

## CM greets people on Mera Chaoren Houba

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh greets the people of the state on occasion of the Mera Chaoren Houba which falls on October 2. In his message, the Chief Minister said that Mera Chao Houba is a traditional festival celebrated in Manipur heralding the advent of the Mera Tha, the seventh month of Meitei Lunar Calendar. The month Mera brings back the age-old tradition of love and brotherhood strengthening the inseparable bond existing from time immemorial between hill and valley people of our state, Okram Ibobi added. He wished the festival further strengthen the bond of brotherhood amongst all the communities in the state for a more harmonious, peaceful and prosperous Manipur.

## 3 vehicles set ablaze

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct. 1:** At least three vehicle all two wheelers were set ablaze at keishampat junction near DESAM office after volunteers of two students' body engaged in fierce scuffle. Report said that the two students bodies started confrontation after another group intervene a group of students shouting victory slogans of students election. Police rushed the site and brought the situation under control.

## KSA expels members, warns organizations not to provide them shelter

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct. 1:** Kangleipak Students Association (KSA) has expelled two of its members for violating the rules and regulation of the organization. The students' body has appealed other organizations of the state not to provide them refuge. The two students expelled are Tekcham Bijesh, Executive Member KSA, Thoubal District Council and Wangjam Dayaluxmi, Deputy Secretary, KSA Thoubal District Council. While cautioning the people not to fall as prey of the two students, KSA, Thoubal district Council said that the two students have been taking advantage of being members of the KSA instead of doing good work for the student community of the state. It said many important documents of the organization are being misplaced by the two students.

## Major changes likely in state BJP election strategy

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** As BJP is putting all energy to oust the Congress government in the state, the political party which is in power is likely to shift its election strategy in the coming days. Source said that Convenor of the Election Committee Thounaojam Chaoba, President Ksh Bhavananda, MLA Khumukcham Joykishan and MLA Thongam Bishwajit were summoned by the party in-charge for the state at Guwahati to sort out the new election strategy. The four key leaders of the state BJP will meet Sarbananda Sonowal, Hemanta Bishwas Sharma, Ram Madhav along with some other key leaders of the BJP to discuss about whom to

award party tickets to get maximum number of seats. A highly reliable source added that the BJP in-charge for election and organisation of Manipur were worried over the failure to enrol popular politicians to the party and also the confusion being faced by the state BJP on their complicity to decide on whom to provide party tickets. The central leadership has been collecting information from grass root sources which said that after allotment of ticket to candidates the strength of the party may reduce as other candidates who are trying to get ticket will leave the party and fight the election through other political parties. Following the report, the

operation center for the BJP for the upcoming election of 2017 will be at Guwahati, and all allotment of tickets will be recommended by the Guwahati and the final approval will be given by the Head Quarter of the BJP at Delhi. Hemanta Bishwas Sharma is likely to play the main role of the operation center. The source further added that the central leaders are hoping some of the ruling MLAs joining the BJP but to the contrast the joining of the four Trinamool Congress MLA to Congress Party recently have created much worry to the BJP. One more additional worry is the formation of a regional political party called "Meeyamgi Thougalloi Manipur", which were formally all members of BJP.

## Land allotted for Manipur Judicial Academy found not identical with the previous one

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** Land allotted for construction of Manipur Judicial Academy at Pangei measuring about 19.25 acres has been found not identical with the earlier identified land, a source said. It added that during a meeting of the Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court on September 28, the matter has

been minutely discussed. Mention may be made that a sum of rupees 5.16 crore has been deposited to the State PWD for Phase I construction of the Manipur Judicial Academy during last Financial Year. The DC had earlier intimated that an area of 31.42 acres has been identified in the area adjoining the allotted site (19.25

acres) with the view to rvide a compact area of approximately 50 acres for construction of the Manipur Judicial Academy. Out of the total area of 31.42 acres, 28.39 acres is a private pattaland, 3.03 acres is a State land. For the purpose cabinet approved to constitute a Direct Purchase Committee for purchase of Land for the Academy.

## Sinam Sunderlal Singh takes oath as Chairman of Manipur Municipality Property Tax Board



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** Retd. IAS, Sinam Sunderlal Singh, today took Oath as the Chairman of the new Manipur Municipality Property Tax Board at a simple ceremony at Raj Bhavan. Her Excellency, the Governor of

Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla administered the oath of office and secrecy to Sinam Sunderlal Singh. The Swearing-in-Ceremony was attended by Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh, Minister, Revenue, Forest & Environment, Law &

Legislative Affairs, I. Hemochandra Singh, and Minister Agriculture and Fisheries, Md. Abdul Nasir. Besides the ministers, Chief Secretary, DGP, and other high ranking officers of the State were also present at the ceremonial function.



Swearing in ceremony of Chairman of Manipur Municipality Property Tax Board

## CBI raid residence of Dy. Registrar NIT Manipur

**ANI**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday conducted raid at the residence of Deputy Registrar, Laikangbam Doren Singh of NIT, Manipur. The reason of the raid is not yet been disclosed. However, it is believed that the raid may somehow be connected with the financial irregularities and also in appointment of staffs in the prestigious institute.

It may be noted that, several militant outfit has also earlier raised the questions of irregularities in the financial matters on the ongoing infrastructure development projects and appointments. National Institute of Technology Manipur, a centrally funded institution is set up to impart quality technical education to various levels of higher learning. It is one of the ten newly set up NIT's by the

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. It has been established to cater to the needs of the thousands of students from the North East and outside in the field of technical education with NIT, Agartala, as its mentor institute and tremendous support from the state government of Manipur. NIT Manipur started its first session on 1st August, 2010.

## Aged persons and national awardees honoured on International day of older persons

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** Senior Citizens' Forum, Imphal East today observed "The International Day of Older Persons, 2016" at the Dharmalaya Hall, Brahmapur Nahabam, Imphal. In the observation function, Gifts were presented to the selected 14 Older Persons of Imphal East who are above 90 years of age. The Older Persons were, Smt. Yambem Thabal Devi (96) and Shri Sarangthem Iboton Singh (95) of Kshetrigam A/C, Smt. Chingakham (O) Motolei Devi (95) and Shri Salom Gourahari Singh (91) of Andro A/C, Smt. Wangkheimayum (O) Bhanu Devi (95) and Shri Takhelchangbam Ngamba Sharma (94) of Yaikul A/C, Smt. Waribam Purnimashi Devi (93) and Shri Thingbajjam Kullachandra Singh (93) of Heingang A/C, Smt. Irom Tampaklei Devi (91) and Shri Ngangbam Gambhir Singh (91) of Wangkhei A/C, Smt. Haorongbam Ramani Devi (92) and Shri Haobijam Sahadev Singh (92) of Khurai A/C, Smt. Moirangthem Ahanbi Devi (90) and Shri Nandeibam Ibobi Singh (91) of Thongju Assembly Constituency. As part of the function, 5 (five)



National Awardees in different fields from Imphal East District were also honoured with a presentation of simple gifts. The National Awardees were, Shri Meghachandra Kongbam (Swarna Kamal Award for Best Film Critic in National Film Award-2015), Shri Cingangbam Nishikanta (National Award to Teachers-2012, Awarded by Department of School Education & Literacy-New Delhi), Shri Pangambam Kunjabihari Singh (National Tourism Award 2014-15, Most Innovative Tour Operator, Awarded by Govt. of India-Ministry of Tourism), Shri Chongtham Deepu Singh (Sahitya Akademy Yuva Puruskar for 2016 on his Book "Torbanduda" Awarded by Sahitya Akademy-New Delhi) and Shri Thokchom Thouyangbam Meitei (Bal

Sahitya Puraskar-2015 on his book "Ishusha Pupu Waree Leagee-2011" Awarded by Sahitya Akademy-New Delhi). Retd. IAS Officer, Shri Ch. Birendra Singh, the President of the Forum who have presided over the function narrated about the Senior Citizens' Forum Imphal East for their role in the society and organising the function of honouring the older persons every year. Professor, Department of Psychiatry of RIMS Dr. R.K. Lenin Singh also spoke on "Mental issues of the Elderly Persons" during the function. It may be recalled "The International Day of Older Persons" was declared by UN General Assembly on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1991. Since then, the day is observed throughout the world.

## NSCN-IM condemns 35 AR; appreciates Senapati people

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 1:** While condemning the third degree torture to the three NSCN-IM cadres arrested by 35 AR troopers on September 28, MIP of the NSCN-IM has appreciated the people of Senapati, civil society organisation particularly the Naga People's Organisation

arrested are Naga Army District Women Association (SDWA), Senapati District Student Association (SDSA) and Senapati Karong Women Association for their timely intervention against the detention of the three cadres. In a press released the NSCN-IM said that those

arrested are Naga Army Officer who were on duty and were not assigned for tax collection. They were on duty to check the law and other situation happening at the district. It further term the act of 35 AR as irresponsible and the third degree torture and question the need for such treatment during cease fire.

## US tells Pak to shut down its nuclear talk amid regional tensions with India

**Washington, Oct. 1:** In a blunt message delivered very publicly on Friday, the United States told the Pakistani government to "exercise restraint" regarding the use of nuclear weapons, or the talk about it, alluding to the rhetoric coming out of Islamabad lately. "I would just say nuclear-capable states have a very clear responsibility to exercise restraint regarding nuclear weapons and missile capabilities." US state department spokesman Mark Toner said at the daily briefing in response to a question, about "some of the rhetoric from the Pakistani government". "And that's my message publicly and that's certainly our message directly to the Pakistani authorities," he added. He didn't elaborate but the United States has been concerned about Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, said to be the fastest growing in the world, for a while and not only in the regional context but, and mostly, about terrorists getting access to them. There had been a sharp rise in Islamabad in talk about using nuclear weapons to prevent India from carrying out a retaliatory

strike against the Uri attack by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Muhammad on September 18. "We will destroy India if it dares to impose war on us. Pakistan army is fully prepared to answer any misadventure of India," Pakistani defence minister Khawaja Asif told a Pakistani TV channel last Monday. "We have not made an atomic device to display in a showcase. If such a situation arises we will use it and eliminate India," he had added, raising alarm not only New Delhi but capitals around the world already worried about Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, which is growing rapidly, falling into the hands of terrorists. The defence minister had made a similar threat on September 17, the day before the Uri attack. If his intention was to scare New Delhi, he failed. Two days after Asif's interview, Indian special forces crossed the Line of Control to hit a string of launchpads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in what have been called "surgical strikes"; the extent of damage inflicted remains unclear.

Islamabad has not fully acknowledged them yet — even tried to dismiss it as a routine exchange of fire across the border — and, it is feared, it may rush into something rash to thwart criticism at home of allowing a humiliating infringement of its sovereignty go unanswered. "But a nuclear strike? Pakistan has talked publicly about using "low-yield, tactical nuclear weapons" (also called battlefield nuclear weapons) — that are less devastating than strategic nuclear weapons that can destroy entire towns and cities. Pakistani officials have also been remarkably open about the purpose of these tactical weapons. "Our nuclear programme is one dimensional: Stopping Indian aggression before it happens. It is not for starting a war. It is for deterrence," foreign secretary Aizaz Chaudhry said during a visit to the US in 2015. The United States was planning to offer Pakistan a nuclear deal then that would have capped its nuclear arsenal in exchange for access to nuclear equipment and supplies it had facilitated for India in 2008. But it didn't work out.