



## Bomb at Former DGP's residence

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** Unknown persons today placed a hand grenade near the gate of the former DGP Yumnam Joykumar at his Naoremthong DC Leirak residence at around 6 am. The grenade was reportedly retrieved by a team of Manipur Police at around the same timing but police denied any such incident. On the other hand another hand grenade was also found today at the Tata Motor Showroom located at MG Avenue, Imphal at around 9 am. Witness said that the bomb was also retrieved by a team of police but police denied any bomb found at the area.

## Maoist claims bombs at Speaker's residence

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** While claiming responsibility of the lethod shell paced to the residence of Manipur legislative Assembly Speaker, Th Lokeshwar at his Sagoelung residence, armed rebel group Maoist communist Party, Manipur today said that the attack is carried out against congress party at which the party had announced to boycott the congress party on October 15. In a statement the outfit blamed the Congress party for extending the Indian rule in the state and said that the it was necessary for the outfit to boct the congress party on Oct 15, the day when India was illegally merged. The Maoist further vow to wipe out the congress party from the soil of Manipur and appealed the people of the state to cooperate with the party's stand. The rebel group stated that it will continue to strike Congress candidates to wipe out the political party from the soil of Manipur.

## Awareness programme

**PIB**  
**Imphal, Oct. 18:** A one-day awareness programme on "Support for Entrepreneurial and Managerial development of SMEs through incubators" will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month at the Conference Hall of NIT, Langol. Innovators students of technical institution and entrepreneurs will participate in the programme which will be organised by MSME Development Institute, Govt. Of India, Takyel, Imphal.

## AFSPA crusader Irom Sharmila's new political party PRJA formally launch

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** AFSPA crusader Irom Chanu Sharmila who had aborted the 16 year long fast unto death protest demanding repeal of the draconian Act on August 9 this year to continue her struggle by fighting election today formally launched her new political party call Peoples' Resurgence and Justice Alliance. Process for registering with the Election Commission of India is on the process and soon after completion the newly form party will announce its symbol, said convener of the new political party Rendro Leichungbam. As of now organisation matters will be done by an adhoc committee comprising of Convener Erendro Leichungbam, Co-Convener Phundreimayum Nazama, Co-convener Irom Sharmila and Co- Convener Jame Mayengbam. Among the four convener except for Jame Mayengbam all the three will contest election. We are fielding at least 20 candidates in the upcoming



*The newly formed political party today confirmed to field candidates in four Assembly Constituencies including Khurai, Thoubal, Thangmeiband and Wabagai. Irom Chanu Sharmila, will contest from Khurai and Thoubal Assembly Constituency. The party is targetting to field seat in not less than 20 seats.*

poll to oust out both the Congress and the BJP, said Erendro Leichungbam, convener of the newly formed political party PRJA. But as of today we three - including Sharmila and Nazma will be contesting. More are in the pipeline to join the party and the party will field candidate in at least 20 assembly constituencies, Leichungbam

added. Interesting Phundreimayum Nazma, if contested will be the first muslim lady candidate in the electoral history of Manipur. Recounting on how she finally took up the decision to contest election, Irom Sharmila said that it is through peoples' mandate that real democracy can be restored in

the country. She also said that the party will not confined here in the state of Manipur only but will be open for people who wanted to restore democracy in the country.

PRJA is base on justice, Understanding, love and peace and the party believe in non-violence to achieve its goal, she added and said that the top priority of the new political party will be repeal of draconian Arm Forces Special Powers Act and also to ensure justice, equality, empowerment of women. Irom Sharmila also talks of taking up developmental works to make people of the state self sustained.

## Myanmar delegations arrive to attend 9th RCB meeting

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** A 19 member delegation of Myanmar Army led by Brig Gen Thet Pone and Brig Gen Aung Thu Oo arrived today morning at Indian border town Moreh to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Border Committee (RBC) at IGAR (S) complex Mantripukhri here in Imphal.

The Myanmar Army delegation was airlifted by

chopper from Moreh town to IGAR (S) at around 2 pm. The Myanmar delegation will hold a meeting with Indian counterpart led by Brig. VS Tomar(int) HQ 3 corps, Brig MS Sidhu, Commander 7 sector AR and Brig Rajesh Kumar Commander 28 Sector AR. The delegation after the meeting at Imphal will proceed to Bodha Gaya on

Oct 20 and return back on the same day and is scheduled to leave Imphal for Moreh on Oct 21. Source said the RCB meeting will deliberate on issue of land encroachment claims by villagers of both the country residing in the Border area. Recently the Myanmar Army has claimed encroachment of land by Indian villagers to its territory at Kwatha site.

## NPUI condemns IED blast at Tangkhul Avenue

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** Naga People's Union, Imphal (NPUI) strongly condemned the powerful explosion of IED at the residence of Clement Singlei of Tangkhul Avenue, Imphal at about 7 pm of October 17, 2016 where three girls including a minor girl injured. In a press released, M Ngaranmi, President of NPUI states that Clement Singlei is a peaceful loving citizen who presently serves as President

of Tangkhul Naga Contractor's Association where he himself is also a special contractor and also the executive member of NPUI. Clement Singlei is the ex-chairman of Tangkhul Avenue, he added. President of NPUI also states that there had been reports of monetary demand from militant organization on the Tangkhul Naga Contractor's Association from the last 15 days. The IED blast at Clement Singlei residence could be the

reason behind the monetary demand, he added. While condemning the incident as cowardly and inhuman, NPUI appeals to the militant groups to desist from such inhuman action which disturbs the peaceful atmosphere and causing harm to the innocent civilians. The three girls who injured at the blast hails from Mawai Village under Kasom Block of Ukhrul and currently leaving as tenants in the locality of Tangkhul Avenue.

## Law is not the only solution for child marriage problem: NITI Aayog member

**New Delhi, Oct. 18:** Member of NITI Aayog Bibek Debroy has said, law is not the only solution for child marriage problem in India. Addressing a conference today in New Delhi on status of child marriage in India, he said it is not easy to implement the law in a diverse country like India. Mr Debroy said, because of child marriage girls are deprived of education opportunity. A one day conference has been organised by National

Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Secretary, Ministry of women and child development Leena Nair, chairpersons of state child rights commission, Directors General of police and member secretaries of state legal service authority of 13 states besides NGOs working in the area are participating in the conference. The meeting is also being attended by the representatives of national Commissions for women, minorities, scheduled tribes

and scheduled cast and other backward classes. The focus of the consultation is on discussions on the current scenario of child marriage, legal perspectives to eliminate it and charting out detailed action plan in order to identify areas that require immediate attention. The conference is aimed at arriving at a broad consensus at ground level for the 13 States to tackle child marriage besides developing a set of Standard Operating Procedures.

## CIRCA observes Manipur National Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** Coalition for indigenes rights campaign (CIRCA) observed Manipur National Day 2016 at Sana Konung of Kunung Mamang commemorating the first elected assembly of Manipur before its merger with the Indian Union. On October 18, 1948, the first sitting of the first elected assembly of Manipur convened its first sitting under the Manipur constitution act 1948. As part of the function the

Leisamba Sanajaoba honour the family members of late MLAs of Manipur first assembly of 1948. Among those who deliberated on the issue on the occasion were as Leisamba Sanajaoba, Director of college development council MU, Retd. Dy Register MU Oinam Kullabidhu, Research Associate South East Asian Studies Kangujam Sanatomba, Cultural Activist Ningthouba Lancha and convener of CIRCA Somorendro Thokchom.

## MU students continue protest demonstration

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** Students of Manipur University continue protest demonstration staging sit-in and relay hunger strike demanding implementation of State Reservation Policy in admission to Manipur University (MU). The protest lickered off since October 16, 2016 under the aegis of a newly formed JAC. The protest has been carried out particularly against the delay in admission process and wrongful interpretation of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Act, 2012. According to the

convener of the JAC, Romen Soibamcha, the protest will continue till October 21, 2016. Today another six students has volunteers to undergo the relay hunger strike in placed of the previous six students. The volunteered six students are: Romen Soibam of Physical Education and Sports Science, Tongbram Johnson of Earth Science, Kansam Mocha and Heigrujam Frenjita of Political Science, Khundrakpam Selvia of Life Science and Paonam Sonia of Bio-Chemistry.

## AMTDEU continues Cease work strike

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 18:** The All Manipur Transport Department Employees Union (AMTDEU) continued its indefinite cease work strike which began from October 17 against the failure to fulfill their demands regarding engagement and re-engagement of officials and staffs in the transport department. Speaking to the media persons, H Bijoy Kumar, Secretary of AMTDEU said that the union have already submitted memorandum to the concern department and Minister of the State opposing the process of engagement, re-engagement of officials and staffs of the department as it makes discouraging of the employees who are rendering their services with full

dedication. The process also forfeits the rights of the employees in terms of promotional avenue, he added. H Bijoy Kumar also said that few years back there were three re-engaged employees of the department but unfortunately only one has remain now which is currently posted at Thoubal. Such re-engagement of retired employee and posting them at different part of department of the State on contract basis has violated the rights of the employees who are supposed to be not working at all, he added. H Bijoy Kumar further said that since the union has already begun their indefinite cease work after a meeting held on October 14, 2016, if the concern authority still

continues to fails to fulfill their demands at the earliest, a strong movement of the union will take place but if their demands are fulfill the union will revoke all kinds of protest or agitation, he added. The responsibilities, functions and duties of the Transport Department is coordinating and assisting in the development and operation of transportation facilities and services for highways, formulating and keeping current a long-range, comprehensive statewide master plan for the balanced development of public and private commuter and general transportation facilities. If such department is not taken good care by the concern department, hinder will be given to the public as well as in transportation related works.

## Former Sri Lankan minister's son found dead in UK

**PII**  
**London, Oct 18:** Son of a former Sri Lankan cabinet minister studying at the prestigious London School of Economics was found dead after a brief illness here in the UK. Adhil Baker Markar, a masters student tipped to become future leader of Sri Lanka, was found lying unconscious in his room by his friends last week and later declared dead, police said.

He was the son of Sri Lankan politician Intiaz Baker Markar, chairman of the country's National Media Centre a project established to monitor the country's media. His father has also served as Sri Lanka's cabinet minister of media. According to a report, the LSE student who represented the next generation of Sri Lankan political leaders, "was found dead in his room after going to bed complaining of a

fever". Friends became worried about Markar when he did not answer phone calls. When they went to his dorm residence, they opened the door with the help of university officials and found him "sprawled on the floor". Markar had complained of being ill, but when he spoke with one of his brothers last Tuesday, had said "I am recovering and will be OK".