

Suspected NSCN-IM cadres fire towards oil tanker at Imphal-Jiribam road

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: Suspected cadres of the NSCN-IM today fired two/three rounds of gunshots to oil tanker vehicles which were coming towards Imphal at around 11 am today near Awangkhum Part 2 village under Noney Police station. Report said that the oil tanker vehicles were being escorted under tight security force as UNC has been imposing indefinite economic blockade along the National Highway. Mention may be made that G4 SSB force has been deployed at the area. As per first information report no one was hurt in the firing, however a front tyre of an oil tanker bearing registration number MA 09T-0016 was punctured after being hit by a bullet. Additional security forces have rushed the area and are conducting search operation in the area.

Combing operation

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: A team of Imphal East police today conducted search operation at Nongpok Inghkol, Chasad Avenue and Dindailong area. During the operation a total of 452 persons were verified and later 8 persons including 3 women which failed to produce valid documents were picked up for further verification. At around 6 am, i.e. around the same time Imphal West Police team also conducted search operation at Keishampat laishom leirak. The police team conducted house to house verification and around 300 people were verified one after another. No one was however picked up in the combing operation.

Passenger auto stop service

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: In protest against seizure of vehicles by Traffic Control Police and Motor Vehicle Department allegedly increasing fare, passenger auto drivers have stopped service for today along the Imphal Moreh road. According to auto drivers, the fare has been hiked to Rs 20 due to unavailability of fuel. If the government is against the increase of fare rate, it should ensure availability of fuel for passenger auto during the ongoing economic blockade of UNC.

4 from Manipur among 100 policemen to be conferred Gallantry award

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: Four police personnel of the state had been listed among the 100 police men which were selected for Police medal for gallantry award by the Government of India in recognition to their service. Inspector P. Sanjoy Singh (7th bar to PMG), Jemadar L. Bikramjit Singh (1st bar to PMG), Sub-Inspector M. Robinro Singh and Havildar A. Shanti Singh have been selected for this year's gallantry award. The award will be conferred on by the President of India on Republic Day celebration at New Delhi. Among the gallantry award



winner, 31 police personnel are from Jammu and Kashmir, 12 from Andhra Pradesh, 4 from Assam, 7 from Chhattisgarh, 3 from New Delhi, 8 from Jharkhand, 7 from UP, 5 from Border Security Force (BSF), 21 from Central reserved Police Force and one from SSB.

Gun men shot doctor in Kangpokpi

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: Unknown gun men shot a doctor at his head at point blank at around 7 pm yesterday evening near old pump at Thjingkah under Kangpokpi Police Station under Kangpokpi Police station. The doctor is identified as Sonnet Khangsai, son of Lungjang of Pangmol Joribam. A bullet penetrated at his head and he died on the spot. No group has so far claim responsibility about the killing. Police team had picked the body and deposited at morgue for autopsy.

Disabled body irks for rejecting plea of joining the Republic Public Day ceremony

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: The Disabled development Association Manipur has expressed strong resentment over the rejection of their plea to join the Mass Pass contingent of the Republic Day celebration by the Director of Social Welfare department, government of Manipur. A press hand out of the organization said that the disabled persons had had

decided to overcome the stigma face by them and thinking that it is their right to participate the country's republic Day ceremony they approached the director Social Welfare department for making necessary arrangement to participating the Mass Pass Contingent of the republic day celebration. The director reportedly make the disabled body's representatives at the office

until late hour a day before the Full rehearsal was conducted. However, later they were informed that they could not participate the full rehearsal. The statement of DDAM said that such discrimination towards disabled persons cannot be tolerated. The association also submitted a memorandum regarding the matter to the Governor of Manipur.

Peoples' convention on election held

Imphal, Jan 24: League of Indigenous People United and HERICOUN organised a Convention on People and Election, Politicisation of Economic Blockade as part of the Election Campaign was held today Gandhi Memorial hall. Leaders of different political parties, representatives of civil society organisations and different communities and media persons participated in the convention. Speaking at the convention, HERICOUN President L. Ratankumar expressed grave concern at the state government and the centre blaming each other instead of trying to resolve the problem of indefinite economic blockade. He also alleged that both the governments are trying to gain political mileage ahead of the assembly election

in the state. He said the convention was held to listen to people's grievances due to the prevailing situation in the state and to discuss what steps can be taken to resolve the present impasse. Ratankumar said sincere and honest measures by the govts are needed to end the issue.

Website launched

IT News
Thoubal, Jan 24: Singju Festival Committee under the supervision of Singju Yokhatpa Lup (SYOL), Manipur, launched the website of Singju festival in a function held at Slope Land Public School today. Informations and notifications concerning the Singju Festival 2017 that will be held at MMRC & Unity Park in Khangabok from January 28 till February 8, can be seen at its new website www.singjufestival.com.

No Congress Ministers, MLAs will go to BJP – Y. Surchandra

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: Spokesperson of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) Y. Surchandra today said that a rumour spreading around about him preparing to join the BJP is an attempt to malign his political career. Talking to Imphal Times over phone, Surchandra said that those who left the congress might have their own political reason but for him there is no question of leaving the



Congress party. On being asked if any other congress MLAs of some specific assembly

constituencies in Imphal West and Bishnupur are leaving the party, Surchandra said that there is no such proposal from any of the congress MLAs or minister. "How could any congress Ministers or MLAs who still have full faith of the people can think of leaving the party", Surchandra said. He further added that as for the S Achoubha who left the party yesterday, he might have his own reason.

Full dress rehearsal for Republic Day held

IT News
Imphal, Jan. 24: A full dress rehearsal for the Republic Day 2017 was held today at the Mini Secretariat complex, Thoubal District Headquarters. Yumbam Premjit Singh, MPS, Dy. SP, Thoubal, who will command the Republic Day parade acted as the Parade

Commander. Around 30 contingents including school students took part in the full dress rehearsal. The Republic Day Celebrations will be held at Mini Secretariat Complex, Thoubal. The Chief Guest for the celebrations will be the Deputy Commissioner,

Thoubal Shri M. Joy Singh who will unfurl the National Flag at 9.35 am on January 26, 2017. Bharatiyam Display by DYASO, Thoubal cultural show, Band display by 2nd Bn. Assam Rifles, Thoubal and prize distribution are the highlights of the Republic Day Celebrations.

NE rebels boycott R-Day celebration

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: Four major underground group of North east region - Kamatapur Liberation Organisation (KLO), National Democratic front of Boroland (NDFB), National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and PDCK has boycotted the Republic day function of India in the region. In a press statement signed by

the four outfit but released in the letter head of Kamatapur Liberation Organisation the four outfit said that as WeSEA is not a part of India we are not Indian and will not allow to perform the Republic Day celebration in our land. India has no democracy but autocracy and kleptocracy. "We have strongly call for boycott it's all scheduled

program by remaining 24 hours total shut down (band) on 26th January, 2017 effect from 12.01 am to 11.59 pm and to engage concerted refusal by not attending or gathering at any governmental offices, public places within 24 hours of that day. However, emergency services, religious activities and media will be exempted", the statement added.

MYFA to host 1st North East Youths' Convention at Shilchar

IT News
Imphal, Jan 24: A 3-Day Long "1st North East Youths' Convention" will be held from 27th January to 29th January at Tourist Lodge and BR Ambedkar hall, Shilchar. The 1st Northeast Youths' Convention will be organized by Manipuri Youths' Front Assam (MYFA) in Collaboration with North East Dialogue Forum (NEDF) and Youths' Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR). While briefing media persons at MYFA office on Tuesday

development projects like Mega Dams, Mining, Land Acquisition, lack of Education, health, unemployment and migration for job, Sexual violence, migration, etc. During the 1st North East Youths' Convention an Inter College Debate Competition, Discussion Session on Various Problems which are

now being face by the people of the North East India and Presentation of "Father of Manipuri Social Workers" Award on different 3 days will also be held. In this North East Youths' Convention the Youths from Cashar, Hajo, Barak Valley, Guwahati, Mizoram, Manipur and Tripura will participate in

this Convention, he said. Manipuri Youths' Front Assam (MYFA) is an Organization working for the enhancement of rights of the Manipuri Youth inhabited in Assam and the rights of the indigenous people in the region as per the United Nation Declaration on the right of indigenous people, Herajit further said.

India & UAE expected to ink strategic agreement

New Delhi, Jan. 24: India and the UAE are expected to ink a strategic agreement tomorrow to elevate their relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership, providing for greater cooperation in areas such as defence and security. Briefing media in New Delhi today on the visit of Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Secretary Economic Relations Amar Sinha said, his visit will further strengthen defence and security

cooperation between the two countries. The Crown Prince, who is arriving India on a three day visit today, will be chief guest in this year's Republic Day parade. The visiting dignitary will hold talks with Prime minister Narendra Modi tomorrow. Mr Sinha said, India and the UAE are looking forward for cooperation in areas including energy security, space and civil nuclear. Trade and investment will also be on the agenda

during the talks between the Crown Prince and the Prime Minister. The two countries have been moving closer for security, counter-terrorism and intelligence sharing during the last few years. Indians are the largest expatriate community in UAE comprising of nearly 20 per cent of its migrant population. AIR correspondent reports, the Crown Prince will be accorded ceremonial reception at the forecourts of the Rashtrapati Bhawan tomorrow.

Naga Peoples Front: Hit and Miss Report Card

Nagaland Peoples Council (NPC) in its 9th General Convention held in Kohima on 18 October 2002 was renamed as Nagaland Peoples Front. A year later, in the 10th Nagaland Assembly Election held on 26 February, 2003, NPF secured 19 seats exceeded only by Indian National Congress (INC) with 21 seats out of total 60. Other parties managed to get only in single digits. A similar situation of hung assembly which occurred 21 years before in the 05 Nagaland Assembly Election, held in November 10, 1982 again happened. In the said hung assembly of 1982, Naga National Democratic Party (NNDP) which bagged 24 seats became opposition in the house while INC led government with support from Independents formed the Government. This is worth mentioning because NNDP is the predecessor organization of NPC which latest incarnate is the present NPF. The SC Jamir led INC Government did not survived for long as Nephui Rio and K. Therie abandoned INC and joined the NPF. On 06 March 2003, a Democratic Alliance of Nagaland

(DAN) Government with Nephui Rio as Chief Minister (CM) was sworn in. In the 11 Nagaland Assembly Election held in 05 March 2008, NPF fielded their candidates in 56 seats out of which only 26 got elected. But somehow, the NPF led DAN Government with Nephui Rio as CM was once again formed for the second time. And the only Lok-Sabha seat was bagged the NPF candidate, C.M. Chang in the 15 Lok-Shaba Election of 2009.

NPF IN MANIPUR

The fourth Nagaland People's Front General Convention of 18 November 2008 culminated to the renaming of it into

Results of the 12th Nagaland Assembly Election, 2013						
Party Name	NPF	INC	Ind.	NCP	BJP	JD(U)
Seats Won	37	08	08	04	02	01

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aNagaPeople's Front. Consequently, Party President Dr. Shurhozelie Liezietsu issued an office memorandum on 30 November 2009. With it, NPF no longer confines to Nagaland state only and the purported effort of realizing the underground agenda of aspired Nagalim through aided collaborative constitutional means became all the more obvious. A NPF led DAN Government headed by Nephui Rio was sworn in on 05 March 2013. Later, Nephui Rio gave up his Chief Ministership to contest for the lone seat in the 16th Lok Sabha Election, 2014 which he won with thumping majority. Consequently, Rio, on 24 May 2014 assumed office as a Lok Sabha MP. And T.R. Zeliang, became CM on 24th May, 2014. On 20 November 2015 all the INC MLAs defected to NPF. Shurhozelie Liezietsu is the President of NPF Central Head Quarter till date since its inception.

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