manipur to day 10.30am

Rifleman fired CO at Sendra 6th AR post

IT News
Imphal, Dec 8: Laishram Rakesh of Yairipok who was a rifleman cum a cook at 6th AR post fired three rounds to his CO Niraz Kumar at around 6am today. It was still unknown whether the firing was carried out intentionally or accidentally. The CO was seriously hurt at his right hand and right leg. Detail is awaiting.

Bomb attack to doctor's residence

IT News
Imphal, Jan 8: Unknown miscreants had blasted a Chinese hand grenade at the residence of Dr. Chanam Manglem Singh at his residence at Khongman Zone II at around 11.30 pm yesterday. The grenade (as according to police) probably hurtled from outside the residential complex landed and blast inside the premises of the residence and blasted causing destruction to some of the building structure, but there were no human casualties. Police team who rushed the spot after the blast found a threat note pasted at the gate of the doctor's residence which stated that the attack was the last warning to the doctor for his stand against their party. The note also asked the doctor to contact them at the earliest possible time. Protesting the attack large number of people today staged a sit-in-protest at Khongman Zone II. Placards with slogans defying the blast attack were also placed. Talking to reporters, Dr. Manglem, retired HOD of Gynae deptt. RIMS, now absorb at JNIMS as contract professor said that he had not received any threats from any of the underground organizations or individuals. He however said that some months back an unidentified persons came to his home in a suspicious manner and asked him as he was not at home a lady had told him to meet later. The name of the outfit is also mentioned to the threat note pasted at the gate of the doctor's residence but as according to local code of ethics formulated by the Editor's Guild, Imphal Times is not publishing its name.

Javadekar moots alternative arrangement for those living on Forest Products

IT News
Imphal, Jan 8: Union minister of state, in charge of environment forest and climate change, Prakash Javadekar today arrived in the state and met the officials of the State Forest Department to discuss the present problem face by the department functionaries in protecting the forest area of the state. Tribal leaders who also settled in the hills and forest areas had also been invited to interact with the Union Minister. The union minister said that if the insurgency problem of state is come to an end and peace returned then Manipur will attract not only Indian tourist but also tourists from outside the country. "Manipur can be the best tourist destination", said Javadekar. He further added that Manipur is among the few state of the country that increase forest



cover area every year. "Credit for protecting the forest goes 75% to the people of the state and 25% goes to the department officer", he said. Showing serious concern over the practice of Jhum Cultivation, the Union Minister of state said that central government is finding an alternative livelihood for the people so that forest area can be kept intact. Forest and Environment Minister, Th Devendra who also present during the occasion said that people of

the hill mostly depend their livelihood on the forest product and state government is also planning for alternative arrangement for the livelihood of those who depend on the forest products. He expresses his desire to have Forest Protection force to protect and preserved the forest area. During the interaction the tribal leaders welcome the idea of arranging alternative means for livelihood to stop depending on forest product.

Javadekar expresses surprise over the damage of 5 years old Khwairamband Ima Keithel

IT News
Imphal, Jan 8: Union Minister of State, in charge Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar today expressed surprised seeing the damage cause at Khwairamband Ima Market which is hardly 5 years old when those building which are over 60 years old remained intact during the recent 6.8 magnitude earthquake of January 4. Speaking to the media persons at Khwairamband Keithel, Prakash Javadekar said that the main reason for his visit was to inspect the 2 Khairamband Ima Market buildings which had been affected during the recent tremor. After assessing the damage portion, a report will be made to the concern ministry in the center and will even appeal to the Prime Minister to look into the matter of the Ima Market, Prakash Javadekar asserted. On the other hand, women



vendors of the Khwairamband Ima market has urged the Minister to construct a new building instead of repairing the present building which has been severely damage during

the recent tremor. Meanwhile, Th Chaoba appealed the women vendors to submit their memorandum at the office of the BJP Pradesh Manipur, today.

3 Hang in Bangladesh

ANI
Dhaka, Jan.8: Three killers have been executed last night at Jessore Central Jail for killing Jatuya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) leader Kazi Aref Ahmed. Kazi Aref, a liberation war organizer, along with four Kushiya JSD unit men was killed by trio after a rally at Kalidaspur on February 16, 1999, reported The Daily Star.

The convicts shot the JSD leader several times after he had finished his speech at the rally. The trio was top cadres of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Laltu). The sources reported that Aref's widow, Rawsan Jahan Sathi wished to see the execution of all convicts, awarded the death penalty for her husband's murder.

Manipur Govt. website down indefinitely

IT News
Imphal, Jan. 8: After the 4th January 6.8 Magnitude earthquake, the official website of Manipur Government has been down and people are unable to visit the site. It has been more than 4 days since the earthquake struck Manipur and from that day, the official website of Manipur which is used for publishing all announcements; information

etc relating to Manipur Government has been down. It is learn that the said website is hosted by Manipur Data Centers located at NIC Building, New Secretariat. There may be some technical snag in the Data Centers due to the earthquake but the question arises, is there any Disaster Recovery Plan or plan B when such natural disaster occurs? It may be term as negligence

in the part of the people handling Manipur Data Centers for such natural disaster. Mentioned may be made that Manipur falls in high Seismic Zone-V of India and keeping this in view, MDCs should have prepared for such disasters. A website and that too a Government official website being down for more than 4 days is way too much and that too during times of disaster.

LPG consumer are covered a sum of rupees 50 lakhs under LPG Accident insurance

IT News
Imphal, Dec 8: 99% LPG Consumers are not still aware that they and their family members are covered under LPG Accident insurance. RTI activist from Puri alleged that Petroleum Ministry tried its level best to hide this information. In an email forwarded to Imphal Times Jayanta Kumar

Das, an RTI activist base at Puri said that he had registered complaint in public Grievances and in Secretariat of President and now the ministry is compelled to post about the insurance details in its website. "As people are not aware they could not be able to claim insurance benefits hence I have search the LPG Blast

related news in internet and have filed around 70 cases in NHRC to give them reliefs and NHRC has served notice on the Petroleum Ministry in all most all the cases". Jayanta Kumar writes. "We are covered with Rs 50, 00, 000 under insurance so-motto the moment we become an LPG consumer," he added.

Cotton College Lecturer Murdered

Guwahati, Jan. 8: In yet another shameful case of crime against women, Belgil Sultana Khanom, Lecturer of the Education Department in Cotton College was murdered by her husband, Imdadul Hussain. On Thursday night, the body of Khanom was found lying

in a pool of blood at Chowkitoip in Nagaon. According to the police, "The deceased, was attacked with sharp weapons by her husband". "The murderer later surrendered at the Nagaon (Sardar) police station," police informed. "The

murderer is in our custody now, however the actual reason behind the heinous crimes is yet to be ascertained". Meanwhile, family members and locals have 4 alleged that the couple often fought over petty issues which could have escalated out of control.

MUSU locks VC, A-Block and Dean of Social Science office room

IT News
Imphal, Jan.8: Students of Manipur University under the aegis of the Manipur

University Students' Union today locked the office rooms of the Vice Chancellor of the Manipur University, A-Block and office room of the Dean of Social Science over failure to clarify on the difference between Master of Education and MA in Education. Earlier, the students had staged a sit-in-protest at MU complex demanding a clarification and submitted memorandum to the MU authority to clarify the matter by December 31.

Handicraft Exhibition

IT News
Imphal, Jan 8: 10th Apex Craft Bazar 2016, a Handicraft Exhibition, is going to organize at the Social Upliftment Organisation Complex, Singjamei Bazar, Imphal West Manipur from 9th to 18th January 2016. The said Craft Bazar is being sponsored by The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts, New.

Imphal Times will not have its publication on January 9, 2016, as the evening daily is celebrating its 3rd Foundation Day at Manipur Press Club

CADA Charangpat Unit reform

IT News
Imphal, Jan 8: Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) reform its unit of Charangpat Mayai Leikai today by electing 11 new office bearers. Advocate Y. Ratankumar President of CADA, Mayenglam Budhi President of Thoubal District committee and Hijam Priyokumar Vice President of CADA attended the occasion as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively. The 11 newly elected office bear of CADA Charangpat unit are including Sagolsheh (o) Brajamani, Pukhrabam Dhanjit, Sorokhaibam (o) Bala were elected as President, general secretary and secretary finance respectively.

Data on more than 55 Lakhs Artists Collected for Cultural Mapping of India

PTB
New Delhi, Jan. 8: The project of 'Cultural Mapping of India' under which data of artists shall be collected, has been initiated by the Ministry of Culture in order to carry out a survey on Cultural Topography of the country. A number of meetings of experts has been held since 15th May, 2015 in order to conceptualize the project. The work of entry of data of artists has been assigned to Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), New Delhi. So far Data on more than 55 lakhs artists has been collected. Ministry is also taking the help of State Governments and other organizations to collect the data of artists. Under this scheme, a Web Portal would be developed through National Informatics Centre (NIC) for collection

of data directly from artistes online for cultural mapping, which will serve as an Artist Repository and which can be used in future for the purpose of providing grant-in aid under various cultural schemes administered by this Ministry. In order to generate fund and to run the Mission, a Draft Mission Document has been prepared by a Sub-Committee of Experts constituted for this purpose. Once the mission document of Cultural Mapping of India gets finalized, this will be sent for consultation to NITI Aayog and other Ministries. The mandate of Ministry of Culture is to preserve, promote, explore and share India's culture and heritage along with its ethos and values for the benefit of mankind. In pursuance of this vision, among others, Ministry has

been administering a few finance-based schemes to identify, nurture hand-hold and train the upcoming and budding artistes on a sustained basis. This is carried out by way of grant of scholarships, fellowships, pensions, and other forms of grants/assistance. With a view to reach every nook and corner throughout the length and breadth of the country; there is a need to have data-base of such art forms and artists, which we refer to as cultural mapping". This could consolidate the data at one place in a systematic manner and help us to streamline and rationalize various financial grant schemes being implemented by the Ministry for artists and cultural organizations, and ensure effectiveness, transparency and value for money.