

## Is the Dir. IPR trying to foil the good image of the Govt.?

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 14:** On August 11, 2017, the Information and Public Relation Department of the Government of Manipur to publish full page display advertisement in front page of all local dailies in Manipur in connection with the Patriots' Day celebration. However, the display advertisement was not allowed in evening newspaper of the state on the ground that the evening dailies have not submitted all documents demanded under the Manipur Advertisement policy. When enquired it is being

found that the Secretariat of the IPR has directed to publish the advertisement in all local newspaper which meant that the publication of the display advertisement is purely on the essence of propagating Patriots' Day and has nothing to do with pity matters. State government has been doing everything it can for the welfare of the small newspaper in the state understanding its role in the society. But one wonder on why the director is trying the sideline the evening dailies? On certain government

departments which has been violating the Manipur Advertisement policy the director, IPR remain silent. As per the Advertisement policy all government department should pass their official related advertisement through DIPR, however, certain offices like the State Assembly secretariat, the MSPDCL and others have not been following it. But for not submitting a documents as per the Manipur Advertisement Policy the Director DIPR have no right to say that Evening dailies are not newspaper.

## Chief Minister mulls over corruption free elections

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Aug 14:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh urged the general public to elect the right leaders without taking money in elections. He was speaking as Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony of a community hall at Luwangshangbam Maning Leikai in Imphal East District today. Reiterating that the present Government has a firm commitment to root out corruption, he opined that cleansing of the society should begin from elections. People should put in effort to settle for consensus candidates instead of encouraging the idea of having multiple numbers of candidates, the Chief Minister observed that extending collective support to the consensus candidate is the only means to cut down election expenditures. Observing that electing the right candidate without taking money would be a

huge positive change, he urged the gathering to begin this reformation from Heingang and set itself as an example for a corruption-free Constituency. Expressing serious concern over involvement of two policemen in a recent bomb blast, the Chief Minister observed that there is an urgent need for rectification of recruitment process of Manipur Police Department. He further said that the Special Investigation Teams (SITs) constituted to probe the mass recruitment of employees by the previous Government were successful to gather some interesting points.

He added that 30 candidates were found interviewed in 30 minutes by a DPC Board of a Department. Speaking on bringing egalitarian development in the State, the Chief Minister said that construction of important roads and highways would commence soon after the rainy season. MLAs Y. Surchandra and L. Rameshwor, Imphal West Adhakhshya Y. Dasumati, Laipham Khunou Zilla Parishad Member P. Sundar and BJP Heingang Mandal president Kh. Jila also attended the function which was presided by Kontha Khabam Zilla Parishad Member Smt. P. Bimola.

## Flood kills at least 20 in Northern Bangladesh

**Siam Sarower Jami**

**Dhaka, Aug 14:** 20 people were killed by floodwaters in the northern districts of Bangladesh in the last two days. Disaster management and relief minister of Bangladesh, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya confirmed this information on Monday.

'A total of 5.86 lakh people of the 20 districts have become flood victims,' said Maya on overall flood situation at Disaster Management and Relief Bhaban at Mohakhali in Dhaka.

He said that the flood-hit districts are — Sylhet, Sunamganj, Rangpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Bogra, Sirajganj, Netrakona, Khagrachari, Rangamati, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and three others. The minister said that a total of 358 unions in 368 upazilas have been affected by floods. Already, 973 shelter centres have been opened where 3,68,586 flood victims took shelter.

'Besides, the ministry cancelled all holidays of its officials and staff to tackle floods,' he said. Maya said that the government allotted 13.63 lakh metric tonnes of rice and Tk 3.10 crore for the flood victims in 33 districts till August 14.

Nine more districts might be flooded in the days ahead and

the low-lying areas surrounding Dhaka might also go under water, he warned.

'The government has also allotted 1,200 metric tonnes of rice, Tk 60 lakh and 15,000 packets of dry foods for the flood-hit people,' said the minister.

He said that 200 metric tonnes of rice and Tk 5 lakh have been distributed as common allotment for every district. Besides, medical teams formed for every flood-hit district, have been urged to visit shelter centres and provide services to the sufferers.

Maya also called upon the health department to provide water purifying tablets and ensure safe water in the flood-hit areas.

He also ordered to rebuild the flood embankments collapsed by floodwaters.

'Following the order of prime minister, the overall flood situation is under surveillance by the ministry. Besides, the prime minister is also taking regular updates of flood situation,' said Maya.

'We have stocked adequate food, relief items for the flood victims,' the minister continued. He also said that the government has already taken adequate measures considering the recent floods in the neighbouring countries - Nepal, Bhutan and India.

## Civil Societies observe 70th Independence Day of Manipur

**IT News, Imphal, Aug 14:** Civil societies organisations of the state observed the 70th Independence Day of Manipur in commemoration to the day when Manipur got freedom from British rule on October 15, 1947. Manipur, the then Kingdom become an Indian state after it merged to the Indian Union in October 15, 1949. British left India on October 15, 1947 a day after it left Manipur. Even as the Independence Day of the erstwhile kingdom is not remembered by the government, civil society organisations has been observing it since the last many years. The day is also celebrated at other places of the state.

### CIRCA hoisted Natl. Flag at Sana Konung

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 14:** CIRCA observes 71st Manipur Independence Day

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**Imphal, August 14:** 71st Manipur Independence Day from British Colonisation observed today at Sana Konung at Palace Compound, Imphal.

The observance was organised by The Coalition of Indigenous Rights Campaign (CIRCA) Manipur to mark the event of the Independence Day which was attended by various civil organisations and student unions'.

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Manipur Culture under the influence of foreign culture, cultural decolonisation and spiritual etc will be initiated.

Ningthouja Lancha also said that to restate the pre-merger political status, a village to village campaign "Yakei Khongjang" will also be held, recalling the event of September 21 the merger agreement day, national repentance day, October 15 the black day merger agreement and October 18, the day when Manipur Legislative Assembly was formed.

Ningthouja Lancha further said that the main objective of today's observance is that the state government must declare August 14 as Manipur Independence Day and to observe it every year.

CIRCA has initiated the observance of Manipur Independence Day for the namesake at Sana Konung since 2016, strongly believing in making the people aware of the history of Manipur associated with the event of August 14, 1947 to be the only means of ending any issues in the state.

Mention may be that, CIRCA has been conducting various discussion programs since 2015 on issues related with the incidence occurred in Manipur's history between the years 1947 to 1949 during the British Colonisation in Manipur.

### PPCM organises march past at hatta Kangeibung



**IT News**

**Imphal, Aug 14:** Protection and Preservation Committee Manipur (PPCM) today observed the 70th Independence Day of Manipur at Hapta Kangeibung in Palace Compound. A March Past was organised in connection with the observance and Titular King of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba received the march past salute. Several leaders of the civil society organisation also attended the

Independence day observation. Speakers on the occasion highlighted on the importance of observing the day stating that the Manipuris need to show the world that we were once an independent kingdom of the South East Asia. The objective of organising the day is also to recall that Manipur was an Independent Kingdom and it become a part of India after its merged to the Indian Union in October 15, 1949.

## Security measures strengthen ahead of Independence Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, August 14:** With the security measures strengthened across the state ahead of the 70th Independence Day Celebration, police department continues conducting of cordon and search operations at various parts of the state since the beginning of August.

Today, Police team of Thoubal District conducted cordon and search operation at Athokpam Awang Leikai from 4:15 am to 9:30 am.

The police teams included SDPO Thoubal Shankar Deba, DySP OPs Sachidananda Soibam, Deputy SP CDO Yummam Premjit, OC Thoubal, OC CDO, 5 CDI teams and Women Police.

At least 63 males and 67 Females were verified where 1 person has been picked up for further verification at Thoubal Police Station.

A police teams led by SDPO Sugnu, OC WKG and standby team and a team of CDO TBL conducted a surprise cordon and search operation at

Kakching Khunou bazar from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, by 48 persons were verified and no persons were detained for verification.

Cordon and search operation was also conducted at Khumujamba Leikei in Churachandpur District this

morning from 4:30 am to 6:40 am.

The operation was jointly conducted by a police team which includes Additional SP, SDPO TLN, OC CCPurPS, NDO of WPS, NDO of CCPurPS, QRT, and 24 personnel from RL.

Altogether 314 men verified and 4 persons were picked up for further verification at CCPur Police Station. Mention may be that the state level 70th Independence Day Celebration will be held at 1st MR ground in Imphal on August 15, 2017, tomorrow.

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## IED blast suspects arrested

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**Imphal, Aug 14:** Imphal-West Police team has arrested three suspects of the Kakwa Naorem Leikai bomb blast which occurred yesterday at about 9:40 am.

The arrested suspects have been identified as Sapam Nanda @ Makar (50 yrs), son of S Sanatomba of Bashikhong (Torban), Piba Yaima Maring (29 yrs), son of B Anghun of Kangkoi, Khullen and Thingbaijam Sanjoy (35 yrs), son of Th Dronjit of Kakwa Naorem Leikai. Bomb making materials like, 81 gelatin sticks (power gel), 2 TNT case weighing 500 grams

each, 6 circuits, 1 remote control device, 3 mobile phones and 5 sim cards which were used in making the bombs was recovered from the three suspects.

Speaking to the media persons at the conference hall of Imphal West SP, SP Themtheng Ngashangwa said that upon receiving the news about the yesterday blast, a team of Imphal-West Police led by DSP Amit and OC Achouba under the supervision of Imphal-West SP conducted search and raids operation at various places to nab the culprits. Sapam Nanda, a PREPAK

cadre was arrested during the search and raids operations. Upon interrogations, Sapam Nanda reveals that the names of the other involved two persons in carrying out the blast.

Nanda confessed that they have assembled the IED in the morning of August 13 and planted it around 7 am of the day itself. Mention may be that amidst tight security, an IED was exploded yester day around 9:40 am at Kakwa Naorem Leikai near Lairembi gate in between a waiting shed and electric transformer but luckily no person were injured.