

## UNC Bandh cripples traffic in NHs

IT News

**Imphal, Oct 31:** 48 hours bandh called by United Naga Council (UNC) and supported by All Tribal Students' Association Manipur (ATSUM) against the apprehension of state government's announcement of a full fledged Sardar Hills revenue district has crippled traffic along the National Highways No.1. The bandh supporter reportedly vandalised a tata truck vehicle at Karang area. According to report reaching here many vehicles coming towards Imphal are being stranded at Mao gate and vehicles which were supposed to leave Imphal for Guwahati and Dimapur has been suspended.

Interestingly, the UNC and ATSUM has been calling the bandh against Manipur Government's any move to announce full fledged revenue district to Jiribam and Sadar Hill.

The two bodies are expecting the Chief Minister announcing granting of Jiribam revenue district today, at which the Chief Minister did not do so, the UNC is also speculating announcement of Sadar Hill district tomorrow as a gift to Kut festival.

## Moreh Bandh continues

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**Imphal, Oct 31:** Bandh called at Moreh against the firing of husband and wife by unidentified persons on October 28 evening at Moreh Ward No.3 has deserted Moreh town putting a halt to all sort of commercial activities.

Imphal bound vehicles were stranded due to the bandh. The border trade also shuts.

The husband succumbed to his injury at Shija Hospital while the wife is struggling for survival with serious bullet wounds.

Imphal Times will not have its publication on November 1, 2016 on account of Ningol Chakkouba and Kut Festival.

## 2 youths among three injured in police firing

### Women's body demands suspension of police personnel involved in the shooting

IT News

**Imphal, Oct 31:** Urup Women Welfare Association demanded suspensions of police personnel who had fired gunshots towards 3 youths in front of Irlbung Police station yesterday night.

Two youths were reportedly injured after police who were frisking in front of the Irlbung Police station fired at them. The incident happened when three of them were coming in an alto car. Police personnel frisking in front of the police station told them to stop the car and as they speed down to stop some few meters away from the frisking site, the police allegedly fired at them injuring two of them.

Speaking to the media person in a press meet held at Manipur press club today secretary of the Association, Seram Mala said that the 3 youths are from Urup Awang leikai and are identified as Khulem Rabichandra (19) son of K Tomba, Moirangthem Thon (19) son of M Delamani and Laishram Danabir (23) son of L. Muhindro. They were returning back after enjoying the Diwali festival yesterday at around 7:30 pm in an Alto car. Around 5 police personnel of Irlbung police station stopped for frisking at its gate and accordingly they speed down the car and stop few meters away.

Mala further added that the

police suddenly fired one round of bullet toward the car injuring Moirangthem Thon and Laishram Danabir. The bullet hit and penetrated at the left arm of Dhanabir and the bullet again hit at the right abdomen of Moirangthem Thon. Scared over the barbaric act the boys escaped and reached home where they narrated the story. The two injured youth were later admitted at RMS for treatment.

The Urup Women Welfare Association demanded suspension of the police personnel involved in the shooting.

## PM Modi pays rich tribute to 'iron man' Sardar Patel on his 141st birth anniversary

Agency

**New Delhi, Oct 31:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid rich tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 141st birth anniversary. The day is being celebrated as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day). "I bow to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary. We recall his rich contribution to India," PM Modi said on his official Twitter handle.

PM Modi also offered floral tributes at Sardar Patel's statue at Patel Chowk in Delhi's Parliament Street. Earlier on Sunday, PM Modi had highlighted the

contribution of Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India, in uniting the country during his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme. The Prime Minister pointed out that Vallabhbhai Patel contributed significantly in strengthening the cooperative movement in the country, adding that the country's first home minister dedicated himself to the welfare of farmers.

The Prime Minister also paid tribute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary. While addressing the nation via his

popular radio programme, he, however, lamented at the turn of events in the wake of Indira Gandhi's assassination. "But on Sardar's birthday, history remembers how Sikh people all over the country faced violence and pain after Indira Gandhi's assassination," he had said.

Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the founding fathers of the Indian Republic, played a key role in the country's struggle for independence. He is known for successfully integrating hundreds of princely states with the Indian union with great skill and masterful diplomacy.

## Union MoS Home Kiren Rijiju flags off 'Unity Run' organised on occasion of EKTA Diwas



IT News

**Imphal, Oct 31:** 9 sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organized "Unity Run 2016" for CAPF personnel and school children on the eve of EKTA Diwas 2016 held at Kangla Fort. The run was flagged off by union minister of state for home

affairs Kiren Rijiju.

A large number of Assam Rifles, CAPF personnel and students took part in the run. The run was organized to commemorate the 141st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, the iron man of India who was instrumental in keeping India united.

## More than 85'000 kgs of fish produce at The Annual Fish Fair cum Fish Crop Competition 2016

IT News

**Imphal, Oct 31:** To ensure variety of fishes to all families of Manipur particularly to those family in Imphal ahead of the Ningol Chakkouba festival, Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Manipur today organised annual Fish Fair cum Fish Crop Competition 2016 at THAU Ground, Thangmeiband.

Around 85 stalls were allotted by the Fishery Department for the fair cum competition, out of which each stalls are representing offices of District Fishery Officer (DFO), Bishnupur and Thoubal, Imphal East DFO and Ukhrul DFO, Tamenglong, Senapati, Chandel and Churachandpur, respectively.

During the fair, a "Catla" which weighs below 3 kg were sold at Rs 200 while that of 3 kg and above were sold at Rs 250. "Rohu" that weighs below one kg were sold at Rs 200 while those weighing one kg and above were sold at Rs 250. "Pengba/Khabak" which weighs below 300 gm was

sold at Rs 600 while that of 300 gm and above were sold at Rs 700 and "Ngon" were sold at Rs 500.

Moreover, "Common Carp" that weighed below 1 kg were sold at Rs 170 and those over 1 kg were sold at Rs 200, respectively.

However, indigenous fish species such as Khajing and Ngamu were not displayed except for Ngakra (Catfish).

A "Big Head" which weighed more than 10 kg was the largest and heaviest fish in today's fair.

Canned fish which cost Rs 70, packed and manufactured by All Manipur Ithyological Society under the technical guidance of Department of Fisheries, Government of Manipur was also sold in the fair.

Delivering the key-note address, Director (Fisheries) K Saratkumar Singh said that in the last edition of the fair recorded less in fish production while compared to the target for 80'000 kgs but this year the production of the fish have already met the



expected quantity of 85'000 kgs and expected to get higher.

Attending the function as President, Agriculture and Fishery Minister, Md Nasir, said that Manipur is a State where people mostly prefer to eat fish and this year the department is able to produce different varieties of fish compare to last year.

The minister also said that

fishers in the State need to fulfill their responsibilities to increase fish production, to meet the needs of the people of the state.

With the special attention from the Fishery Department, there has been increase in the rate of fish production, this year, he added.

The fair is being held every year since 1976 as part of the "Ningol Chakkouba" festival.

## Guv', CM, Speaker, IGAR(S) among others wishes people on Ningol Chakkouba and Kut Festival

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**Imphal, Oct 31:** Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th. Lokeshwar, IGAR (South) Major General VS Sreenivas, among others wishes the people of state on occasion of Ningol Chakkouba and Kut festival to be celebrated tomorrow.

Ningol Chakkouba is the grandest festival for Meitei community but now is embraced by each and every communities in the state while Kut Festival is the biggest festival of the Kuki-Chin Mizo people of the state.

In her message, the governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla while greeting the people of the state wished the people to celebrate both the festival with the spirit of peaceful co-existence among the people of the state.

"Many this year's Ningol Chakkouba, one of the biggest social festivals of Manipur bring the real meaning of love and bond of unity among all ethnic communities of Manipur", the Governor said in her message. She further wishes full of respect to all women to be respected by not committing any crime against them.

"Let this festival herald an era of progress and prosperity in the region and promote unity, integrity and peaceful coexistence of all communities in the state.

I extend my heartiest greetings to the people of Manipur,

especially the Kuki-Mizo-Chin brethren on this joyous and auspicious occasion of Kut Festival, 2016.

On Kut festival, the governor said that the festival is celebrated as a thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest and it is one of the most important festivals of not only the Kuki-Mizo-Chin groups but of the entire State.

"Kut is held during autumn and this festival provides an opportunity to make merry and also to introspect on our past and plan for the future. This Festival will certainly spread the message of peace, love, communal harmony, friendship and brotherhood amongst the different communities in the North-East and especially in Manipur. Let this traditional festival spread the message of peaceful co-existence for a better Manipur", the governor said.

In his Ningol Chakkouba message, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi wishes the festival to symbolise the unbreakable bond of love between brothers and sisters and the care and affection of the parents for their daughters. Though the festival is originally observed by the Meitei community, the celebration now extends to other communities and tribes in Manipur thereby reinforcing unity amidst diversity in the State. The festival promotes the feeling of peaceful coexistence and harmonious social life by reaffirming our faith in the traditional values of love and protection.

On Kut festival, the Chief Minister calls on people to celebrate

the festival with the real spirit of love.

"The spirit of Kut festival is all about sharing, understanding, harmonious co-existence, cooperation and merriment. While extending my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all on the occasion, I also hope and pray that the festival will spread the message of love, peace and brotherhood amongst all communities living in the state", said Okram Ibobi.

Speaker of the Manipur legislative Assembly Th. Lokeshwar also wished the people of the state on ningol Chakkouba and Kut festival. In his message, the Speaker appealed the people of the state to celebrate both the festival with the spirit of love, unity and friendship. He appealed people of the state to celebrate the festival with ethos to restore peace and harmony in the state.

Major General VS Sreenivas, VSM\*\*, IG AR (South) and All Ranks of Assam Rifles also extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of NINGOL CHAKKOUBA and 'KUT Festival'. IGAR (South) expresses hope that the festival will herald an era of progress and prosperity in the region and promote unity, integrity and peaceful coexistence of all communities in the state.

The festival will be celebrated in its true spirit and will reaffirm our resolve to strengthen peaceful co-existence among various ethnic groups in the age-old glorious tradition of the people of the state, the IGAR (South) statement added.