

PLA claims attack to Indian Security Force

IT News
Imphal, Dec 3: Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front today claims series of attack to Indian security force by its army wing PLA. In a statement, the outfit said that yesterday attack to a group of Indian security force near IC Village in Kamjong district at around 3.30 am was conducted by cadres of Tactical Command of PLA. The statement further said that on November 13 the PLA attack a convoy of 18 Ar by blasting bomb at Maha Mani Village in Chandel ditric, on November 15, the PLA attack to a convoy of 4 AR at Sajik Tampak.

People with Disability honoured

Thoubal, Dec.3: Manipur today joined the world in observing the International Day of People with Disability. The day is observed at various places by different organisations. An organisation called Cradle For Disabled Union (CRAFDU) based at Hatta also observed the day at the Community Hall of Yairipok Tullih Awang Leikai. Special Investigation Team (SIT) Imphal, Inspector of Police Md. Riyajuddin, Zilla Parishad of Changamdabi Kh. Ruhina Banu, Pradhan of 20-Tullihai Gram Panchayat, Md. Abdul Khalique, Pradhan of Wangkhem gram panchayat, Md. Fazal Khan and Local educationist Md. Rafi Komol graced the occasion as dignitaries on the dais. Around 130 persons with disability were honoured by presenting gifts.

FA Phobia: Total shut down called in Thangmeiband AC on Dec. 7

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Imphal, Dec 3: None revelation of the contents of Framework Agreement between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India and the recent development which signals a final settlement has raised apprehension about the fate of Manipur, prompting the Thangmeiband United Club (TUC) to stage a one protest calling total shut down in Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency on December 7. "We demand the government to reveal the content of the Framework Agreement signed between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India", said Pratap Leishanthem, Vice president of the

Thangmeiband United Club. The club is a conglomerate of 26 clubs of Thangmeiband assembly constituency. The total shut down will begin from 10 am of December 7 and will continue till 3 pm of the said, Pratap. He further added that during the total shutdown, no vehicles will be allowed to travel in the roads of the assembly constituency, shops and all sort of business establishment including those run by government should shut down during the protest. Media and some essential and emergency service are however relaxed. Talking to reporters at

Manipur Press Club today afternoon, Pratap said that the recent statement by the president of India, Ram Nath Kovind signaled a final agreement to be inked between the two parties. "We don't have any opposition to the signing of the final agreement, what we worried is about the fate of Manipur. If nothing that will affect the state of Manipur is content in the Framework Agreement then why it is still not let known to the people? Why is it kept as secret?", Pratap further said. During the protest all political parties are welcome to take part and expressed their stand on the issue.

Committee threatens to close Imphal-Saikul road from December 16

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Imphal, Dec 3: A committee called Peace and Deploment Co-ordinating Committee has threatened to close Imphal-Saikul road from December 16 if the concern government department fails to start construction of the road before December 15. Talking to media persons at Manipur press club, members of the committee highlighted the present deteriorated condition of the road stretch. General Secretary of the Committee, Thoudam Hemjit said that the Imphal- Saikul road which is also a state high has been left neglected for many years by the government. "On Ningol Chakkouba Festival this year a child died after she slipped from her mother's arms after the

Activa 2 wheeler vehicle her father rode, met an accident due to the dilapidated road condition", Hemjit said. He added that there were many case of road accident because of the large potholes in this road stretch. The road which the committee is talking about is 40 Km long. Hemjit said that last year, that is on May 24 2016, the then government had issued work order for construction of the road to four contractors - M/ S Rangnamei, Shri K. Kalachand Singh, M/S Continent and L. Tarpon. However no works for repairing of the road stretch is seen taking up till today. He added that the committee had submitted memorandums to the concern minister of the

present government many times and even met the Chief Minister to address the grievances of the people on Peoples' Day. During the meeting the Chief Minister assured to begin the construction works of the road stretch after the rainy season. "Rainy season is over now and it is yet to start again, no work is seen taken up to repair the road stretch", Hemjit said. He appealed the government to cancel the work order from the four contractors for their negligence and start the construction work by any means before December 15. He said if the repairing works is not started before Decd. 15 then the road will be close from the following day, that is from December 16

Manipur Maoist boycotts winter session of State Legislative Assembly

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Imphal, Dec 3: Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has boycotted the winter session of the Manipur Legislative Assembly which is scheduled to begin from December 20. In a press statement the outfit said that it will called 12 hours general strike on December 20 in all five districts of valley area from 5 am till 5 pm. Electricity, medicals, media and religious related activities will be relaxed during the general strike said the

statement. As per the statement sent through e-mail, the outfit said that the assembly is being boycotted and general strike is called on the day of the assembly session as the government fails to distribute the rice and oil to the people under the public distribution system. On November 5, this year the outfit had called general strike against the failure to distribute peoples' share under the PDS but till now those responsible

in the hijacking of the peoples' share have not been punished, the statement said. It further added that even the opposition MLAs are not voicing anything for the rights of the poor people. The CSCOs and other groups too remain silent over this matter. The Manipur Maoist said that even as it knows that general strike will give burden to the poor working class, the organisation is left with no other choice other than calling the general strike.

President calls for sensitivity about needs of divyangs

New Delhi, Dec 3: President Ram Nath Kovind has said, rights of divyangs should be preserved and people should be sensitive towards their needs. Addressing an event in New Delhi to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Mr Kovind said, divyangs are full of confidence and people need to change their mindset towards them. He said, the government is making efforts to provide facilities to divyangs in the country. In his address, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot said, more than 8,000 camps have

been organised to give equipment to divyangs. He said, divyangs should be given opportunities so that they can showcase their talents and his ministry is working in this direction. On the occasion, President Kovind also conferred the National Award for Divyangjan to individuals, institutions, organisations, states, districts. The award was given for their outstanding achievements and work done towards empowerment of persons with disabilities under different

categories. The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed in 1992 by a United Nations General Assembly resolution. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and to increase awareness of the situation of such persons in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme this year is transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all.



International Days of Persons with Disability being celebrated at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium. Chief Minister "Shothahourabasingi Tengbang"

Bhopal Gas Tragedy

Bhopal, Dec 3: various programs will be organized today in Bhopal on the occasion of 33rd Anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.

Lt General AN Shimray takes charge as C-in-C of the NSCN-IM

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Imphal, Dec 3: Lieutenant General Anthony Ningkhan Shimray took charge as the Commander-in-Chief of the Naga Army of the NSCN-IM yesterday. Commander-in-Chief of the Naga Army of the NSCN-IM is called as Longvibu by the outfit. A statement of the MIP, GPRN/ NSCN-IM said that Lieutenant General Anthony Ningkhan Shimray succeeded Lieutenant General Phungthing Shimrang after his term completes on Novemeb 29th this year. "Vice-President of the GPRN acknowledged Lieutenant General Phungthing Shimrang for his diligent and faithful service rendered to the Naga nation as Longvibu until his service term duly completed on the 28th of November 2017. His outstanding meritorious service and lifelong sacrifice for the Naga Sacred cause has gained him national recognition, thereof, Lieut. Gen. (Retd.) Phungthing Shimrang is inducted as an Executive Member of the Steering Committee with

immediate effect. The outgoing Longvibu emphasized the role of the Naga Army in the national political movement, terming the Army as the "backbone" of any political nation", the statement said. "On this day, the 2nd of Dec. 2017 while taking the charge of Longvibu, the successor pledged to honor Christ, the Naga Flag and the Naga Army Flag with his life. The charge was taken in prayer and jubilation at the General Head Quarter", the statement said. The statement further said that on 27 September 2010, Lieut. Gen. Ningkhan Shimray was kidnapped by the Indian Agency, NIA at Kathmandu while he was on his way from Bangkok to Delhi to attend the Indo-Naga Political Talk. On 3rd October 2010, he was produced in a court in Delhi by the NIA with a fabricated accusation and imprisoned him for more than 5 years until his released on August 2, 2016. He was the Political Commissar of the NSCN and the Advisor to the Ato Kilonser of the GPRN prior to his new appointment.

A rare occasion to experience the varieties of typical Manipuri "SINGJU"

IT Desk
Imphal, Dec 3: R.K. Shyamsunder, a retired govt. employee, now around 80 years old, narrated on how the old lady at Kwakeithel Heinoukhongnemi prepared Singju, on his first date with Jashumati, his wife. "Those days, there were no restaurants, dating with girl friends were done at the side of small "Lukmai" (small vendor run by old ladies) and Singju is the best item we enjoyed most". Shyamsunder said recalling his youth days. Like Shyamsunder, Singju is associated to the love life of almost all boys and girls of his age. These days Singju

has been replaced by chicken chowmen, momo, fried rice etc. etc. which are not our indigenous food. Singju is a typical traditional snacks or dish. It is a mix-vegetable salad type items and is still popular among the people of the state, if not an item anymore for dating between boys and girls. The taste of Singju from locality to locality is different. There were times, when youths roamed from place to place to taste the different variety of Singju. Days are gone and not many Lukmai run by old ladies are seen, as it has been replaced by mushrooming Restaurants where boys and girls can



date. Because of the dying culture, youths of today may not be aware of the kind of Singju varieties. Thanks to an organisation called "Singju Yokhai Lup" an organisation formed by a group of likeminded youths which works for promotion of this Manipuri Traditional food item. This group is organizing a unique festival called "Singju Festival" at Lamdeng Makha Leikai ground in Lamshang Assembly constituency from December 28, 2017 to

January 8, 2018. This is the 3rd time that the Festival is organised. In this 12 days festival, the organizing committee is inviting all special 'Singju' makers sure that any visitor can experience the taste of varieties of 'Singju'. Convenor of the Festival committee, Rakesh Naorem in a press statement said that indigenous cultural heritage of Manipur like - Likol Sanaba, Arambai shen, Kang Exhibition etc. will also be showcase during the festival. Other than this the festival committee is also organising various educational related competition for school going children besides other entertainment programme.