

## CM N. Biren to meet Manipuri Diaspora at Bangaluru

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Aug 22:** Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh who had attending the review meeting organised by the Prime Minister and BJP President Amit Shah will be meeting the Manipuri Diaspora at Bangaluru today evening. A source with the Imphal Times said that N. Biren who is currently at new delhi will be leaving for Bangaluru today evening and he is expected to meet the Manipuri Dispora at around 6 pm today. The recent spurt of racial discrimination and other issues face by the Manipuri staying at Bangaluru is likely to be the agenda of the meeting.

## Drown girl found



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 22:** The 5 years old minor girl who drown at Imphal River at Minuthong area on August 20 afternoon was found floating at the River at Kiyangei Mayai laikai today morning. The deceased minor has been identified as Baby Shakila, D/O Mrs Ithem, a resident of Hatta Golapati

## Cycle Rally

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Aug 22:** Students of Grace Academy School, Heirok today stage a cycle rally protesting against the frequent kidnapping of students as well as demanding free education zone. The rally is being staged in protest against the recent attempt for kidnapping a minor girl by an auto driver. The minor girl was in school uniform when the auto driver tried to kidnap her. Fortunately, a local who happen to come across intervened and rescue the minor girl. Later Police also arrested the culprit from a place in Churachandpur district. The cycle rally began from Grace Academy and snakes through all streets of Heirok and the return at the school premises where they kick start the rally. Placards condemning such disturbances to the school atmosphere were display during the protest rally.

## Normal banking severely hit as PSU bank employees go on strike

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 22:** Normal banking operation in the state was severely hit today as employees of all banks in the state join the nationwide strike today. Bank workers who belong to United Forum of Bank Unions a conglomerate of nine bank unions are on strike sacrificing their one day salary today to protest against the government's proposed consolidation move, besides raising other demands. A protest demonstration was witness today at Gandhi Avenue, here in Imphal, in front of the State Bank of India, Head Office Imphal.



PTI reports added that normal banking across the nation too was hit due to the one-day nationwide strike by the public sector bank employees today. Services like deposits and withdrawal at bank branches, cheque clearance, NEFT and RTGS transactions are affected here in the state as well as other parts of India.

However, operations at private lenders such as ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank were almost normal. The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) had already informed customers that functioning of branches and offices may take a hit if the strike takes off. It had also

asked banks to take measures in advance to minimise the impact. The strike has been called by all unions under the aegis of the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU). The UFBU is an umbrella body of nine unions, including the All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC), the

All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) and the National Organisation of Bank Workers (NOBW). Besides, protest against consolidation move of the government, other demands include no write-off policy for non-performing assets (NPAs) of corporate loans, declaring wilful default of loans as criminal offence and implementation of recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on recovery of NPAs, NOBW vice president Ashwini Rana said. The government should provide overtime for additional work during demonetisation, he said. The UFBU, which claims membership of nearly 10 lakh across banks, requested the government for cost reimbursement of demonetisation to banks. As many as 21 public sector banks control 75 per cent of the total banking business.

## State youth drowns in Delhi's Hauz Khas lake

**Agency**  
**New Delhi, Aug 22:** A youth out on morning walk with his friends drowned at Hauz Khas lake after allegedly jumping in to take a dip yesterday. The 21-year-old named Horthan had come to Delhi from Manipur last month in search of a job. Delhi Police said they are probing if it is a case of suicide. Around 6am, police control room received a distress call from the victim's friends at Deer Park. When a team from Safdarjung Enclave police station reached the spot. The two friends told the police that

they had come to the park with Horthan for an early morning walk. According to additional deputy commissioner of police (south) Chinmoy Biswal, Horthan's friends said that he paced ahead as they were jogging, removed his clothes and jumped into the water. A rescue team of fire department, CAT ambulances and local police retrieved his body around 9am and rushed him to a nearby hospital, where he was declared brought in dead. Police said Horthan had come

to Delhi on July 27 in search of a job. A senior officer said they have taken the statement of his two friends and are probing the case. This is the second case of a Manipur youth's death in last two weeks. On August 12, Sidharth, 19, son of Manipur's former home minister Okendro had fallen off the balcony of a building housing two restaurants at Hauz Khas Village. Police are probing if the death was accidental or he was pushed off the building.

## States' National Awardee in IFFI 2017 Preview Committee

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, August 22:** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had constituted the Preview Committee for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2017, with Vivek Agnihotri as the Convenor, on Monday, August 21, 2017. The Preview Committee constituted for the festival, which will be held in

November at Panaji, Goa, has altogether 40 members with many National Award winning Directors. States' National Award Winning Director Maipaksana Haorongbam of Lilong Chajing Chingkhong Leikai, Imphal West and Film-Maker Bhumenjoy Kongsam, from Khundrakpam, Imphal East, are among the committee member.

## Media workshop

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 22:** Manipur Legislative Assembly is organising one day Seminar on "Media & Parliamentary Reporting" on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 in the conference hall of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. In a notification by Joint Director and PRO of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, Raju Yanlem, Editors of both electronic and print media are requested to sent at least 2 to 3 reporters for participating the seminar on or before August 28.

## Sonowal requests Suresh Prabhu to restore snapped rail link between Assam & rest of country

**IT News**  
**Guwahati, Aug. 22:** Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal has requested Railway minister Suresh Prabhu to restore the snapped rail link between Assam and rest of the country on a war footing. Official sources in Guwahati said Mr. Sonowal talked to Mr. Prabhu over phone today and

made the request. Chief Minister also urged him to take up the matter with the Civil Aviation ministry to ensure that airlines do not raise the fares abnormally in view of flood. Train services remained cut off in Assam and North East for past a few days due to damaged tracks in Bihar and other areas. Restoration works

are on. Meanwhile, Assam Forest minister Pramila Rani Brahma said that 253 animals including 20 rhinos died of drowning at Kaziranga national park in current wave of flood. Ms. Brahma said that it was the most devastating flood that hit the park since 1968. 70 persons have died in current wave of flood in Assam.

## Tamenglong body decries Army excess; demands shifting of army post

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 22:** Few days after the central government had thrown the ball to the state government on whether the controversial AFSPA should be lifted or not, Tamenglong based civil rights activist today alleged gross violation of Human Rights by personnel of Sikh Light regiment Posted at Namkaolong Part -1, in Khoupum Vally under Noney District.

took snap to make look like UG cadre after picking up from his residence at Taolingpung (Namkaolong Part 2) under Khoupum Police Station without following proper guideline of AFSPA. Aku was picked up earlier in July 2017 too by the same personnel of the Sikh Light Regiment from his father's farm while he was working in the wet paddy field. He was accused by the personnel as UG cadre by refusing to entertain the identity card he possessed. The Civil Rights Activists of Tamenglong said that such an act of the Indian army created a sense of alienation and frustration. The civil rights activist while demanding immediate withdrawal of the Sikh Light Regiment from the Khoupum area threaten to launch severe form agitation if the demand is not fulfil at the earliest possible time. "The RLP and the victim shall form a JAC Against the Heinous crime and Human Rights Abuse to launch different form of Agitation, if not contained by the Higher Authority", Panti Golmei said.

## One injured after diesel auto hit him

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 22:** A person who was hit by a diesel auto late yesterday night at Heirok Part 2 in Thoubal district has been undergoing treatment in critical condition. The person is identified as one N. Rameshwar from Tomal Makhong area in Heirok. The accident reportedly happened at around 10 pm yesterday however the auto after hitting the person escaped from the spot without looking on to the injured person.

## Nagaland Baptist Church Council asks to refrain practicing Yoga

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 22:** The Nagaland Baptist Church Council has call upon its constituent Associations and Churches to refrain from the practice of Yoga. "Yoga is a spiritual and physical discipline deeply rooted in the religious belief and practice of Hinduism and hence it is not compatible with Christianity," as statement by Rev. Dr. Zelho Keyho, General Secretary of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council said. The statement however said that it is not against any religion, but any form of meditation, philosophical thinking and transcendental meditation tied to any religion, contrary to Christian World, is viewed seriously by the

Church. The Church body also appeal institutions, both within and outside Nagaland, to exempt Naga students from practice of Yoga so as not to hurt the religious sentiments of Christian community as well as to uphold the religious freedom envisaged in the Constitution. The statement comes amidst Indian Government hectic effort to popularise the Yoga across the country as well as across the globe. Non-Hindu communities at other part of the world had started accepting Yoga as a tool to improve the health of individuals. The Church body of Nagaland had also earlier cautions its follower from practicing Yoga.

## Young Mudrit Dani wins three medals in El 2017 El Salvador Junior and Cadet Open

**San Salvador, Aug 22:** India's rising table tennis star Mudrit Dani underlined his progress in the ITTF World Junior Circuit, sweeping three medals, including a gold, in the 2017 El Salvador Junior and Cadet Open here on Sunday. Mudrit, the lone Indian in the tournament, paired up with Jacobo Vahnish of Panama to overcome the home team, El Salvador A, comprising of Oliver Mendoza and Oscar Villalta in the finals to annex

the gold medal in the Team competition. In the doubles, the second seeded pair of Mudrit and Gerson Carballo of Costa Rica went down fighting to the top seeded Swedish pair of Oskar Danielsson and Oskar Hedlund 5-11, 6-11, 8-11 to finish second on the podium. "It has been a wonderful tournament for me. I played against some of the top junior players in the world and these wins give me a lot of confidence going forward,"

Mudrit said. Mudrit featured in the singles as well and made a brilliant run till the semifinals. There he went down to his Team event partner Jacobo 11-6, 11-1, 3-11, 9-11 to settle for the bronze. The 18-year-old Mumbai paddler, who is coached by the Swedish legend Peter Karlsson, has been making waves on the junior circuit, even becoming only the third Indian player to break into the Top-10 in the ITTF World Junior Boys' Circuit standings.