

CM greets people of the state on Id-Ul-Fitr

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Chief Minister of Manipur O Ibobi extends warm wishes to the people of the state especially the Muslims on the joyous occasion of Id-Ul-Fitr. Terming the festival which marks the culmination of Ramzan the holy month of fasting as one that highlights the spirit of sacrifice and the joy of sharing while reflecting the true spirit of our composite culture, Ibobi wishes the noble ideas of the festival to enrich everyone and unite all in the spirit of humanity. Meanwhile, GOC, Red Shield Division and Coalition Against Drug & Alcohol (CADA) also greets the people of Manipur on the occasion of Id-Ul-Fitr and extends wish for a peaceful and harmonious future in the state.

Commander-in-chief of Hmar National Army (HNA) shot dead

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Self-styled 'Commander-in-Chief' of a hill-based militant outfit Hmar National Army (HNA) was shot dead allegedly by unknown miscreants at his residence in Churachandpur during the wee hours today at around 1 am. The deceased has been identified as Lalthangsang Hmar (aged 55 yrs) s/o Late Khamillian Hmar of Selmait Village of Churachandpur district. Lalthangsang was shot to dead at his current residence, Hmar Veng village in Lamka under Churachandpur district. Lalthangsang was the current president cum Commander-in-Chief of the militant outfit Hmar National Army (HNA), report said.

KTU condoles death of Naga Leader Isak Chisi Swu

IT News
Imphal, July 5: LH Paohao, President, KTU, NSCN/GRN today condoned the death of Isak Chisi Swu, Chairman (NSCN-IM) stating that the KUKI TRIBAL UNION (KTU) NSCN/FRN share the heartfelt grief and sorrow with all the Naga people. Terming the deceased leader as a God fearing and peace loving person, wished his dream of fraternal and harmonious life will soon be realized.

DESAM demands CSOs, UG groups to stop disturbing educational atmosphere

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) has observed 'disturbance free education zone demand day' today at different locations across the state. The main observance was held at Thoubal College, Thoubal with Keisham Meghachandra Singh, Parliamentary Secretary; Moirangthem Angamba Meitei, President of DESAM Head Office; Mayengbam Manilal Singh, ZEO/DPO Zone III Thoubal; Ksh Shamu Singh, ZEO Kakching Block; Dr Kharibam Meinodas Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Thoubal College and others as chief guest, president and guests of honour respectively. Addressing at the gathering, Angamba said that the student

body has been observing the disturbance free education zone demand day campaign since the year 2008. This year the day is being observed under the theme 'stop politics in education' across the state. He also observed that the deteriorating situation of education system in the state is due to the meanness of civil society organizations and utilizing students as tool to achieve their demand. On top of it, monetary demand by armed outfits also largely affected to the effort of bringing quality education. While the government is playing politics out of the wrong doings of the CSOs and armed outfits. This led to failure of implementing education policy. If all these unwanted interferences have been stopped, the education

system in the state could be restoring and pave a way to bring quality education, Angamba said. He also appealed the CSOs and underground groups not to disturb the educational atmosphere in the state and make possible effort to concentrate students in their study. The observance was also marked at Multipurpose Hall of DM College here with J Joy, Secretary General of All Manipur Registered Private School Welfare Association; Salam Yaima Singh, Vice-Principal, DAV Public School, Sangakpam; Nameirakpam Edison Meitei, Secretary General, DESAM Head office, Professor, Ch Ibohah, Director of Center for Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, Manipur University and others as presidium members.

Veterinary Department highlights achievements and challenges

IT News
Imphal, July 5: The annual requirement of eggs in the state is 40 crore, however the production capacity of the state at present is only 11 crore while the deficit 29 crore were imported, an official of the Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry disclosed today during the media interaction program held at DIPR. The official further said that the shortage of the annual requirement is due to the constraint of poultry feed as the price of the product of vegetable required to prepare feed in the poultry farm are high compounded by the

displacement of Central Poultry Farm of Matripukhri due to the ongoing construction works of secretariat complex. The official further said that the duty of Department of Veterinary and A.H. is to provide treatment to injured animals and birds however the department cannot provide treatment without the consent of the owners as it is possible to attract legal complications if the owners lodged complaints. They further explain that there are two check points of poultry products which are brought in through Mao and

Moreh. However the department has not been able to properly check the poultry products which come from Moreh due to lack of proper international border fencing. The official also stated that the department has taken up 55 veterinary hospitals including 9 district veterinary hospitals, 109 Vety. Dispensaries and 34 veterinary aid centres and to have facilitated animal aids at door steps and the department has procured and distributed 9 ambulance vehicles and 15 motor bikes to all the districts and sub divisional veterinary hospitals.

JAC appeals Ratan to offer tribute

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Joint Action Committee Against the 'Wanted' tag on JCILPS Leader Khomdran Ratan, Singjamei Wangma Imphal together with JCILPS has demanded the state

government to allow former JCILPS leader Ratan to offer floral tribute on the occasion of Sapatm Robinhood's first death anniversary to be held on 8-7-2016. In a press meet, Spokesperson

of the JAC, Th Dara Singh said that the state government must allow Ratan, who has been declared as wanted, to offer even a single petal of flower to the departed soul of Sapatm Robinhood.

Maoist alleges Aircel of compromising privacy of customer

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Banned armed group, Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has alleged cellular mobile phone service provider, Aircel of joining hands with security forces in the counter insurgency operation. In a statement, Nonglen Meitei, Secretary Publicity and Propaganda of the outfit, said that officials of Aircel company at its Babupara head office are giving out privacy data regarding phone call conversations, locations and messages of its subscribers in exchange for money to security forces. Aircel give away any kind of privacy sought by security forces even by a constable of Manipur Police. With these data provided by Aircel, security forces are able to calculate the location of leaders of armed insurgent outfit. Selling of data

to security forces is a threat to all, Nonglen said. While asking Aircel authority to stop phone/wire tapping, selling of cellular data of its subscribers in Manipur,

Nonglen also warned the official concern to seek public apology within a week's time. Else the party would boycott the cellular company in the Manipur, the release added.

17 new faces in Modi Govt; Javedekar elevated to cabinet rank

PTI
New Delhi, July 5: 17 new faces including BJP leaders S S Ahluwalia, and M J Akbar and allies Anupriya Patel of Apna Dal and Ramdas Athawale of RPI were today elected along with two old hands Vijay Goel and Faggan Kulaste into the Modi government in expansion and reshuffle in which five were dropped and Environment Minister Prakash Javedekar was elevated to the Cabinet. The second exercise by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in

little more than two years since he took over in May 2014 saw a number a dalit and OBC leaders being given ministerial positions done apparently with an eye on assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhnad next year and Gujarat later. Javedekar, who held independent charge of Environment, was the lone minister to be promoted to the cabinet rank while all new inductees took oath as Ministers of State. Earlier, there was speculation that

Prahlad Patel to finalises state BJP executive committee members

IT News
Imphal, July 7: In-charge (Prabhari) of Manipur Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party, Prahlad Singh Patel has arrived at the state capital here today. According to source from the party's insider, it has been informed that the state in-charge is visiting on a two-day's official tour to look into the issue regarding nomination of State Executive members. During his stay in the city, Prahlad, who is also Member of Parliament of Damoh

Lok Sabha Constituency in Madhya Pradesh, would convene close door meeting with state leaderships including, President of BJP Manipur, K Bhanaband Singh; Convener of Election Committee, Th Chaoba and other. In consultation with the state party bosses the visiting BJP leader is likely to prepare a new list of BJP Manipur Pradesh Executive Committee. The source also added that the list would be sent to BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of Northeast

states, Ram Madhav and other concerned high level authority of the party for their approval. It may be recalled that President of Manipur Pradesh BJP has nominated 58 names to the executive committee on June 23, 2016. However, issues has been cropped up after some of the party men outburst their reservations against the order, which was made by the President in exercise of the power conferred upon him under Article XVII of State Executive Classes.

JAC submitted memorandum to CM

IT News
Imphal, July 5: Members of JAC formed against the brutal killing of Md Abdul @ Rahman have met Chief Minister of Manipur today afternoon around 2pm and submitted memorandum regarding the death of Md Abdul. In the memorandum, the JAC demands the state government and concern department to apprehend the culprits

responsible for the death of Md Abdul @ Rahman within 12 hours, to search for the hideout of a four wheeler vehicle Honda Fortex with registration plate number starting with MN 05 as per some witnesses and to recover the moneybag, ATM card, service card with cash of Rs 9500 which went missing from the deceased. Failure to fulfill their

demands, JAC will not take the dead body of Md Abdul @Rahman. Md Abdul @ Rahman (45) s/o Md Habijudin of Thoubal Moijing Wangma Taba Chingya Leikai was declared brought-dead at the hospital after being found by family members at his residence gate in brutally assaulted condition in the wee hours of July 1 around 1:45 am.

PCI team interacts with high level govt officials

IT News
Imphal, July 5: The visiting members of Press Commission of India held an interactive session with Manipur Chief Secretary O Nabakishore Singh IAS; Dr Suresh Babu (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary (Home) and LM Khaute (IPS), Director General of Manipur Police today. During the meeting, the

members of the committee and officials of state government talked about the Catch 22 situation which the media persons are facing in the state. The team also later met representatives of the National Investigation Agency- the group that had sent Meghen and his associates of the UNLF to jail,

according to report. The NIA team was almost apologetic in their approach and they had confirmed that two of the four newspapers of Manipur they had served notices with to disclose their source of information relating to the news report on the ambush by the Corcom recently on the Assam Rifles, added the source.

SC refers to another bench plea against NEET Ordinance

PTI
New Delhi, July 5: The Supreme Court on Monday referred to another bench a plea seeking to quash of a recently promulgated ordinance which allows states to continue with their separate entrance tests for MBBS and BDS courses, besides uniform medical entrance test NEET for the academic year 2016-17. "This (plea) will go to the bench (headed by Justice AR Dave) which is hearing the related matter," a bench comprising Chief Justice TS Thakur and Justice DY Chandrachud said. The plea was filed in May end by Indore-based doctor Anand Rai who also claims to be a whistleblower in the Vyapam scam.

Besides seeking quashing of the ordinance which got Presidential assent on May 24, the plea has also sought a stay on its operation as an interim relief. Referring to Centre's stand to support the single-window National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) for admissions, the plea said the government has now taken a "complete U-turn" which shows "malafides and ill intent towards the process of admission of students who shall suffer the most". "The normal democratic legislative process involves the people's representatives in the two Houses openly enacting a law after full consideration and discussion, an ordinance seeks to

circumvent this procedure for it is drafted secretly in government chambers and is promulgated without an open discussion and hence it becomes even more pertinent that the ordinance-making power is not invoked lightly but only when absolutely necessary to do so, and the situation cannot be otherwise met effectively," it said. "The present ordinance is a completely contradictory stand by the respondent (Centre) within a span of 4 weeks, this is also a belated stage as the examination itself is to be scheduled within the next 8 weeks as per the Schedule given by the Respondent Union itself and the discriminating ordinance further creates confusion amongst students."

Power Minister Piyush Goel and Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will be elevated to the Cabinet. Ajay Tamta (Uttarakhand), Arjun Ram Meghwal (Rajasthan), Krishna Raj (UP), Athawale (Maharashtra), Ramesh C Jigajinagi (Karnataka) were among the dalit MPs administered the oath of Office and Secrecy by President Pranab Mukherjee at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhawan attended by Vice-President Hamid Ansari, Modi, his cabinet colleagues,

BJP President Amit Shah and leaders allied parties among others. No Congress leader was present. Others who were inducted included PP Chaudhary, C R Chaudhary (Rajasthan), A M Dave, Faggan Singh Kulaste (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendra Nath Pandey (UP), Purshotam Rupala, J Bhabhor and Mansukhbhai Mandaviya (Gujarat), Rajen Gohain (Assam) and S R Bhamre (Maharashtra). Akbar was elected recently to Rajya Sabha from Madhya

Pradesh while Goel represents Rajasthan in the Upper House. Ahluwalia was elected to Lok Sabha from Darjiling while Anupriya Patel was elected from Mirzapur in UP. Those dropped from the ministry are Nihalchand, Ram Shankar Katheria, Sanwar Lal Jat, Manuskhbhai D Vasava and M K Kundiariya. All barring Goel and Faggan Kulaste are new faces while a few have been ministers in BJP-ruled state governments.