

## Chief General Manager SBI, NE region call on CM

### SBI donates Rs 50 lakh to Chief Minister's relief fund

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**Imphal, August 11:** The Chief General Manager, SBI-NE Region P.V.S.L.N. Murty called on Chief Minister N Biren Singh and held a detailed meeting for expanding banking services in the State. During the meeting held yesterday at Chief Minister's Secretariat, Murty discussed on the opening of new bank branches to expand banking coverage and other measures to ease the difficulties faced by the people of the State especially those living in the remote areas in accessing banking facilities. Murty further explained various schemes and modalities to extend the banking facilities to the people of the State like Customer Care Points of SBI, Bank Mitra to deliver the cash etc. He also assured to take



up the matter seriously in co-ordination with the State Government in fulfilling the vision of Chief Minister, Manipur to deliver the pension benefits including the old aged pension to the beneficiaries/pensioners at their door step. On the occasion, as a goodwill gesture to extend support to

help and rehabilitate the flood victims, The State Bank of India, Local Head Office (LHO) Guwahati also donated Rs. 50 lakh to Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF). The Chief General Manager, SBI-NE Shri P.V.S.L.N. Murty alongwith the officials of State Bank of India handed over the cheque to Chief

Minister Shri N. Biren Singh. Murty mentioned that considering the extensive damage to property and personal assets due to the recent flash floods occurred in different parts of Manipur, SBI decided to contribute some amount into the CMRF to help the flood victims in the State. It is for the first time in the history of Manipur that an organisation is donating a huge amount to the tune of Rs. 50 lakh to CMRF. Mentioned may be made that State Bank of India donated Rs 1 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund of Assam, to help the flood victims in Assam recently. Shri N. Biren Singh expressed his heartfelt gratitude for making such contribution on behalf of the people of Manipur.

## CIRCA organises one day discussion on Manipur Nationhood and Instrument of Accession, 1947

**IT News**  
**Imphal, August 11:** One day discussion on Manipur Nationhood and Instrument of Accession, 1947 was held today at State Guest House, Sanjenthong, Imphal. The discussion was organised by Coalition For Indigenes' Rights Campaign (CIRCA).

Representatives of various civil society organisations and students' body took part in the discussion. The one day discussions were held on various historical events that occurred between the year 1947 to 1949 in Manipur. Mention may be that CIRCA

has been campaigning since 2015 to regain the pre-merger status in the state. It may be recalled that various memorandum were signed after the British Colonisation of Independent Manipur till the time British left India and on Manipur's merger with India.

## Imphal-Yairipok Road shutdown

**IT News**  
**Imphal, August 11:** Disappointed locals have indefinitely shut down the Imphal-Yairipok Road since last midning of August 10, 2017 protesting against the non-repair of the road. The locals resorted to blocking of the road after the authority fails to comply with the demands made to repair the road on or before August 10, 2017. The disappointed locals blocked the road stretch from Kongba Bazar till Iriblung restricting plying of any kind of vehicles along the stretch. However, students, medical related and other essential services were relaxed.

Speaking to the media persons, M. Dyamenti, President of Kongba Bazar Women Development Committee said that the condition of the Imphal-Yairipok road has worsened as the concern authorities fails to acknowledge the importance of the road and non-repair of the road for more than 10 years. The road has become an accident prone due to its pathetic condition and many have lost their life on the road due to accident, she added. Dyamenti also said that if the Chief Minister of Manipur had travelled the Imphal-Yairipok road in the recent Pineapple festival held at Yairipok, he

would have witness how worst the condition of the road but unfortunately it dint happen instead they past travelled through the smooth road to attend the festival which very unfortunate for the public. Different form of agitation will take place if the concern authority and state government fails to repair the road at the earliest even indefinite shut down of the road, she added. Mention may be that Imphal-Yairipok Road United Club Organisation (IYRUCO), a cluster of 18 clubs has warned of shutting down the Imphal-Yairipok Road if it was not repair on or before August 10, 2017.

## Tree Plantation Drive

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**Imphal, August 11:** Noney Battalion under the aegis of Red Shield Division organized "Tree Plantation Drive" at Lamsang Primary School under Kangchup Company Operating Base on 10 Aug 2017. Troops of Kangchup Post alongwith children of school planted 100 saplings on Kangchup-Tamenglong road as a part of extensive plantation drive. Kangchup Company Operating Base, teaching staff and students of Lamsang Primary School alongwith Lamsang Phongmaui Education Sport and Cultural Organisation participated in this drive with full enthusiasm. The school Principal and Teachers offered a vote of thanks and conveyed their sincerest of gratitude on behalf of the students to Head Hunters Battalion

## Cordon and Search Operation continues at various part of the state

**IT News**  
**Imphal, August 11:** In the run up to the forthcoming Independence Day, Manipur police teams conducted cordon and search operation still continued at various part of the state today. Thoubal CDO including Women Police Constables led by team of Deputy SP (OPS) Soibam Sashidananda, Deputy SP (CDO) Y Premjit and Subedhar Daulat Khan conducted cordon and search operation at Charangpat Mayai Leikai in Thoubal District early in the morning where 182 men and 93 women were verified but no arrest were made. Meanwhile, Imphal East District Police team along with Heingang Police conducted cordon and search operation at Kairang road Chingtham Colony from 4:30 am to 6 am today, under the supervision of Additional SP (OPS) M

Kumarjit Singh. Altogether 349 persons were verified during the search operation and 12 persons including four women were pick up and taken to Heingang Police Station for further verification. A team of Imphal West CDO under the supervision of Additional SP (OPS) N Madhuni mai conducted cordon and search operation at Patsoi Part 2 from 5 am to 6:30 am. However there were no reports of any arrest during the operation. In another cordon and search operation conducted at Bishnupur bazar ward no. 4 from 5 am to 6 am by Bishnupur district police team comprising SDPO/BPR, Deputy SP (CDO), Deputy SP (OPS), OC CDO and a team of Bishnupur Police Station with Women Police, altogether 250 persons were verified

where 3 persons were detained and later handed over to Bishnupur Police Station for further verification.

## Health minister inaugurates "interactive meet on medicinal plants"

**Imphal, August 11:** Health Minister Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh inaugurated "Interactive Meet on Medicinal Plants With District Level Farmers/Collectors", Innovation of Mainstreaming of AYUSH & "365 days Activities at School Level", today at Chandel Indoor Stadium, Chandel. As Chief Guest of the function, minister explained about the importance of Medicinal Plants found in the state. He said that growing of medicinal plants will help to generate income of the farmers. Different types of medicinal plants of high value are found in Chandel District, which is

not found in the rest of the state. He advocated that the traditional methods of treatment using the medicinal plants during the past were of immense significance. Minister stated that such programme is launched under the National Ayush Mission. He also informed that AYUSH has become a supplementary and complimentary to Allopathy. It has reduced the cost of medicine, he added. He also appealed the people to be aware about the value and usefulness of the traditional medicinal plants. Presiding the Function, Parliamentary Secretary Shri S. Subhachandra Singh said that

the Government has introduced many schemes to bring a better Health Caring Society. YOGA is also one of such examples, which is recognized by the World Health Organisation, he added. Prizes were also distributed to the winners who participated in the competitions of various disciplines organised by the Manipur Medicinal Plant Board. The function was attended by MLA Mayang Imphal A/C K. Robindro Singh, MLA Sekmai A/C H. Dingo Singh, DC Chandel Krishna Kumar, Director AYUSH, Manipur A Gunesor Sharma as Guest of

Honours. Staff and Officials of Health and Family Welfare, AYUSH, students from different schools and others were also present at the function. Later the ministerial team inspected the work progress of the new building of District Hospital, Chandel that is under construction. Ministerial team also visited the District Hospital and interacted with the staff. The Programme was jointly organised by Manipur State Medicinal Plant Board, National AYUSH Mission, Directorate of AYUSH & Organisation for Tribal Benefit Programme (OTBP), chandel

## "No roll back", says Kpi bodies

By Kaybie Chonglo  
**Kangpokpi, Aug. 11:** People of newly created Kangpokpi District rolled up its sleeves to face any decision to roll back the recently created seven new districts in Manipur more particularly Kangpokpi District in the Tripartite Talks involving Government of India, Government of Manipur and United Naga Council (UNC) today at Senapati DHQs. A lighting rally was organized in Kangpokpi District in protest against the UNC's firm decision of District roll back ahead of the tripartite talks today at Senapati DHQs. Hundreds of people lined up along the Trans Asian Highway No.1 passing through the District headquarters of Kangpokpi at Kangpokpi DHQs this morning displaying their strong resentment, over the UNC firm stand to roll back the newly created District including Kangpokpi, to the delegates of Manipur Government passing through Kangpokpi to attended the Tripartite talks at Senapati. Braving the scanty downpour along the highway, the lighting rally participants hold giant banners printed with, "No Roll Back of Kangpokpi District. No Alteration of boundaries", etc. while placards which read, "Kangpokpi District for Administrative Convenience and Justice", "No Roll-Back of Kangpokpi District", "No Alteration of Kangpokpi District Boundaries", "Kangpokpi District is Sadar Hills", etc. were displayed to the Senapati's Tripartite Talks.

Men and women from all communities in the District

including Kuki, Meetei, Nepali, etc. along the Highway participating in the lighting rally also shouted slogan, "No Roll Back of Kangpokpi District. No Alteration of its Boundaries when the delegates were passing through the town. All business establishments at the District HQs in Kangpokpi town remained closed during the lighting rally which begins from 8 am in the morning till 1 pm in the afternoon, while movement of traffic flow continue normally. Kuki Students' Organization (KSO) Sadar Hills, President, Thangminlen Kipgen handover memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister of India to be



submitted through Satyendra Garg, Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs and Chief Minister of Manipur to be submitted through R.R. Rashmi, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur, where to lead the Governments in the tripartite talks, to the Agriculture, Veterinary & AH Minister, V. Hangkhanlian and TD & Hills Minister, N. Kayisi, who is going to participate in the tripartite talks. The memorandum stated that Kangpokpi District was created on 8 December, 2016 by the state Government on administrative convenience. However, the constant threat of roll back of the newly created Kangpokpi District instilled insecurity on the minds of the people. It also said that Kangpokpi District was created after along suffer with our sweat, blood and tears for the sake of

administrative convenience and development. Therefore, the politicization of the creation of the District by vested interest, spearheaded by United Naga Council (UNC) is uncalled for while it has been vehemently opposed by the people of Kangpokpi District. "The guiding principle on which the district was created has nothing to do with the ethno-centric politics and was never based on such guidelines", it asserted. The memorandum which was signed by Seikhomang Khongsai, President, Kuki Inpi Kangpokpi District and Thangminlen Kipgen, President, KSO Sadar Hills implore the Prime Minister of India and Chief Minister of Manipur to intervene in

the matter to safeguard the newly created Kangpokpi District and ensure that there is no roll back or alteration of its existing boundaries. Speaking to media persons KSO President, Thangminlen Kipgen, while handing over the memorandum to Minister V. Hangkhanlian and Minister N. Kayisi said that people of Kangpokpi District are very much pleased with the Government creating Kangpokpi District for administrative convenience and development. He continued that the people of newly created Kangpokpi District stand firm and in the fact that, due to the pressure from external agencies if roll back of the district or alteration of its existing boundaries is to be mentioned, the people will not tolerate it at all. "You have given the District and officially declare it and we sincerely thank you for that and there should not be a question of roll back", asserted Kipgen while adding that no roll back of Kangpokpi District or alteration of its existing boundaries is the last words of the people of Kangpokpi District. A giant banner with No Roll Back of Kangpokpi District, No Alteration of Boundaries welcome the delegates and other representatives of the Senapati Tripartite Talks were greeted at Gangphai, the entry point of Kangpokpi District from the state Capital while similar banner wave bye to the delegates at Taphou Kuki, the ending point of the district along the highway.