

State journalists' awardee posing with the Gover, CM, Commissioner and Director of DIPR



National Press Day observed Guv', CM calls on scribes to report facts and only facts without colouring the issue

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Imphal, Nov 16: Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today called on the journalists of the state to report facts and the only facts of all sides without colouring the story to sensitize the issue on National Press Day organised by Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) at Banquet Hall 1st MR.

In her speech, Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla stated that journalists are the crusaders of truth and are meant to report the full and correct facts of an incident which reflects all sides of the problem. Terming mass media as a powerful weapon, Dr Heptulla said that mass media should not be allowed to be allowed to misrepresent or to control the news and to rule through manipulation. She appealed the media to be responsive and responsible.

The Governor further appealed the media persons to gather news from all sides and to report it for minimising the conflict. Besides, media should try to find out a solution of the conflict arises. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh in his speech appealed the media to be courageous in reporting fact news without fear. Terming media as the image of the society, the Chief Minister stated that if some



news or incidents are portrayed with bad intention and spread to the world with wrong message than the world will consider our society as a violent society. "Media being another pillar of the democracy has been playing a vital role in solving the differences among the various groups of the society", Ibobi said.

He further appealed the media to be positive and report the actual happening without colouring the event. Press Council of India has been celebrating the National Press day since 1997 of this day to portray the responsible and free press in the country. As a part of the celebration the DIPR Govt. of Manipur also

organized the event along with a workshop under the theme - "Reporting from conflict area; a challenge to media persons" at Banquet Hall, 1st MR, Imphal. The observance was also attended by Commissioner IPR, K. Radhakumar and Director IPR K Meghachandra as guests of honour.

On the occasion, Governor Dr. Najma A. Heptulla presented the Manipur State Journalist Awards, 2016 to seven journalists in different categories. The awardees are - (i) Shri Ranjit Oinamcha, Editor (Paolel) for Best Editor for National Integration and Communal Harmony, (ii) Km. Babycha, Staff Reporter

(Hueiyen Lanpao) for Reporting on Science and Technology, (iii) Shri Kshetri Meghajit, Sub-Editor (Naharolgi Thoudang) for Parliamentary Reporting, (iv) Km Nomita Khongbantabam, Reporter (Hueiyen Lanpao) for Reporting on Art and Culture, (v) Shri Ibomcha Yunnam, Staff Reporter, (Pohnapham) for Rural Reporting, (vi) Shri Naorem Gyanand, Special Correspondent (Hueiyen Lanpao) for Reporting on Special reference to Women and Child and (vii) Shri Brahmachari mayum Devchandra Sharma, Staff Reporter (Pohnapham) for Reporting on Health and Hygiene.

Talk about raid and arrest of SBI manager for black money exchanged turns out to be rumours

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Imphal, Nov 16: The much talk about a 'raid' by CBI at State Bank of India (SBI) Head Office of Imphal Branch and report spreading at social media about the arrest of a Manager for allegedly exchanging a sum of Rs. 15 crores (black money) turn out to be rumours as Imphal Times had confirmed that no such raid took place at SBI Imphal head office located at MG Avenue since the opening of the bank after demonetization of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 denominations. In a telephonic conversation with the Imphal Times, AGM of SBI Imphal Branch Swapna Kumar Sarkar said that no such raid as spread in social media had happen and will not

Emergency customers can directly call at land line phone of the bank - AGM

happen. The question of arrest of SBI employees for illegal activities does not arise and those rumours are being spread by some vested interested individuals to defame the good name of the SBI branch, he added. On the other hand, the Swapna Kumar Sarkar said that the SBI is arranging for emergency customers to meet their purpose. However, as the work load is over burden sometimes there may be some

inconveniences to the customers. For that any SBI land line phone is opened and those urgent/ emergency customers can contact the bank authority. This was stated as response to the news report published in our yesterday issue at which we reported about the grievances of the emergency customers whose near and dear are undergoing treatment outside the state or whose children are studying abroad.

"Transportation of essential commodities top priority" - CM on UNC eco-blockade

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Imphal, Nov 16: Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today said that transportation of essential commodities in the state is the top priority of the state government. Speaking to reporters at the sideline of the National Press Day celebration, the Chief Minister stated that the government will ferry essential commodities at either

high way to meet the peoples' day today requirements. On being asked about the Central government invitation to the UNC representatives, the Chief Minister said that the state government was informed about the invitation only at late hours. "We were informed only when the talk was set to begin. As Delhi is a far away place from here we cannot go and attend

immediately", the Chief Minister was indirectly hinting the central government negligence to the state government in the dealing of the issues relating to UNC. Okram Ibobi Singh however is silence to the demand of the Sardar Hills District as well as the opposition by the UNC to the creation of the Sardar Hill revenue district.

Combing operation conducted



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Imphal, Nov 16: As a part of security measures being taken up ahead of the coming Sangai Festival, combine team of Imphal East Commando along with Women Police conducted a search operation at Palace Compound area at around 5 am to 6: 30 am today. The search operation was conducted under the command of B Lunthang Vaiphei, OC, Imphal East Commando and Roni

Mayengbam, SDPO of Poromat. One suspected person who could not produce identity proof documents was detained and later handed over to Porompat Police Station for further verification. Police and Commandos will continue such operations in sensitive areas of Imphal East areas to prevent untoward incidents ahead of the Sangai Festival.

Various political parties protest demonetisation

Source AIR
New Delhi, Nov 16: Various political parties, including Trinamool Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, Shiv Sena and the National Conference, today took out a protest march to Rashtrapati Bhawan over demonetisation issue. The march is being led by TMC leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The opposition is alleging that the government move is not well planned resulting in lot of inconvenience to the general public. On the other hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the govt is ready to discuss any issue in Parliament, talking to reporters ahead of the Winter session. Mr Modi hoped that there will be a healthy debate in the session.

Students' bodies storm at BJP & MPCC office

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Imphal, Nov 16: Joint students' body of Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) and Apunba Ireipakki Maheiroi Sinpanglup (AIMS) today storm Manipur Pradesh Congress Bhavan and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office demanding to resolve the ongoing indefinite economic blockade called by United Naga Council (UNC) since November 1, 2016 at the earliest. Speaking to the media persons, Aheibam Anand said that due to the indefinite economic blockade, both hill and valley people are facing lots of hardship in their day-to-day life. School van and bus service has been temporarily suspended due to fuel scarcity. Students are unable

to attend schools. Unfortunately, instead of bringing a positive solution for the people of the state, current ruling Congress Government and BJP are busy campaigning for their votes which proof that both the party are not in the interest of the suffering public of the state, he added. Anand also said that considering the current hardship of the people, will

both the party bring a positive solution with the UNC? They should arrange the daily needs or should send security personnels to make available the daily necessary stuffs which is being hold up at the highway due to the blockade. These demands are not met at the earliest, the students' bodies along with the public will raise a mob including boycott of both the party, he added.

77th Nupi Lal day to be observed

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Imphal, Nov 16: AMKIL, Kanglamei, Poirei Leimarol, KWVA, AMAWOVA, Nupi Samaj, Tammi Chingmi Apunba Nupi Lup, MEPWAK and WWOK is all set to organize the 77th Nupi Lal Day on December 12 at THAU Ground, Thangmeiband.

The civil society organizations has formed a committee to observe the day. Speaking to the media person in a press meet held at its office of Wahengleikait today convenor of the organizing committee Th Apabi said that the day is being observed to honour the courage of the women of the state.

NSCN-IM reacted to Kaka D. Iralu articles 'The illegal formation of the NSCN

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Imphal, Nov 16: Noted scholar of Nagaland, Kak D Iralu review to the book "The illegal formation of the NSCN" authored by W. Shapwon has angered the NSCN-IM. In a statement released MIP NSCN IM, Kaka D. Iralu is being appealed to read the book thoroughly before giving supportive argument to the book of W. Shapwon. In a lengthy statement the MIP/NSCN-IM stated that in his own forward to the book, his self confession that young Naga generations refused to accept his self justification of the notorious Shillong Accord, itself is self explanatory. "Shapwon underestimated the young Naga generations. They simply put, they are wise enough to understand that the FGN and NNC leaders sold off the Naga national rights when they accepted Indian constitution on their own volition (political suicide) and surrendering of thousands of arms (military suicide). "Again in his same book W. Shapwon has clearly written on page 6 that NNC/FGN leaders decided to save the Naga nation by accepting Indian constitution on their own volition and by

surrendering all the arms. What more is there to justify Shillong Accord and the NNC/FGN. "If W. Shapwon or Kilonser Kaka D. Iralu are real patriots as they always project themselves to be, then both should be extremely grateful to the NSCN for salvaging the Naga national rights. "The root of the matter is who stands and fights for the issue of the Nagas, not who fights for NNC. The question is who are the standard bearers, not who are NNC or NSCN. What is NNC if it stops fighting for the issue of the Nagas? What is the meaning of being a member of NNC if it is no longer the standard bearer? "History knows the Naga people had done a great work under the leadership of NNC. But after the signing of the infamous Shillong Accord in 1975, NNC became a divided house- those who supported the Shillong Accord and those who condemned the Accord. Exactly, NNC president A.Z. Phizo was in London by that time, vice president Imkong Meren was in jail and general secretary Th. Muivah was in Beijing. As the Accord was signed with the endorsement of the home authorities, "The Good Will Mission Abroad" led by the then General Secretary Th. Muivah wrote letters to the President A.Z. Phizo stating that we are

going home and convene a national Hoho to condemn the traitorous Shillong Accord. All the people are looking up to you with the expectation that condemnation statement from the President would come out. Accordingly, Th. Muivah, the General Secretary, NNC convened a national assembly and held at Suphoo, where the Shillong Accord was condemned as a sell out. Since president Phizo was in London and vice president Imkong Meren was in jail, the general secretary, Th. Muivah was the only authority at home to convene the national assembly. The Yehzabo says that convening the national assembly by one of the incumbent office bearers is mandatory. But surprisingly, no statement had ever come out from the president A.Z. Phizo. "Consequently, national workers were sharply divided into two camps- those who supported the Shillong Accord and those who condemned it. The former toppled the government through military coup d'etat in 1978. The military junta went even to the extent of usurping the office of NNC. Finally, fighting broke out between the two camps resulting in the death of many workers from both sides. (Contd. on page 2)

ZFA appeals UNC to suspend blockade on NHs

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Imphal, Nov 16: Zeliangrong Football Association has expressed strong resentment to the indefinite economic blockade called by the United Naga Council at both National Highways of the state. In a statement the association said that the ongoing economic blockade called by United Naga Council (UNC) since November 1 in all national highways of Manipur State has place the entire population of the state in the pathetic condition. "The price high has become secondary but the shortage of essential commodities has become the talk of the time or in other word out of stock is more than the price rice or costlier. The shortage of fuel has compelled to stop the school van service thereby most of the school has closed down as such academic session is likely to be disrupted. Essential commodities, in needed life saving drugs etc is running out of stock both in hills and valley district as a whole", the association added. The Association appealed the UNC to suspend the blockade and find other means or ways to protest and press their demand.