

AMWJU to stage protest

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4: All Manipur Working Journalists' Union has stated that it will stage a sit-in-protest against the threat by BJP workers to their president. The journalists' body said that they will jointly fight any attack to media fraternity in the state.

IED blasts

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4: An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was triggered this morning near a paddy field at Konthoujam Laingam village along the National highway 37 between Keithelambi and Khumbong. The powerful blast took place at around 9:15 am. No human casualty was reported in the blast. Source said that a convoy of 6 AR was on their way towards the blast site which suggested that the blast is an attempt to attack the troop. Security forces including state police rushed at the blast site.

4 UGs arrested

IT News
Imphal, Dec. 4: Security forces apprehended two rebels of the NSCN (IM) from Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession yesterday. The two were terrorising people and extorting money, defence sources said. Two women cadres of a proscribed militant outfit have been arrested in the hill district of Tengenoual in Manipur. The two members of Kanglei Yawol Kanba Lup were held during frisking at Tengenoual Bailey Bridge. They were heading to Imphal from Moreh with the intent to carry out "illegal activities", police said. Further investigation in this regard is underway

Social Welfare Minister visits acid attack victims at RIMS

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4: Social Welfare Minister, Nemcha Kipgen today inspected the condition of Mangsatbam Meneka, a victim of first ever terrifying incident of acid attack in the state who is currently undergoing treatment at RIMS burn unit. Strongly condemning the heinous incident, Nemcha Kipgen assured to provide all possible assistance to the victim and her family. Speaking to the media persons, the Minister said that such heinous crimes is strongly condemnable and is the first of its kind ever committed in the state. The culprit who has committed such heinous crimes must be booked and befitting punishment should be given according to the law of the land, she added. The Minister also said that every possible help and assistance to the victim family will be provided from the state government side.



(For illustration purpose only)

"Such heinous crimes in the state is very unfortunate and let's hope that such crime never happen in the near future", she added. The Minister visited Meneka at RIMS and expressed her deep sorrow of the incident. The Minister also gave financial assistance to Meneka. Mention may be that Mangsatbam Meneka (32

years), wife of Mangsatbam Santosh of Kurai Soibam Leikai Wangkhei Khunou was attacked by throwing acid while returning home in her two wheeler vehicle at Soibam Leikai Citizen Club area in Imphal-East at around 8:30 pm of November 29, 2017. The culprit who committed the heinous crime has been arrested on the day itself and has been identified as one

Md Sahadat @ Tomba (22yrs), son of Md Azad Ali of Hata Inta Khola in Imphal-East and is currently in police custody. Meneka who sustained burn from the acid on her right face and shoulder as well as some parts of her body is currently undergoing treatment at RIMS Burn Unit after being referred from JNIMS Hospital.

State unit Shiva Sena to apprise its MPs to pursue center for revealing of the Framework Agreement

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4: A 25 member team of the Shiva Sena Manipur led by the state president Moirangthem Tombi is set to leave for New Delhi to apprise the Party MPs to let the Union government table the contents of the Framework Agreement to the floor of the Parliament before the upcoming Christmas or the Nagaland State Assembly Election.

This was announced by the Party president of the state Unit Shiva Sena in a meeting with media persons at Manipur Press Club today. He said that the delegates of the state unit party will apprise the 22 MPs of the party to press the center for revealing of the contents



of the Frame Work Agreement signed between the Government of India and the collective leadership of the NSCN-IM on August 3, 2015. Lately during the inaugural function of the HornBill Festival, Indian President Ramnath Kovind had stated

that a final solution is likely in the coming one or two months. The statement of the President had created apprehension to the people of the state on the possible outcome as no details on the framework agreement has been let known to the people of the state.

A Surya Prakash re-appointed Prasar Bharati chairman

New Delhi, Dec 4: Veteran journalist A Surya Prakash today took charge as the chairman of the Prasar Bharati board for a second consecutive term. CEO Prasar Bharati Shashi Sekhar Vempati, Member (Finance) Rajeev Singh, Director General of AIR, AIR News, Doordarshan, DD News welcomed Mr Surya Prakash at Prasar Bharati Secretariat in New Delhi. A panel headed by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu had recommended his name for the post. He will serve till 8th February 2020. Prasar Bharati oversees the functioning of Doordarshan and All India Radio.

FSSAI issues detailed guidelines on recall of food products

New Delhi, Dec 4: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has asked companies to put in place a proper plan to recall food products from markets, if found unsafe. Food safety regulator yesterday issued detailed guidelines on recall of food products and said that the purpose is to help food business operators to frame a proper recall plan and implement them when the situation demand. According to FSSAI, food recalls are an appropriate method for removing or correcting marketed food products and their labelling that violate the laws administered by the

regulatory authority. Recall can be defined as an action to remove food products from market at any stage of the food chain, including that possessed by consumer, which may pose a threat to the public health or food that violate the Act. The recovered product must be stored in an area which is separated from any other food product. Accurate records are to be kept of the amount of recovered product and the batch codes of the product recovered. FSSAI further said the companies, which have produced unsafe products, should take steps so that the need for such recalls do not arise again in future.

Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi files nomination papers for party's chief post

New Delhi, Dec 4: Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi today filed his nomination papers for the post of party president at the party headquarters in New Delhi. Party members including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Ahmed Patel, Sheila Dikshit, Sushil Kumar Shinde, Jyotiraditya Scindia were present at the event. Party leaders Kamal Nath, Sheila Dikshit, Motilal Vora and Tarun Gogoi filed first set of nominations as proposers for Mr Gandhi. Chairman of the party's Central Election Authority



Mullapally Ramachandran said, no one else filed papers till Sunday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reacted sharply saying, Congress has gone bankrupt, as it is going to make a person its president, who is out on bail in a corruption case. He compared the proposed elevation of Rahul Gandhi as Congress president to dynastic rule of Mughals.

K Radhakumar's "Atopa Shangsar Amada" released

Imphal, Dec. 4: A drama titled "Atopa Shangsar Amada" scripted by K Radhakumar, Works & IPR Commissioner, that was dramatised and choreographed by META award nominee, Budha Chingtham and directed by founder of Ascent Repertory Theatre, Md.Juma Khan was premiered at Chandrakriti Auditorium Hall, Palace Compound on Dec 3. The premiere show was chaired by Dr.I.S. Kangjam as the Chief Guest and IPR Director, Meghachandra Kongbam as the President. The 7th production of Ascent Repertory Theatre- Atopa Shangsar Amada(All Possible Worlds), revolves around the dramatic monologue of a man in conflict with himself who sometimes relives both the past and the future. The protagonist of the play feels his life is seemingly

unconnected but with an element of desire and hope and sees things-shadows and images. In the drama, he is deeply conscious of the endlessness of life-the reality of life before birth and after death haunts him that makes him run away from the social structure of human society. In his welcome note, Budha Chingtham stated that it was indeed a great challenge to convert the philosophical text of K Radhakumar embedded in different layers into pure dramatic form. The exercise needed unlocking of unused muscles and amazing creative abilities, he said. Giving a brief insight on the origin of Dadaism and Surrealism movements in France in relation with literature, art and drama, K Radhakumar tried to convince the gathering that the essence

of drama is the make-believe world in which an actor impersonates the character of the play and success of a play lies when this world is able to create an impact on the minds of the audience. He also pointed out that using infantile language that is a protest against all logic, institutional & value establishments and avoiding conscious mind-free from the exercise of reason paves the road for the search for truth and reality. He also said that in the present day where the role of multi-media comes into the picture, technology advancement makes us lack in human touch and coaching of youths in pronunciation & phonetics will produce desired results. "If we tap the energy of the youths in proper direction, we can compete with the entire world", he stressed.

That the present day the advancement of theatre movements has its image also in Manipur, I.S. Kangjam appreciated the contributions of Ratan Thiyam(Chorus Repertory Theatre) & H e i s n a m Kanhaaila(Kalakshehra) in putting Manipur on the global map in the realm of theatre. "The artists of the Ascent Repertory Theatre are experimental, diligent & endowed with lots of energy needed to display the required body movements of the play", he also said. Meghachandra Kongbam lauded the literary works of K Radhakumar comprising weekly poetries in the Sangai Express amongst others despite his busy office schedule adding that he is a renowned writer with a Master's degree in literature & writes in his own unique style.

Thangkhol daily Aja celebrates Silver Jubilee Media builds credibility by accurate and balanced reporting: Minister Biswajit

Imphal, Dec. 4: Information and Public Relations Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh said the credibility of a media house lies in the accuracy and balance of its reports. The IPR Minister was speaking at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the bilingual Aja Daily yesterday at the tribal Research Institute, Chingmeirong. A media house, he said, loses its credibility if its reports are imbalanced and inaccurate. The media plays an important role in the society, he said, explaining that it sometimes play the role of a mediator between the public and the government. He continued that the media disseminates reports of the government's

policies and schemes for the people and at the same time bring to the notice of the government the opinions and views of the people through their editorial columns. The press plays an important role in the development of a society in a democracy, he said. Minister Biswajit also lauded Aja for disseminating reports of happenings in the society to the people for such a long time. He also spoke on the need to open District Information Offices in all districts. Regarding construction of a Press Park he said a site has already been identified. He also spoke on the construction of a Press Colony.

IPR Director Meghachandra Kongbam said editor of The Aja Daily, Valley Rose Hungyo is the only woman editor among all the daily newspapers published in the State. The Director also stressed on the importance of vernacular newspapers, and said vernacular newspapers played an important role in India's freedom struggle. The celebration was also attended by Chingai A/C MLA Shri Khashim Vashum, The Aja Daily editor Valley Rose Hungyo, Editors' Guild Manipur president A. Mubi, Editors' Guild Manipur Secretary General Y. Rupachandra, Manipur Hill Journalist Union President Rankung Pamei among others.