

## World Human Rights Day observes

**Imphal, Dec 10:** World Human Rights Day is being observed today. On this day in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris. Campaign for Social Upliftment (CSU) Kangleipak observes the day at the auditorium of Jiribam Higher Secondary School, Jiribam. Dr. Sapam Dilip, Dr. Homen Thangiam and Dr. Koireng attended the observance as resource persons.

It is a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being.

Drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration sets out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person.

This year, the Human Rights Day kicks off a year-long campaign to mark the upcoming 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In his message, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has urged people and leaders everywhere to stand up for all human rights and for the values that underpin hopes for a fairer, safer and better world.

The theme this year is, 'Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity'.

## Centre sanctions Rs. 75 crore for LPG bottling plant in Meghalaya

**Shillong, Dec 10:** The Centre has sanctioned Rs. 75 crore for setting up a Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) bottling plant in Meghalaya. Meghalaya is the only state in the region which has no bottling plant.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the new bottling plant will be constructed at an existing site located in Shillong itself.

A memorandum of understanding was inked between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the state government in the presence of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma in Shillong on Saturday. Union Petroleum Minister said that the Centre has decided to implement the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in the state in full swing.

## Hill Leaders' Day :

# Adequate measures put in place to sanitise border areas: CM

**Imphal, Dec. 10:** Chief Minister N. Biren said that the State Government has taken up adequate security measures at all the border areas of the State to check entry of illegal migrants and thwart unlawful activities in the wake of Rohingya crisis in Myanmar and outsiders identification exercise in neighbouring Assam.

Addressing media persons at Hill Leaders' Day held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today, N. Biren said that a police station would be opened at Behiang at the earliest.

The Chief Minister informed that he would personally visit the interior village located along Indo-Myanmar border in Churachandpur district to lay the foundation stone of the police station soon after the finalisation of land for the said purpose.

At Kwatha as well, the Chief Minister said, the State Government is planning to deploy IRB personnel to man the interior village.



Apart from opening an additional police post, around 60 armed police personnel had been sent to Jiribam to meet the required security manpower.

Jiri police had been strengthened and directed to remain alert as illegal migrants trespass to State's territory by crossing the temporary bamboo bridges built over Jiri river, he added.

The State Government is ready to consider villagers' proposal for construction of a 'welcome gate' and opening of a police check post at Jessami in Ukhrul district, he added.

N. Biren further said that new Chairman and Members of Manipur Human Rights Commission would be appointed soon in order to strengthen the Commission.

Regarding the indefinite shutdown announced by the JAC of All Manipur DPC Completed Re-recruitment Candidates of Police Constables Male 2013, the Chief Minister appealed to the candidates to revoke their decision.

The Chief Minister clarified that he had never assured to the JAC to declare the recruitment results within a

stipulated deadline though he informed them that the Court had ordered the Government to constitute an enquiry committee and submit a report within two months.

N. Biren added that he clearly told the JAC that the Government could not do anything before the submission of the enquiry report as the matter is sub judice.

As such, sudden announcement of an indefinite shutdown by the JAC is very unfortunate, he said while adding that the Government would not remain silent if the JAC goes ahead with the shutdown.

Responding to a query regarding the inconvenience faced by the people due to checking and frisking for long hours at Khudenthabi on NH-102, the Chief Minister said that all these problems would be eased out once a vehicle scanning machine is installed there. The machine had already

been procured and it would be installed soon after finalisation of land, he added. Regarding implementation of ILPS, the Chief Minister said that a Consultative Committee comprising representatives of all the communities of the State and a Drafting Committee would be constituted soon.

He said that a notice to invite imminent persons to join the two committees would be issued on the media within a few days.

The Chief Minister attended to 121 complaints and met around 500 people at Hill Leaders' Day from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Officials of different Government Departments were deputed at CM's Secretariat for the day to help attend to the grievances of the public.

Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) screened documentaries highlighting the achievements of the new government.

## NSCN-IM restructured its administrative unit

**IT News Imphal, Dec 10:** With peace talk between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India coming to arrive at a final solution after the signing of the Framework Agreement, NSCN-IM is busy reshuffling and restructuring of its administrative structures. After the Chief of its army has been replaced and handed over charge, the organization is now making more appointment to the post of administrative affairs for proper running of its government.

According to a released from the Ministry of Information and Publicity of the

Government of the People's Republic of Nagaland Ministry of Kilo Affairs, Mr. Chuba Pongener, Kilonser, has been handed over the charge of Caretaker CAO of the Union Territory (UT)-I on December 6.

The statement made available to Imphal Times appealed every individual, the Hohos, various organizations, associations, students' bodies, GBs, colony Chairmen, Church leaders, etc. to give cooperation to the newly appointed CAO.

The statement however did not mention on the exact jurisdiction for the newly appointed CAO.

## In Chandrapur essence of oneness between Meitei and Meitei Pangal still exist

**IT News Imphal, Dec 10:** In certain part of Manipur, Meitei and Meitei Pangal communities sometime grudge into communal politics, but the two communities live as one community in Chandrapur a village of Chachar district in Assam.

This was witnessed by the team of Journalists from Thoubal and Kakching district who were on tour to Meitei dominated places in Assam. The team left Imphal day before yesterday and were received by All Jiribam Working Journalists' Union. The 8 member team after

reaching Jiribam visited Chandrapur village in Assam yesterday. The team was warmly received by Seram Herajit, President, Manipur Youth Front, Assam, Phanjoubam Lokenath, Secretary of the organisation and Keisam Bidyapati President of Manipuri Sahitya Parisad Assam. The team visited the site where Maharaj Gambit Singh and his brother Nara Singh vow to fight the Burmese intruders during 7 years devastation.

Speaking to the reporters K.Bidyapati said that Chandrapur, which falls under



Chachar district of Assam is the first place where the Meitei escaped from the clutch of Burmese gathered and prepared for war in 1826.

Both Meitei and Meitei Pangal live in the village as brothers. At present Nurul Hudda, a Meitei Pangal had represented as MP as CPM from Chachar district.

He further added that Laisharam Merachaoba Singha, Subangkar Singha, Kazi kutub from among meitei

Pangal had been elected as MLA from Lakhipur constituency, Bidyapati Singha from Hailakandi constituency and Kutub ahamed from Sonai Constituency.

"When Meitei Pangal got elected meitei feel proud and in the same way when Meitei got elected Meitei pangal felt proud", K.Bidyapati said. He further added that the essence of oneness still exist among the two communities.

## Rebel body CorCom calls on people to stand up for their rights; pay respect to Imas of Nupilal

**IT News Imphal, Dec 10:** Conglomerate of rebel groups operating in the region CorCom warns the government of India for violation of human rights of the people of the region while greeting and supporting the human rights defenders fighting for the cause of the peoples' rights across the globe on occasion of the International Human Rights Day which falls today.

The joint body of the rebel groups also greets and pay respect to the people of the state as well as to those who had courageously raised for the people of the region on occasion of the 78<sup>th</sup> Nupilal Day (Women's War) which falls on December 12. On the issue of the human rights, the rebel group said that till today many in the region are still deprived of their rights due to error in administration and the colonial attitude of the

government. As a result, inhumanitarian crime like mass massacre, genocide to wipe out a community and policy to incite hate feeling and enmity among different community are on the rise. Due to state sponsored terrorism seen in most fail state across the globe has made youngster fallen as victims of HIV and AIDS, when many are force to give up their life in battlefield, the statement said. Quoting the speech of General Federico Mayor, Director of UNESCO, the statement said that the only possible means to guarantee human rights for all is to find a lasting solution to all sort of conflict between in the region.

Rights of every people is inborn gift and among all other gift right to live independent is the most important rights of human being, the statement said. Recalling on the declaration of Human Rights by the

United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, the CorCom statement said that every rights including right to freedom. The statement also elaborated on the contents of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It said people across the world are following the Bill of Human Rights.

Coming to Manipur Kangleipak, CorCom statement said that right to improve social and economic status as well as right to self determination have been deprived by India. Fundamental rights granted in the provision of the Indian constitution like right to life, education exist for name shake only as it do not reach the people. The statement also stated how the rights of the people are being violated

by imposition of act like AFSPA which is a license to kill even civilian. It further said that the aged old relationship between hill and plain people had been separated by spewing venom continuously. The CorCom calls on people to stand up together to fight for their rights.

The rebel group also pay respect to the ladies of the land who had courageously struggle for the rights of the people on various issues on occasion of the 78<sup>th</sup> Nupi Lal (Women's War) which falls on December 12.

The statement recalled on how the women of the region raised war against the then colonial British regime in 1904 and 1939.

The statement further added that women of the region still continue to fight for justice till today. It appeals the people to get ready for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Nupi Lal as the people of the region are still yet to get its rights.

## Surgical strikes in Myanmar, PoK proved India's hard power: Parrikar

**New Delhi, Dec 10:** Former defence minister Manohar Parrikar has said that the surgical strikes carried out by India in Myanmar and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir proved India's hard power. Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's diplomatic vision, the external affairs ministry is the front end, while the defence ministry is the back end for any successful nation.

The Goa chief minister was speaking at the launch of a book 'Securing India the Modi Way' by strategic

analyst Nitin Gokhale at the International Centre in Goa Art and Literature Festival 2017 yesterday evening.

Speaking on the Rafale fighter aircraft deal, Mr Parrikar said, the PM and the defence ministry worked very intensely on the project and fast-tracked it after the Congress government had wasted time on the deal.

According to Mr Parrikar, the fighter aircraft will provide the Indian Air Force teeth to take on hostile forces. He said, it is a very modern fighter with huge technological capabilities.