

1st Lamjing Meira (Sapam Robinhood) Ningsing Numit

IT News
Imphal, July 8: With the renaming of Awa Ching as Lamjing Meira Ching, the 1st Lamjing Meira Ningsing Numit of Sapam Robinhood who laid down his life in the hands of State Police during the protest for implementation of Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) in the state has been observed at his memorial complex built at Awa Ching, Imphal East today. A large number of Meira Paibis, students, representatives of student bodies and other organisations paid floral tributes and observed two minutes silence during the '1st Lamjing Meira Ningsing



Numit', organised by Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS), Manipur. A public meeting was also held with representatives of JCILPS, various clubs, social organisations, Meira Paibis as presidium members during the observance function during which the implications of prolonged agitations for implementation of ILPS in Manipur and the problems being faced by the people were discussed. In his speech, JCILPS convener in-charge BK Moirangcha said that the sacrifice made by Robinhood is not to be forgotten. Though the construction of the memorial complex of Robinhood is not fully completed this year, it will be continued in phased manner

to complete at the earliest. Being the burial site of Sapam Robinhood, Awa Ching will be known as Lamjing Meira Ching from today onwards, he declared. Saying that there is no let-up in pro-ILPS protest, BK Moirangcha said that the JCILPS will resume agitation after the observance of Robinhood's death anniversary. The JCILPS will mainly focus on its demand for passing of a fresh Bill for the safeguard of indigenous people of the State in the State Assembly session which is slated to be held within this month, Moirangcha said. JCILPS will submit a memorandum along with a proposed draft Bill to the Govt at the earliest, he added. It may be mentioned that

Sapam Robinhood, a student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School was killed in a pro-ILPS agitation on July 8 last year at Hatta Minuthong when police opened tear gas shells and mock bombs to disperse student protesters. A large number of people from various parts of the state also came to pay their respect and offered floral tributes to the photograph of Robinhood who has been conferred the title 'Lamjing Meira' at his memorial complex at Awa Ching. A torch will be lighted at Awa Ching and Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School in the evening along with lighting of memorial lamps by the people of the state at their respective compounds in the night.

SC calls for probe into 1,528 alleged fake encounters by Army in Manipur

ANI
New Delhi, July 8: The Supreme Court on Friday called for an investigation into the alleged 1528 judicial killings by the Army and other security forces in Manipur. The Apex Court also said that the Army can conduct its own inquiries into accusations of these extra judicial killing till the court examines. The petitioners have alleged the security forces escaped action because they operated under the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. The law makes it mandatory for the local police to take Centre's permission before initiating prosecution against erring security personnel. Meanwhile the court also agreed to examine National Human Right Commission's complaint that it has become a 'toothless tiger' and it needs more powers. Advocate Menaka Guru, who



assisted the bench, argued strongly in favour of the petitioners - human rights organisations - and referred to a court-appointed panel in support of her arguments. The committee, set up by the court in 2013, probed six such encounters in which seven people were killed. In its preliminary findings, the panel said all the six encounters were staged-managed. Guru said since most of the encounters had taken place several years ago, court martial proceedings could not be

conducted in these cases. Section 125 of the Army Act has fixed a limitation period of three years, beyond which a case becomes time-barred and no prosecution can be initiated. Earlier, the Centre defended the killings, arguing they were "part of the sovereign function discharged by the Union of India through the army". The security forces and the Centre have been asserting that the encounters were genuine and the security personnel allegedly involved can't be prosecuted.

Cabinet meeting underway

IT News
Imphal, July 8: Chief Minister has convened a meeting of State Cabinet today at his Cabinet Hall at 3pm. During the meeting, the Cabinet discussed on 10 agenda viz Establishment of Family Court under 14 FC; Direct purchase of land from willing pattadhars for establishment to Manipur Judicial Academy; Continuation of engagement of 3 (three) Courts Managers on contract basis in the High Court of Manipur; Direct Recruitment in relaxation of ban in Agriculture Department; Direct Recruitment in relaxation of ban in Social Welfare Department; Direct Recruitment in relaxation of ban in Sericulture Department; Creation of 523 new posts in different categories of 28 newly created Block Officers in Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Development; Direct Recruitment in relaxation of ban in Forest and Environment; Direct Recruitment in relaxation of ban in Corporation department and Committee of the Government of Manipur to Loktak Downstream Hydroelectric Project after revision of cost.

Volleyball match at Lamdangmei

PIB DEFENCE
Imphal, July 8: Noney Battalion of Loktak Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division conducted a friendly Volleyball Match with local youth of neighboring villages at Lamdangmei on 07 July 16. Refreshments were also provided to the players during the match. After completion of the match youth were briefed and motivated by the Company Commanderto improve their physical fitness and stay healthy. The Village youth club secretary offered a vote of thanks on behalf of the villagers to the Battalion.

Locals seek immediate intervention of MLA over construction of retaining wall

IT News
Imphal, July 8: Residents of Thoubal Kiyam Siphai Babu Bazar and local clubs have appealed the concerned authority to expedite the construction of retaining wall near Kiyam Siphai Babu Bazar bridge as the condition of river bank have been worsened with the incessant rain causing inconvenience to villagers. The pavement has been broken owing to the construction of the retaining wall and with no other means of connectivity villagers are literally cut off from the rest of the state, said a local Meira Paibi leader. IFCD started construction of the retaining wall from 9 May this year under the sponsorship of

North East Council's Anti Erosion & Flood Control. However, only one third of the portion of the 90-meter-long wall has been completed. Since various earth movers and excavators are used for the construction work, the river banks have been destroyed, said the Meira Paibi leader. As the river bank was broken, villagers have been worrying about possible flood from the river water. If the flood happens to break out, various household and agricultural lands would be under water, said an elderly person of the area. Drawing the attention of local MLA of Wangkhem Assembly constituency, members of Kiyam Siphai Social Welfare

Organisation also urged the concern authority to intervene with the ongoing construction work of the retaining wall and expedite the work progress at the earliest.

Human Skeleton found

IT News
Imphal, July: In a bizarre incident, a human skeleton has been found yesterday at Farung Village of Ukhrul District under Shangshak Police Station around 3:30 pm. The totally decomposed human skeleton was found by fishermen of Farung Village while hiking through the stream line of Nungsang River.

Change of guard in BJP Manipur Pradesh

IT News
Imphal, July 8: In a radical shift from the strict hierarchic politics the BJP had been practicing, New State Office Bearers of BJP Manipur State Unit, approved by Shri Ram Madhav has been announce today at 3pm at state head office by State President along with Ex- State President Chaoba reflecting the changing face of the party at the centre by entrusting important works to

the young and energetic members to expedite matters and obtain results without undue delay. **State Vice Presidents:** 1) M. Asnikumar Singh. 2) V. Hanghalian 3) M. Hemanta. 4) Adim Pamet. **State General Secretaries:** 1) N. Nimbus. 2)

Th. Biswajit. **Treasurer:** Robin Blackie. **State Secretaries:** 1) L. Susindro @ Yaima. 2) Manibabu Sharma. 3) O. Males. 4) Kulka Devi. **Morchas Presidents:** 1) P. Somorjit - BJYM. 2) N. Sumatibala - Mahila. 3) Kh. Nabakumar - Kishan.

6 year old died in road accident

IT News
Imphal, July 8: A six year old boy succumbed to injuries sustained during a road accident yesterday. The boy had been undergoing medical treatment at RIMS Emergency Ward following the accident. The boy has been identified as Md Ismat Khan S/O Md Tajuddin of Yairpok Santhel Makha Leikai. The accident occurred at Uchiwa, Mayang Imphal when a Tata truck bearing registration No. MN03T-0337 collided with an autorikshaw bearing registration MN01Y at around 9:30 pm. The deceased boy was travelling in the autorikshaw. He was rushed to RIMS immediately after the incident but was declared dead a short while after.

not getting the actual amount of ration then they should complain to GRM. The officials further added that card holders should not be complacent or be satisfied with whatever amount they allotted by the fair price shops. The card holders should demand their rightful share of the ration under the scheme. They further said that the department is currently focussing on proper implementation of NFSA in the state. To achieve the potential and objective of NFSA which was launched in the state by Chief Minister O Ibobi on April 25, all stakeholders need to be sincere in carrying out their roles. Fair price shops agents and transport contractors must be sincere.

Department issues exact amount according to NFSA card holders: official

IT News
Imphal, July 8: Department of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (CA & FPD) appeals to the people of state to initiate enquiry of National Food Security Act about not getting their allocated ration or cards, and should lodge formal complaints to nearby Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) or District Grievance Redressal Officers in the respective districts in Manipur. During the interaction program with media persons organised by DIPR, official of the CAF and PD said that the department has made available the actual allocated amount of ration to all the respective fair price shops of the state however if any consumer are

will have to be maintained," he said. Mr. Muivah signed the framework agreement on behalf of the Naga outfit with interlocutor R.N. Ravi in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Naga outfits envisage a "Greater Nagalim" comprising the contiguous Naga-inhabited parts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Myanmar with Nagaland. On August 3, 2015, at a much-publicised ceremony at the PM's residence, Mr. Ravi claimed to have signed a "peace accord" with Mr. Muivah to find a final solution for the Naga issue. Following the signing of the agreement, earlier referred to by the government as a "peace accord," the Chief Ministers of Assam, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh, which have a sizeable Naga population, said they were not consulted by the Centre on the issue. Congress president Sonia Gandhi charged the government with being arrogant in not consulting them. The Centre is yet to release the terms of the framework agreement. The government signed the agreement with NSCN-IM as the largest group representing the Nagas. (Courtesy The Hindu)

NSCN has not given up on sovereignty, says Muivah

New Delhi, July 8: Thuingaleng Muivah (82), general secretary of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah), which signed a framework agreement with the government last year, told *The Hindu* that the outfit had not given up its demand for sovereignty. Mr. Muivah also said that a separate flag and passport for Nagas was not just a "demand" but a right as the "Nagas were never under Indian rule." "No, no. The understanding on shared sovereignty has been arrived [at] because the uniqueness of Naga history is recognised. We are not giving up on the demand of sovereignty," Mr. Muivah said in a rare interview since the signing of the agreement, and perhaps the first after the death of NSCN (I-M) chairman Isak Chishi Swu. Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju had told *The Hindu* last year that the NSCN (I-M) had given up its demand for sovereignty and the rebel outfit wants "a solution within the Constitution of India." "Talks will succeed" Mr. Muivah said the talks this time would succeed as the

government was positive. "We are confident because this time there is positivism from the Government of India." Mr. Muivah, a Naga from Manipur who was associated with Mr. Swu for the past 52 years, dismissed the possibility of the talks running into trouble because of Mr. Swu's death. "Well, there is no point in delaying the talks. The Nagas were kept divided, not by the Nagas but by external forces. But now things are clear. Indians are bound to accept the demand of the Nagas." On a separate flag and passport, Mr. Muivah said: "Well, it is actually not a demand. Why? The Nagas were never part of the Indian union by consent of the Naga people. That is why the Nagas will have the right to decide their role as we were never under Indian rule. We were ruled by ourselves, that is why the Nagas will have a right to rule themselves. This has been recognised by the Indian side." He said the framework agreement would have to be kept a secret to "save the course of the talks." "Time will come [when it will be shared with the public]. It is a secret because until a complete settlement is done, some secrecy

will have to be maintained," he said. Mr. Muivah signed the framework agreement on behalf of the Naga outfit with interlocutor R.N. Ravi in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Naga outfits envisage a "Greater Nagalim" comprising the contiguous Naga-inhabited parts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Myanmar with Nagaland. On August 3, 2015, at a much-publicised ceremony at the PM's residence, Mr. Ravi claimed to have signed a "peace accord" with Mr. Muivah to find a final solution for the Naga issue. Following the signing of the agreement, earlier referred to by the government as a "peace accord," the Chief Ministers of Assam, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh, which have a sizeable Naga population, said they were not consulted by the Centre on the issue. Congress president Sonia Gandhi charged the government with being arrogant in not consulting them. The Centre is yet to release the terms of the framework agreement. The government signed the agreement with NSCN-IM as the largest group representing the Nagas. (Courtesy The Hindu)