

Showing solidarity to the All Manipur Newspaper Publishers' Association and the All Manipur Newspaper Distributors Association, Imphal Times had suspended hard copy publication yesterday and day before yesterday. However, we resume our hard copy publication today as we felt it necessary to disseminate news and events happening in the state.

Editor

All is set for the Sangai Tourism Festival; Demonetization, Economic Blockade likely to impact the state mega festival

IT News
Imphal, Nov 20: Stage is all set to observe the Sangai Tourism Festival 2016 but this time the festival tempo seems to be comparatively decline due to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's demonization of Rs. 500 and Rs 1000 denominations. Even as the state tourism department has almost completed all infrastructural development for the

successful conduct of the Sangai Tourism Festival, there is less publicity either through local media as co-incidentally the state media too suspended publication due to protest by Publishers' and newspapers distributors' for unavailability of newly introduced denomination as well as currency change. Source collected from the

hotels here in Imphal reveals that, unlike last year there are less tourists who book hotel room for participating the Sangai Festival. On the other hand stalls book for the festival are now worried on the problems that they might be facing due to the monetization and scarcity of the newly introduced denominations.

IT dept summon private company for depositing Rs. 4,51,000

IT News
Imphal, Nov 20: Income Tax Department, Government of India has summoned the owner of a private firm identified as M/S Sitaram Enterprises located at Denzong Cinema Road, Gangtok in East Sikkim to explain the source of Rs. 4,51,000/- which was deposited on November 13, (i.e 5 days after demonetization of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 denomination) to the State bank of Sikkim, Gangtok Main Branch.

In a firm is ordered to appear before the Deputy Director of Income Tax (Inv), Silguri Unit, Mr. Norbu Bhutia on or before November 25 between 12 pm to 5pm at his office located at Central Revenue Building, Hakimpura Silguri to explain the source of the amount deposited along with the supporting documentary evidence along with statement of accounts along with bills/vouchers or any other documents to explain on how the money come to him.

1 killed in bomb blast

IT News
Imphal, Nov 20: A person was killed today morning after a deadly blast was triggered by unknown persons suspected to be armed rebel group operating in the region. The blast occurred at a road median in front UCO Bank located at Singjamei Chongtham Leikai under Singjamei Police station at around 8 am. Report said that many are standing on queue for currency exchange when the blast took place. The deceased has been identified as Binod Rai (age about 28 years), a native of Mazafarnagar, Bihar presently staying at a rented house at Singjamei here in Imphal. Report said that the blast



occurred when he was sitting in front of a warehouse where he used to work as a salesman. Mentioned may be made that the blast was triggered amidst tight security arrangement being taken up ahead of the Sangai festival which is set to begin from tomorrow at Hapta Kangjeibung, Palace Compound.

Sadar Hills demand JAC suspends economic blockade; UNC continue

IT News
Imphal, Nov 20: Proposed economic blockade by the JAC formed for demanding a full-fledged Sadar Hill revenue district, which is set to begin from midnight today has been suspended in view of the hardship being faced by the people of the state. The decision to suspend the blockade called was taken in a meeting held yesterday at kangpokpi, said a report. The Meeting of the JAC however resolved to continue various form of agitation which will not affect the live of the common people.

On the other hand the indefinite economic blockade imposed by the United Naga Council (UNC) is still underway besides appealed by various civil society organizations of the state. Meanwhile, the plead by the UNM-M to relax the economic blockade on the national highways seem to have not been kept in ear by the UNC. In a press statement, U. Nobokishore, Secretary UNM-M had stated that since 31st October 2016, the Bandh was started on the NH 2 in connection with the creation of both Sadar Hills and Jiribam District. Now, the economic blockade on the NH has been continuing for the last 18 days which led to stopping of schools buses and vans,

public transports. Due to shortage of fuel people are not able to use their vehicles to go for their work. The essential commodities are in scarcity and the prices are beyond the capacity of the general people to purchase. The suffering of general populace in both Hills and Plain of Manipur reaches its zenith because of the price hike on all essential items and lack/scarcity of cash at this juncture. The truck drivers and second driver are in extremely difficult situation. Their lives are not secure on the High Way. The UNM-M requested for urgent attention of Concerned apex bodies /CSOs to relax economic blockade for a few days on humanitarian ground to relieve the suffering of general public of Manipur. UNM-M also earnestly request all other concerned CSOs /apex bodies for dialogue and public discussion in place of General strike, Bandh and highway blockade as such add untold suffering to lower income group of any society.

"UNM-M is apprehensive of unprecedented social conflicts and disturbances if people continue to suffer owing to frustration and confusion. We all know that public anger is growing and coming to zero tolerance" the statement added.

Allegations of taking bribe for BJP ticket a cook up story - BJP Thoubal Mandal

IT News
Imphal, Nov 20: BJP Thoubal Mandal has refuted allegations of asking bribe to one BJP intending candidate identified as Kangabam Jadu from Charangpat in Thoubal district terming it as a cooked up story to defame the Secretary, Thoubal District Yuba Morcha.

Oinam Arpan, the secretary of Thoubal district Yuva Morcha was expelled from the BJP after he along with one person identified as Shiekh Badrujoza was alleged of negotiating payment for BJP ticket to Kangabam Jadu. Family and the members of the Thoubal District Mandal held a meeting on Saturday evening and discussed about the charges leveled against the BJP youth leader. The meeting unanimously resolved to condemn the defaming of the BJP youth leader and said that the BJP Thoubal District Mandal will urge the state leadership to find out the truth and to punish those involved in the defaming of the BJP.

As according to the wife of Oinam Arpan, on the evening of Nov. 17, President of the BJP Thoubal District Mandal L Deven and Secretary Rajen called on her husband Oinam Arpan to come for dinner at the residence of K Jadumani regarding to allocation of party ticket. She said it was the President

and Secretary of the BJP Thoubal District and occurrence of such incident was unfortunate. She charge the President and the secretary to be the men behind such offering of bribe and said that both had lunch together at the residence of Jadumani many a times.

Oinam Arpan's wife also stated that Jadumani had many times called on to her husband and the recent incident seems to be a conspiracy to assassinate the career of her husband. She demanded thorough investigation into the husband and urged authority to punish those involved in the incident. Former Secretary of BJP Thoubal District, Dannis



Ahamad from Lilong Assembly constituency said that the present president of Thoubal BJP Mandal Deven had told him to find out aspirant candidate who wanted to get BJP ticket. He question whether the district president can provide ticket or the state president can provide tick or is it the BJP Central authority that will decide on whom to provide ticket. Deven directives to find

candidates who want BJP ticket need to be inquired, he added. Former President of BJP Thoubal district Yuba Morcha P. Bikramjit also alleged present president of BJP Thbal mandal Deven as highly corrupted person. He also question on why the corrupted person has been appointed the President by skipping so many dedicated BJP workers from the district.

M. Rajkumar appointed as Nodal Officer of Thoubal district by ECI

IT News
Imphal, Nov 20: District Election Officer of Thoubal district has appointed Mayanglambam Rajkumar Singh, IAS, AC to DC Thoubal as the District Level Nodal Officer for implementation of the Model code of conduct (MCC) in the district with immediate effect and till the election process is completed. An order has been issued by District Election Officer of Thoubal district M Joy. The order stated MMC will come into force after the announcement of Election scheduled for the 11th State Assembly Election by the Election Commission of India. Four other officials appointed as Model Code Officers/ Officials to assist the Nodal Officer Mayanglambam Rajkumar Singh are Dr. Md. Imran Khan, Jr. MCS, SDC (HQ)/ SDO's Office, Thoubal, N. Pritam Singh, Jrm MCS, SDC/Irong Chesaba, Kh. Indramani Singh, LDC, DC Office, Thoubal, and Kongkham Onao Singh, MIS-Kakching CD-Block (Videographer).

Young film maker from Senapati, Manipur won Best National film

Senapati, Nov 20: Tou - Tai (Seed) directed by Ashok Veilou from Purul village, Senapati Dist Manipur has won the best national short film competition in 22nd Kiff (Kolkata International Film Festival) 2016. The film was also screened in Kalpanirjihar International short fiction Film festival (kolkata) and Filmingo Short Film. Ashok Veilou son of Thaipei Peter of Purul village is currently pursuing Final year Post Graduate Diploma in Direction & Screenplay Writing in SRFTI (Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute) Kolkata. Synopsis of the film Tou - Tai



(Seed) - Manipur in India's Northeast is affected by the armed struggles between Indian Security Forces and the insurgent groups. Vio, 24 years and a militant comes home for a short vacation. The effect of Indian army's counter insurgency operation in his village is seen and felt through the life of his younger sister. His sister Sanai

is pregnant from the force sexual encountered she had with the army. Similarly, his Grandfather is recovering from the blows inflicted by the soldiers from the past. Vio is in the cross road either to be with his pregnant sister but he decides to be in the jungle.

Principal Credit
Director & Screen play - Ashok Veilou; Director of Photography - Roopesh Shaji Editor- Pousheru Ngade; Sound Design- Sabridas Tottingle; Executive Producer - Amarpal Singh Fauzdar Sound design- Sabridas Tottingle
Principal Cast-Paul Manah Hiiveinai, Thaipei Peter Angela
Courtesy Herald Today

Assam CM Flags off Indo-Myanmar-Thailand Car Rally

Assam, Nov. 20: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Saturday flagged off the Indo-Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Motor Rally from a hotel in Guwahati and said that the rally is a first step towards boosting trade and commerce between the neighbouring country and India's northeast region. Sonowal said that the trilateral highway connecting India-Myanmar-Thailand would bring a lot of economic benefits to the state and also the northeastern region of India. "This car rally is part of the government's Act East policy that is going to bring huge transformation to the whole northeastern region," Sonowal said.

The Assam Chief Minister said that gestures like car rallies would serve as a facilitator in improving the relationship with neighbouring countries and break barriers of national borders in bringing the people of these southeast Asian countries closer. "By increasing people to people contact, an environment of brotherhood and unity can be achieved between different countries. Endeavours like car rallies can be a good platform for international social exchanges," he said adding that youth of the stakeholder nations would be encouraged to mingle among themselves that would result in new age progressive societies. "The geographical

disadvantage of the state and the region would be turned into an advantage as the trilateral highway would facilitate massive economic activities with the neighbouring countries and focus would be shifted from mainland to the northeastern part of the country in view of opening this gateway to South East Asia," Sonowal said. The rally will cover a distance of 5,722 kms along the Indo-Myanmar-Thailand (IMT) Trilateral Highway with about 80 participants from all the three countries, in 20 Indian made vehicles on a journey emanating from New Delhi and concluding at Bangkok spanning a period of 19 days.

It is an initiative for women journalists, who specialize in social sector reporting, to come together to understand, discuss and deliberate on issues concerning women and children. The WCD Minister Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi will make a presentation to showcase the achievements of the Ministry during the last two years and also obtain a feedback from the participating women journalists on a number of issues concerning women and children. The Ministry is also looking forward to new ideas/areas concerning women and children which could be taken up in the coming months. The Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Smt. Krishna Raj will also address the participants and apprise them about the achievements and new initiatives of the Ministry during the last two years. The participants have shown great enthusiasm towards this initiative of the WCD Ministry. The WCD Ministry will also be putting up an exhibition of its large initiatives namely Children's Helpline-Childline and the Government's flagship programme Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.