

## UNC's economic blockade intensifies

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 27:** A day after total shut down called in Naga inhabited area protesting the arrest of UNC President Gaidon Kamei and Publicity Secretary Stephen Sangkhui, volunteers of UNC has intensified the economic blockade on both national Highways. Even as the UNC has set deadline to release the two UNC leaders during 48 hours starting from today the state government has stated that there will be no turning back to the stand of the State government and law will take its own course to initiate legal action against the two. Interestingly the eco-blockade is also intensified at Imphal Moreh route too.

## Bomb found

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 27:** A hand grenade wrapped in plastic polythene was found today at the residence of Ex MLA Usham Deven Singh today morning at Keirak Usham leikai under Kakching Police Station. Family source said that bomb was placed at the gate by unknown persons early today morning. Police team who were informed later retrieved the bomb at around 8 am today.

## Another Meitei organization oppose inclusion of Meitei land to the creation of Sadar Hills

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 27:** In yet another fiasco to the issue encircling over creation of Sadar Hill revenue district, All Meitei Club Organisation Manipur (AMCOM) today demanded a proper demarcated land for the propose revenue district in white paper. Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Ningthoujam Sunil, Organisation Secretary of AMCOM said that the proposed map of Sadar Hills revenue district by Sadar Hills Demand Committee is

unacceptable. Manipur government must bring out the proper map of Sadar Hills within November 29, 2016 to the people of Manipur, he added. Sunil also said that according to Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932, the agricultural land of Meitei community should not come under the Map of Sadar Hills, instead it must be preserve permanently. One cannot claim the agricultural land of Meitei people, he added. The organization Secretary further said that if communal riot took place between Meitei

and any othe community based on the proposed map of Sadar Hills by Sadar Hills Demand Committee while forming a full flag Sadar Hills or Kangpokpi District, Manipur Government must hold full responsibility of the outcome. If State government fails to bring out the proper land demarcated Map of Sadar Hills before November 29, 2016, the Meitei community which will be merge under Sadar Hills while protest against the Sadar Hills Demand Committee, he added.

## 69th NCC Day Observed; roles of NCC in guiding youths of the Nation recounted

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 27:** As observed every year National Cadet Corps (NCC) Campus today observed the 69<sup>th</sup> NCC Day at its Manipur headquarter at DM College Campus. The observance function is organised by All Manipur NCC Officers Welfare Association Manipur. In his speech, chief guest of the function, Dr Kh Ratankumar Singh assured to fulfill the necessary requirements of the NCC Headquarter and its cadets. Joining NCC makes youngsters qualified and responsible citizens. They have been serving the people in different crisis situation, particularly in times of natural

calamities, he added. NCC was formed on July 15, 1884, however, NCC day is observed throughout the country, on the fourth Sunday of November, as it was the day that the first unit was raised in Delhi in 1947. In Manipur, NCC is opened in 42 Schools and 15 Colleges and there are a total number of more than 4000 cadets of the state. The Imphal group NCC have organise, train and motivated youth, to provide leadership qualities in every sphere of life. One of the major aims of the NCC is to provide effective social service towards the citizens of the country and the include activities are: tree plantation drives to ensure climatic balance, blood

donation camps aimed at collecting blood to help out those in urgent need, AIDS awareness rally to spread information about this disease and also giving information about some prevention tips and training for disaster management and relief at the time of war and epidemics. NCC has always provided a wide range of learning and training activities for its cadets. The function presided by Brigadier GM Sankar, Group Commander of NCC (HQ), Imphal, N Praveen Singh, IAS, Director, Education (S) and Colonel Gaurav Sirohi, Commandant of 45 Assam Rifles as president, guest of honour and special invitee of the function.

## CM flags off World War II vintage jeep rally from Koirengie old air field

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Nov. 27 :** Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh flagged off World War II Vintage Jeep Rally from Koirengie Old Air Field today. Besides 9 Vintage Jeeps, Motorcycles and Cycles numbering around 30 and 35 respectively also took part in the Rally which is organised as a part of Manipur Sangai Festival 2016 to give the message of peace and reconciliation and evils of War. The organising partners of the Rally are 2<sup>nd</sup> World War Imphal Campaign Foundation, Manipur Tourism Forum and the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur. The Rally will culminate at the India Peace Memorial, Maibam Lotpa Ching. The main attraction of the Rally is that



many of the participants were seen clad on full uniforms of the Japanese and Allied Forces and carried the flags of India, Japan and UK. Former MLA of Heingang A/C Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Secretary O. Nabakishore, Special Secretary (Tourism), N. Ashok Kumar, DC Bishnupur M. Harekrishna, Dr. Th.

Dhabali, President Manipur Tourism Forum and Director, IPR Meghachandra Kongbam attended the flag off function.

## Clarification

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 27:** Yesterday's ambushed by rebel group along the Indo-Myanmar Border at which 5 Sf were injured was carried out by the 252 Mobile Battalion of the PLA and was carried out as a part of the Operation Barak, said a joint statement of CorCom and ULFA-I. Imphal Times reported the attack to have been carried out by 252 Mobile Bt. of PLA but did not mention that the attack was carried out under operation Barak jointly carried out by CorCom and ULFA-I.

## Kidnapped labourers released

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 24:** The two labourers kidnapped by armed group KCP Poirei Meitei Lup from Saikul area on November 22 evening has been released unharmed at around 7.30 pm at Sagolmang area yesterday. Family source said that both Akhom Surjit, son of A Chandra and Kabarabam Yaima, son of

K Ibohah, residents of Lilong Arrapti Mayai Leikai have reached home safely. Armed group KCP Poirei Meitei Lup, had earlier stated that the two labourers were pulled up as the contractor Shyam Meitei whom they are working for had failed to give positive response to the party's directives.

## Manipur's Ukhrul district strives to repair dilapidated roads

**ANI**  
**Ukhrul Nov. 27:** Roads are a lifeline and the conduit of life's activities. Maintenance of good road and connectivity are the pivotal for development in society. Nestled at a 5,453 feet above sea level with a population of over 183, 115 000, Ukhrul district is a home to the Tangkhul Naga tribe of Manipur. The district lies on a mountain top, 84 kilometers away from Imphal airport, and has abundant fauna and flora. Though blessed with a beautiful landscape and many well-known tourist destinations like Shirui Lily, Phangrei Peak and many other

spots, road connectivity is in a poor state. Fed up with the state government's indifference and neglect, the people of Ukhrul have taken matters into their own hands and started repair work of roads themselves. One such initiative is a 200-meter stretch of road between Gandhi Chowk at Phungreitag to the UBI bank at Viewland. A committee going by the name Ukhrul Town Road Movement (UTRM) has been overseeing the construction work, and the first phase has been rolled out. Another stretch of road that is under repair is a five kilometer long stretch from Dungrei Junction to

Kasomtang. Crowd funding and availability of free physical labour has made these two projects possible. All the machinery required for the construction like concrete mixer, road rollers, excavators, bulldozers are all private contributions and youngsters are reaching out openly for the cause. After the Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) took over in 2011, some major road construction was initiated, but was stopped when no one bothered to maintain the roads. The citizen movement has sent out a stronger message to policy makers and administrators not to be lax about their responsibilities.

## Manipur Maoist pays tribute to Fidel Castro

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 27:** The Maoist Communist Party Manipur MCPM pays tribute to the Cuban people, the Communist Party of Cuba and Government of Cuba at the demise of Comrade Fidel Castro, the great revolutionary leader of the Cuban people and founder of the Communist Party of Cuba. The MCPM, in a statement terms Fidel Castro as an icon of resistance. It said his demise is mourned by all Communists

workers and revolutionaries of the world. "We pay the highest tribute to him for leading the revolutionary struggles of his people achieving great victories, advancing the cause of socialism, inspiring the people of the world to persevere in the struggle for socialism and communism against imperialism. We will continue the legacy until the victory of the Proletarian revolution in Manipur, paving the way to socialism instilling renewed courage to wage liberation movements for the masses of the other imperialist countries in this world", the Maoist statement added.

It further said that Fidel Castro taught that "Winning is possible, making the socialist revolution is possible". He has always raised the banner of struggle and victory and said on every occasion, "Always on to the victory". The statement further added that Cuba has personified the resistance and provided great support to the revolutionary movements not only in Latin America but in other continents too. Cuba has shown that even a small country, when attacked by the most powerful imperialist in the world, the US, is able to resist and overcome the aggression. "This is particularly an important

lesson we have to learn. We firmly believed that the people of Manipur can also win.", the statement said. It further added that Cuba led by Fidel Castro and the Cuban Communist Party has survived more than 50 years of hostility and the blockade of the imperialist group, hatched by the US imperialist. Proletarian Revolution committed to win the Peoples War. Manipur might be a small Country as compared to Imperialist India geographically but we have courage to fight with Ideology that Manipur Maoist is a contingent of the World Proletarian Revolution, the statement added.

## 'US team to give their best to defend title'

**Imphal, Nov. 27:** The US team which is playing rather well in the latest edition of the Manipur Polo International is captained by Ryan Cronin-Prather, 31 years of age from California. Ryan is a Juris Doctorate from the University of Pacific School of Law and is present a practicing business lawyer in Sacramento, California. "I began riding almost as soon as I could walk as I grew up in a farm with horses and began playing polo at the age of 14", recounts Ryan. His love for horses and the intensity and excitement of the game was what made Ryan fell in love with polo. Ryan credits his next door neighbours and coaches Michael O'Farell and John Westly for realizing his potential as a polo player. On what sets the game of polo apart from other sports, Ryan has this take. "Polo takes the speed of other sports, puts the animal component in it, and then takes a team, put all of it together to make a very impressive and exciting game unlike any other game". On his impression of the place and people, "very beautiful and culturally vibrant place with very rich history", stated Ryan. "The people have been very hospitable and have made me and the entire team from the US feels very welcome". Getting to ride



the Manipuri pony by Ryan has been "a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget". On the Team's prospect in the ongoing tournament, Ryan feels the US team has a great chance of winning this tournament once again, even though he concedes they are up against some stiff competition. George Krabbe, 27 years of age who grew up in Connecticut and is presently residing in Texas for the last four years plays

and teaches polo. A one goal player, he does everything connected with horse including shoeing them. As with most polo players, George also started riding at a very early age and began playing polo by 19. This is the first time George has travelled outside of the USA though he has been to every corner of the country because of polo. Besides the speed and excitement, another aspect which attracted George to polo was the camaraderie among the players. "Polo players are a community; all of them are friends off the field". George finds the tournament very well organised. Among the teams, he feels the India B (Manipur) team to be a favourite to win the match and the English team the most disciplined. As the tournament progresses, for George, watching the local team play as been a biggest education on playing atop the Manipuri pony. George feels saddened to know that the number of the Manipuri pony is fast dwindling and would like to help out in ,whatever manner in preserving them. Starting some kind of platform to raise fund, George is of the opinion will go a long way towards this venture and many in the USA would be more than willing to donate to it. (Contd. on page 2)

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