

Supporters of Congress Minister M Okendro staging bit rally at Heirok Assembly constituency



## Conflict over acquisition of land for Sports University at Yaithibi Khunou settled Land acquisition for Sports University completed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** Land owners of Yaithibi Khunou, who have been opposing acquisition of land for construction of Sports University has finally given up and signed agreement deed with the government of Manipur unloading burden from Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh. A reliable source said that Deputy Commissioner of Thoubal District, M Joy Singh had completed signing agreement deeds for

purchase of 25.35 acres of land with the land owners on October 1. Conflict area for construction of the Sport University is 32.65 acres, as the owners of this portion of land however, with the signing of the agreement deeds, only 7.3 acres of land is awaiting for settlement. Official source said that owners of this remaining land too have agreed to sign agreement with the government and land owners had given their assent to sign it on October 3.

The source added that the rate for one Sangam (0.62 acres) was negotiated at Rs. 6 lakh. In November, 2014 state cabinet had approved for acquisition of 442.27 Acres land of 44 Yaithibi Khunou Village, under Thoubal District for establishment of National Sports University. Of this 442.72 Acres, the area of pataland is 376.2, and land measuring 66.07 acre is Khasland. Soon after the approval of the state cabinet, land owners of

Yaithibi Khunou measuring around 32.65 acres of land strongly objected the government decision to acquire their land. Agitations after agitations were followed and confrontation took place between the land owner and the government machineries over the acquisition of the portion of land which stood in the middle of the propose site for Sport University. The matter was even move to different human Rights bodies accusing government of force eviction.

## Manipur's hill areas receive step-motherly treatment from central government

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** Manipur's hill areas has been receiving step motherly treatment by the central government as the ADCs which start functioning since June 2015 are presently left out from 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission award as well as financial grant provided by NITI Aayog does not cover these hill districts of the state. Left with no choice the state government has approached the central government time and again to deliver fair treatment to the ADCs of Manipur but to no avail. As per the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission report areas

under Schedule VI in Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Assam and the areas in the Hill Districts of Manipur, Rural area of Nagaland and Mizoram remain outside the ambit of the measures recommended for Panchayats and Municipalities. After nearly 20 years, Manipur government had finally conducted election for Autonomous District Councils in June 2015 and made the local bodies fully functional. However, with limited financial resources, it is now not feasible to carry out the fullest to function to the mandate.

Center is now leaving the fate of the ADCs to the mercy of the state government which does not have adequate resource on its own to run the government. A source said Chief Minister Okram Ibobi had written about the matters requesting for inclusion of the ADCs in the award by the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to both the Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Union Finance Minister and also to the Prime Minister. As of now the center is not allocating any appropriate amount either in the form of grant or package for the six ADCs.

### 2 UGs arrested

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** District Police Commando Imphal West arrested a member of PREPAK western side of Ngakraba bridge near Nambul River on September 29 morning. The arrested cadre is identified as Md. Habibur Rahaman (46) yrs S/o (I) M.V Abdul Hamid of Yairipok Singa, Thoubal District. Police source said that he was involved in extortion of huge amount of money from the Transport contractor of Thoubal District, Bishnupur District, Imphal East and West District since September, 2015 for raising their party fund. Incriminating articles were seized from his possession. On the same day another team of Imphal West district police commando arrested a member of KCP (Poirei group) Wangoi Mamang Thiyam Leikai area at around 11.45 am. The arrested person is identified as Huidrom Deben Singh (48) yrs S/o (I) H. Tompishak Singhof Wangoi Mamang Thiyam Leikai. Police said that he was involved in extortion of huge amount of money from the general public.

### 2 loaded trucks set ablaze

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** Unknown miscreants today burnt two loaded trucks at Karang area in Senapati district at around 4.30 am. Report reaching here said that the two goods ferrying trucks were coming towards Imphal from Dimapur. Around 10 persons stopped the two trucks and after pulling down the drivers and assistance of the trucks the miscreant set ablaze the two trucks. Source said that the miscreants might have been supporters of the Contract teachers who have been enforcing economic blockade along the two national highways since the midnight of September 26, demanding regularization of their post. The economic blockade was supported by various organizations of Senapati district.

## Manipur pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi on National Cleanliness Day

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Oct. 2:** By observing the National Cleanliness Day 2016, Government of Manipur paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 167 birth anniversary today at GM Hall Imphal.

As an important part of the observation, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma A Heptulla and Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh led the floral tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at GM Hall. While giving the Chief Guest's speech, Hon'ble Governor appealed for clean home, roads, public places and environment and also for keeping ourselves clean. She recalled that Mahatma Gandhi gave so much emphasis to cleanliness. He believed that spiritual cleanliness (cleaning of mind and soul) approaches to God. Gandhiji led the nation in freedom struggle against the yoke of British. He used non-violence as a means of the struggle. He belongs to the world and to all generation. He is an apostle of truth. He lived and died for peace and welfare of mankind. He won affection and love from all over the world. He became Mahatma, the great soul. He taught the world brotherhood, friendship. Not only Mahatma Gandhi fought for political Independence of the nation but also for economic independence too, the Governor added.



In his presidential address, Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh said that every year October 2, the birth day of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation is observing as National Cleanliness Day. As a mark of respect to Gandhiji who had used non-violence as only weapon in bringing India's Independence from British rule, we are organizing the observation. Gandhiji taught the value of harmonious co-existence and mutual respect and his ideals of non-violence, freedom, equality and religious tolerance have eternal value. We need to keep alive in our hearts and minds at all times the principles of tolerance and non-violence. In today's chaotic world, Gandhiji's message for living

harmoniously among us has become very much relevant. To him 'love' is everything. On the other hand, cleanliness is one of the spiritual exercises performed by the Mahatma. For a healthy and wealthy society, we required a clean environment. It produces clean and new ideas. Life of cleaned soul and minds are best life. Whatever service they rendered give benefits to the people and society, Shri Ibobi stated. The observation was attended by the MPs of Inner and outer Manipur, Deputy Speaker, Council of Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, high ranking officials both from civil and police. It may be recalled that Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1869 at Por bandar.

## Chadong villagers demands compensation and urged state govt. to respect PMO directives

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** Chadong Village Authority has submitted a memorandum to the government of Manipur demanding payment of compensation for Rehabilitation and Resettlement package in respect of Non-recipients of the compensation of Chadong Village, Ukhrul district, who are displaced due to the construction of Maphithel Dam, Thoubal River Multipurpose Project. The Village authority demanded compensation for all the properties damaged by

flooding, settlement of Rehabilitation and Resettlement matter of Chadong Village through Hereditary Land Owners and also appealed to honour the directives of the Prime Minister Office forwarded to the government of Manipur. In its memorandum the Chadong Village authority stated that the JAC- R&RCV of Chadong Village who had submitted Memorandum to the Governor of Manipur on September 17, 2016 is a bogus committee who had accepted and withdrawn their own R&R

package of Rs. 14,00,000/- in 2013 from the Government of Manipur. It further said that they had left their ancestral homes and now are non-residents of Chadong Village. The Village authority urged the state government to declare Chadong Village as the most affected zone/area and demanded immediate arrangement of alternative means of livelihood for each of the affected family by providing at least a government job to each of the affected family besides special Pension Plan for each families.

## Sapam Keba kicks start election campaign

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** Former MLA of Patsoi assembly constituency and member of BJP Manipur Pradesh, Sapam Keba today kicked start his election campaign by organizing a Political Conference at Tera Keithel. Reporters witness large number of supporters attending the Political Conference but the air was seem filled with suspicion on whether Keba will be able to get BJP ticket for contesting the 2017 Manipur Election. Speaking on the occasion Sapam Keba said that getting ticket is not a matter to worry as far as people of the constituency supported him. "Getting BJP ticket or not is not important but it is the peoples' support that is

required", Keba said. However, Keba still seem to have faith in BJP. "Political changes will be seen in the coming 15 to 20 days and he assured the people that BJP will surely bring a change to the state. It may be mentioned that another prominent leader of the BJP S. Premananda Sharma has also announced to fight the

election as BJP candidate. People in the party are of the opinion that S. Premananda has more weight in the BJP Manipur Pradesh as he is presently holding an important post in the party organisation. Source also added that S. Premananda is presently at Guwahati engaging in taught meeting with the leaders of the BJP.



## Irom Sharmila wants to meet Modi, take advice from him

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Oct 2:** After Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, rights activist Irom Sharmila now wants to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi expecting "good advice" from him. She had met Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on September 26 seeking his advice on how to defeat "major political parties" in her state Manipur. "Good advice should always be expected. Whether a person is an enemy or a friend, if he has some good views and wants to share it with me, I will take the advice," she told PTI. She was asked if she would also meet Modi to seek his



advice as he was elected with a huge mandate in the general elections. Sharmila on Friday had addressed Delhi University students at a function organised by the North East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) to commemorate the 120th birth anniversary of Hijam Irabot, a freedom fighter and social

activist of Manipur. Sharmila, who had in the past, expressed her desire to meet Modi to seek his help in the repeal of the contentious Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), reiterated her demand saying, "It is possible, I will meet because he is the authority concerned who can fulfill my demand." The 44-year-old "Iron Lady"

had an advice for students as she asked them to stop blaming the society and rather be the change they wish to see. "Youths, which are the strength of society are the symbol of unity and inspiration. You remain protesting and blaming the society. Instead, you are responsible to help or unite to bring the change you wish to see in the society," she said. On August 9, Sharmila broke her 16-year-old hunger strike demanding repeal of the AFSPA and announced that she would take her battle to the next level by floating her party as she wants to become the chief minister of Manipur to "press" for the demands.

## Manipuri Diasporas observes Irabot Day at Delhi

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 2:** Irabot Day Observance 2016 was successfully held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, from 1 pm to 5:30 pm. The Day was marked by; (a) floral tribute to comrade Hijam Irabot, (b) essay writing competition on the theme *Hijam Irabot and His Understanding of Capitalism and War*, (c) Poetry Recitation, and (d) Irabot Day Memorial Lecture. In the essay writing competition, out of total 32 registered candidates, 19 candidates turned up. Three jury members comprising Beerjrekha Samom, Chitaranjan Taorem and Shafikul

Haque examined the papers and awarded the *three best essay* title to Herojit Wahengbam, Monika Ningthoujam and Jackson RK. The best essays were presented cash awards, mementos and certificates that were respectively dedicated in the name of late Leishangthem ongbi Chandni, late Lourenbam Ibocha and late Ningthoujam Khunthoknganba respectively by Sushila Leishangthem, Sunil Khomdrum and Wakhalloi Ningthouja. The jury members were awarded mementos of appreciation dedicated in the name of late Khangembam Mani by Yaiphaba Khangembam. (Contd. on page 2)