

## KYKL (MDF) cadre held

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3:** One member of the proscribed group KYKL (MDF) was apprehended by Bishenpur CDO team during a routine checking of vehicles at Maibam Lokpa Ching at around 6pm of July 2, 2016. The apprehended person has been identified as Khyiam Ibomcha @ Lamyamba @ Khangamba @ Amuba (39), S/o (L) Yaima Singh of Moirang Pandong. One mobile handset along with one SIM has been recovered from his possession.

## Hatta-JNIMS road closed

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3:** Locals of Eastern Educational Club and Citizens' Club of Soibam Leikai blocked the road stretch from Hatta Golapati to JNIMS today protesting the non-maintenance of the road for a long time despite repeated complaints and requests. According to a protestor, the road will remain closed until concern department look into the matter and take up necessary steps.

## 'Purification of Puya needed'

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3:** With the explosion of different versions of Puya in recent years, Dr Sagolsem Lanchenba Meitei, National Academy Awardee has stated that there is a need for "purification" of Puya to authenticate the chronological book of Manipur. Lanchenba, made the remark while addressing a gathering at the book release function today at Manipur Press Club. After the Puyas were burnt in a bid to exterminate its existence, many Puya authors have emerged in the scene with different versions of the important book, said Lanchenba. Many Phamang Puya (modern Puya) are available at the market. But we now have to ask ourselves whether all the historical documents written in Meitei/Meitei script are to be considered as Puya?

## JAC formed, serves ultimatum to punish culprit

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3:** In connection with the death of Md Abir Khan alias Alu (35) of Thoubal Moijing, locals of Thoubal Moijing and Changamdabi have convened a meeting at the residence of Md Kamasuddin, ex-pradhan of Thoubal Changamdabi Makha Leikai today morning. During the meeting a Joint Action Committee against the Killing of Abir Khan has been

constituted along with 7-members with Md Fajur Rahman as President. It also demanded the state government to find out the perpetrators of the crime and punished as per the law of the land within 7 of this month. The JAC would not claim the dead body of Abir Khan till the concerned authority failed to fulfil the demands of the JAC, said President of the newly formed Committee.

## UCM calls for unity on 16<sup>th</sup> foundation day

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, June 3:** United Committee Manipur (UCM) marked its 16<sup>th</sup> foundation day today at its Lamphel office. Elangbam Johnson, President of UCM; Kh Chingkei, President of IPISA; S Ratanakumar, President of UPF; Medum Maring, President of NIPCO; Ph Sakhli Leima, President of AMKIL; Yunnamcha Dilipkumar, President of PANDM; Ksh Somorendro, President of ACOAM-Lup and Y Leirikleima, President of KANGLAMEI presided over the function as presidium members. Addressing the gathering,

Johnson said that the framework agreement between the NSCN (IM) and Central Government which was signed on 3 August, 2015 has been carried out hurriedly without any materials inside considering the health condition of late Chairman of NSCN (IM) Isak Chishi Swu. Till today, the Central government has not revealed the details of the framework agreement. The Central government could not bypass the Manipur Government for signing an important agreement with NSCN (IM). In consultation with scholars and intellectuals, UCM has submitted a six-point declaration specifying the actual territorial boundaries of the state of Manipur to the central government, he added. UCM has also proposed for a talk with Central government in this effect. However, no response has been received from the side of the Centre so far.

The President of UCM also appealed all to work together and unite as a single force in the ongoing movement for the implementation of Inner Line Permit System in Manipur. The anti-ILPS campaigners, who have been staging protest demonstrations at the national capital must stop portraying Manipur in a bad light while threatening the communal harmony of the people of Manipur. Demand for ILP is attainable; but lack of co-operation among the different communities has been posing an impediment in achieving the people's will to implement a permit system to protect the ethnic people and regulate the alarming influx in Manipur.

He appealed all to maintain peace and harmony in the state and stop playing politics out of communal dissonance, ascribing the present situation of Nungei to the failure of the state government to act on time, adding that the persons initiating the confrontation should be sought out and given due punishment as per the law of the land while lamenting the fact that the issues plaguing the society has increased in intensity and seriousness over the years and should be solved with the cooperation and support from all quarters and communities unitedly. Former UCM President and present President of PANDM Yunnamcha Dilipkumar said that the uncharacteristic silence of the state government is most unfortunate and that the feeble acceptance of the state government on the claims of territories by different tribal groups of the state is unfortunate and should be prevented.

## 55 working days lost this year till June in Manipur

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3:** Stricken by frequent bandh, general strikes and other forms of protest demonstration, the State of Manipur has lost 55 days out of the 277 working hours available in the year 2016. According to a statistics provided by independent researcher Serto Tondana Kom of Hermontala, the state government employees enjoy 89 holidays including 12 second Saturdays, 25 General Holidays and 52 Sundays this year. If the holidays were taken away they have 277 working

days. In time the available working hour is 6648 (5 hours a day x 277 available working days) in 2016. However due to bandh, general strikes and other forms of protest demonstration government offices were closed on different counts; altogether 55 working days were lost till the month of January to June 2016. In the case of Central government-run offices, the employees have 253 working days. However, in time the available working hour is around 6072 (8 hours a day x 253 available working days) in

this year. Altogether 53 working days were losing from Central government employees till the month of January to June 2016. During the stipulated period, the state government employees have 82 working days while Central government employees have 135 working days. Highlighting all these statistics, the researcher also has drawn the attention of the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur to look into the abject difference of available working hours between state and Central government employees.

**ON INNER LINE PERMIT DEMAND**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-committee meeting for Hydrocarbon vision 2030 for North East India on 7 July

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-committee meeting of Hydrocarbon vision 2030 for North East India has been scheduled on July 7 at Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) office at the national capital. The meeting is to discuss and deliberate on Gas pipeline and related issues. Hydrocarbon vision 2030 for North-East India is a plan released by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, on 9 February 2016 to empower the hydrocarbon sector for development of the North-East region covering the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya,

Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. The purpose of the vision document is to plan and prepare a roadmap for the next decades and a-half to enhance the Oil and Gas production in the North-East-Region of India; to outline and put in the required investment in hydrocarbon sector in the region to enhance exploration activities; and to expand the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network and secure the availability of petroleum products, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the remotest corners of the North-East region. The vision also focuses on other areas including exploring

hydrocarbon linkages and trade opportunities with neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal and Bhutan. As part of the plan, a pipeline connecting Sitwe (Myanmar) – Silchar – Imphal has been envisaged (subject to availability of Gas from Myanmar) which will be implemented in the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase for which a timeframe has not yet been prepared. The success and timely implementation of the proposal will largely depend on availability of statutory permissions such as Forest, Environment Clearance, Wildlife Sanctuaries etc. which are pre-requisites.

## AMWJU felicitates Director of DIPR

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 3:** The All Manipur Working Journalist Union organized felicitation programme of Shri Meghachandra Kongbam on his appointment as the Director of IPR today at Manipur Press Club. The members of AMWJU and Correspondents of National Papers thank the Director for taking initiatives for the welfare of media persons and for daily dissemination of news to media regarding Departmental's welfare schemes for the masses and achievements of the Government and also bridging the gap between DIPR and media. The AMWJU further praised the Director for maximum output of work with a minimum staff. Shri Meghachandra Kongbam thanked the organizers of the



programme and said that since the beginning of his career he has a long association of the Union even though he is not a member and further said that democracy cannot be full-fledged without media since media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Manipur being a complex state, inhabited by different communities with their own dialect, it is the role/

job of DIPR to make awareness of the of the Government schemes and news to people of interior areas so that they can say they are all manipuris. The programme was attended by Shri N. Tombiraj Singh as Chief Guest and Shri W. Shamjai as President and staff of DIPR and most of media fraternity also attended the programme.

## Shija celebrates 31<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 3, 2016:** As part of its 31<sup>st</sup> foundation day, a mega free health camp was held today at Shija Hospitals, Langol, Imphal West. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of this 31 years journey, Dr. Kh. Palin, CMD, Shija Hospitals shared a recollection of Shija's journey so far. From a mono practice at Paona Bazar attached to a small pharmacy in 1985, Shija

Hospitals today is a 200 bedded professionally managed super-specialty hospital at eco friendly healing location Langol with 763 dedicated staff including specialists and super specialists. Eastern India's pioneer and leading brand in Key Hole surgery has been providing total stone solutions under one roof. Guinness World Record for removal of the largest neck tumour in the world, first to start Key Hole/Endoscopic surgery in Manipur, first to install Bronchoscopy, Video Endoscopy, ERCP in Manipur, first to perform spinal cord tumour removal, cerebral vascular clipping in Manipur, first to re-implant amputated hand in NE India, licensed for kidney and cornea transplantation, first to introduce interventional radiology in Manipur are some of the medical feats of this first ISO 9001:2008 certified hospital in the state. Shija Blood Bank and Transfusion Services is the first NABH accredited blood bank with NAT facility in Eastern India and Shija Clinical Laboratory is the first NABL accredited hospital based laboratory in Manipur. More than 3500 cleft lip and palate, 9000 cataract surgeries have been performed free of cost

along with regular free health camps as part of its social service program. Shija today has become a teaching institution by providing 3 years post graduate DNB courses in four departments, nursing and paramedical courses as well. Shija is recognized as a partner hospital by Smile Train Inc., USA, Common Bio Medical Treatment Facility by MPCB, referral centre for neurosurgery by the Govt. of Manipur. Shija Eye Care Foundation which is at par with other leading eye care destinations in the country has six full time ophthalmologists, 50 supporting staff and is mentored by Aravind Eye Care Systems, Madurai. Shija is empanelled by 3 State Governments (Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram), 16 Central Govt. organizations, 2 International NGOs, 20 TPAs and Insurance Companies. The emergency and trauma department functions 24x7 with 32 critical care beds. Altogether 328 patients were screened during the camp in various departments like Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, Dental, ENT, Eye, Gynaec, Ortho, Paediatrics, Plastic Surgery, Medicine, Nephrology, General Surgery and Urology.

## State Level Sensitization programme on PC& PNDT held

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 3:** Family Welfare Services in collaboration with State Health Society, Manipur organized State level sensitization programme on PC & PNDT (Pre Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques) today at Lamyamba Sanglen, Palace Compound Imphal. In the programme, Minister Health and family Welfare Services Manipur Shri D. Korunghang; Director State Health Society, Manipur Dr. O. Ibomcha Singh; Director Family Welfare Services Dr. K. Rajo Singh; Director Ayush Dr. K. Lokendro and



Managing Director MMCH, Manipur Dr. K.T. Singh were participated as Chief Guest, President and Guests of Honour respectively. In his speech Minister D.

Korunghang appealed all have to try to think that boys and girls have equal importance in the society. Whether it's a boy or a girl but the value of a soul is same. It

will not be wronged to say that due to suppress of women's caliber and potentials, the society seems to be lacking lack in development of the women. If the trend of killing female fetuses due to the fear of dowry goes on, then who knows there might come a time for a slogan: save the boy child instead of save the girl child, the minister added. Dr. O. Ibomcha Singh said that the PC & PNDT implemented in the year 1994 through out India but seeing the number of child sex ratio is not so effective. So, it's better to find out the cause ie restriction to

dowry and giving incentive for atleast Rs. one lakh to mothers whenever they deliver a girl child in hospital. It is calculated that in every year, there will be 40,000 children will be born in the State and out of it, 20,000 girl child will be there. It's a matter of 20 crore only in a year, the Director told. It is worth to note that PC & PNDT is an Act of the Parliament of India. The act banned sex determination. Sex ratio use to describe the number of females per 1000 males. According to 2011 Census, India's sex ratio is 940 whereas for Manipur, it is 985, he added.