

## Army Havildar found shot dead



**NENA**  
**Imphal, July 10:** An Army personnel was found shot to death at Bishnupur district's Nachou Kwak Siphai early on Monday. The deceased personnel is identified as Moirangthem Herachandra Singh, 37, son of late Chaobahal, resident of Moirang Khunou Khongnang Makhong of Bishnupur district.

He is said to be a Havildar who has been transferred at Leimakhong yesterday only from 4<sup>th</sup> Assam Regiment stationed at Moltuk Post, Chandel district.

Bishnupur is located about 31 km from the capital Imphal.

Reports believed he was shot in the head by unidentified assailants and dumped his body in a canal. He got a bullet in his head.

A team of police led by Bishnupur police Officer-in-Charge accompanied by forensic experts recovered the body and later it was sent for post mortem.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the fatal attack so far.

Meanwhile Family members of the deceased Jawan refused to accept body demanding arrest of those involved in the killing. Family source said that he had left for routine health check up at a clinic here in Imphal yesterday morning. When the family member tried to contact him his mobile phone switch off at around 2 pm yesterday, a member of the family said.

## Landslides virtually cut off state, petrol pumps take early leave

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 10:** After pushing the state into immense hardships from repeated floods and heavy crop losses torrential rains dealt another body blow incapacitating its two main highways, NH-37 and NH-2, from movement of large vehicles after landslides struck there within hours. According to AIR, Nagaland, the stretch of Imphal-Dimapur national highway in Kiruphema Village, under Kohima district has been completely washed away yesterday due to incessant rain for the last few days, virtually cutting-off the lifeline to Kohima as well as Manipur. On the other hand, a stretch of NH-37 between Sinam and Leijang villages in Tamenglong district measuring about 100 meters in length caved in yesterday leaving the important road link of the state inaccessible to large vehicles. Hundreds of loaded trucks and oil tankers are stranded at either sides of the landslide at

both sites. With the news of restriction in movement of vehicles ferrying supplies along both highways seeping in, there is speculation that public might panic over the prospect of sudden escalation in prices of essential commodities and ultimately lead to panic buying. In consonance with the thinking, but utterly unexplainably, many petrol pumps in the state capital have shut down shutters by noon out of nowhere and closed sale of petrol and diesels sending irate customers away. National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) officials said that a severe landslide and sinking in Peducha Village area of the NH-2, has made the road inaccessible for all types of vehicles. NHIDCL General Manager, AK Gupta in a press release informed that the restoration of affected site will begin from July 10 onwards on top priority. NHIDCL officials, along with the Deputy Commissioner of

Kohima, the Chief Engineer of National Highways and contractors inspected the affected site yesterday. The repair is likely to consume around 15 days. In this connection, the Superintendent of Police, Kohima has issued certain traffic advisory for the convenience of the people. The advisory stated that only light vehicles will be allowed to proceed towards Dimapur from Kohima via Zubza road. All light vehicles coming from Dimapur and proceeding towards Kohima and beyond will be diverted towards Peducha-Tsiesema road. No vehicle coming from Dimapur will be allowed towards Kohima via Zubza road. Plying of all heavy vehicles on NH 29 to and from Kohima and Dimapur will be restricted till the washed-off section of the highway is restored. Meantime, labourers of Border Road Task Force are engaged in clearing the mess at the site of landslide in Tamenglong district

## State medical team rushes Henglep Sub Division; stranded midway due to landslide

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 10:** Soon after State health Department received information about unknown fever type disease spreading at Songpung, Molcham and Momong villages of Henglep Subdivision in Churachandpur district, a team of medical staffs and para medics had rushed that village early today morning but stranded midway due to massive landslide.

Talking to Imphal Times Media Advisor of the State Health Department Khoirom Loyalakpa said that Health Director K. Lokendro Singh had instructed his staff for a speedy investigation about the nature of illness in the districts. The medical team comprises of 10 staffs headed by Dr. Kh.

Sasheekumar Mangang, Additional Director (PH), Medical Directorate. Dr. Thangpa Serto, State Epidemiologist/ SSO IDSP, Medical Directorate, Dr. W. Sashi Microbiologist, Dr. Tongjakhai Hoakip Medicine, Dr. Keisham Amarjit, Dr. Th.

Deveraj, Dr. Prem Chontham, Veterinary consultant among other are in the team. The Medical team left for the villages early morning today but were reportedly stuck on the way to the villages due to massive landslide taking place near molnam Village.

## Another 49 more hospitalised from V Sinai Village

**NENA**  
**Churachandpur, July 10:** An unknown illness appeared to spread in the district as many as 49 people including children have reported becoming sick after an illness at the interior village of V Sinai on Monday. They were admitted to the district hospital for treatment.

Volunteers of the Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi (KKL) rushed them to the hospital by an ambulance. Authorities said the patients hailing from V Sinai near Palten were having flu-like symptoms. They said some 49 people have been brought to Churachandpur District Hospital after they fell ill due to an "unknown illness."

## IPFT calls for indefinite agitation in Tripura for separate state

**PTI**  
**Agartala, July 9 :** Security was beefed up in Tripura in view of the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) call for an indefinite blockade of the national highway number eight from Monday, to demand for a separate state, police said on Sunday.

"Security was enhanced on the national highway and Tripura State Rifles was engaged in patrolling to ensure peace and calm so that no untoward incident can take

place during the proposed agitation," SP, police control, Dilip Roy told reporters. National highway 8 runs from Karimganj in Assam to Khayerpur in Tripura. The IPFT has demanded that a separate state be carved out for the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) areas, which constitutes two third of the state territory and is the home to the tribals, who form one third of the population. The state government in a statement had on Saturday

appealed to the IPFT to withdraw the agitation as the people would suffer due to the blockade. The ruling CPI-M has opposed the blockade call and said the demand for separate state is "divisive and aimed at disrupting communal harmony and peace in the state". BJP Tripura unit president Biplab Deb told reporters that "the demand for separate state is improbable and it is not physically possible. The BJP opposes the demand".

## MNPF warn Contractors

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 10:** Proscribed group Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) warned contractors tendering for a developmental work programs within the jurisdictions of the Naga inhabited areas of Manipur. In a press statement the outfit said that, no work orders of any contract should be taken through the

recommendations of the NSCN (I-M). "The reason why this extreme warning is served is because of the greedy hands of the NSCN (I-M) that the Nagas of Manipur has been suffering from the incompletion of all developmental programs granted by the state govt. as well as the central Govt. for the last two decades", the statement added.

## Student drowns

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 10:** A class X student of Emmanuel English Academy was found drowned at a pond inside the complex holding the students' boarding, according to reports.

The deceased has been identified as Zamngasung Lonvah (18), s/o Sword Longvah of Serarakhong Village, Ukhrul. Report says that the deceased when out to fetch water last night on the boarding pond but didn't turn up till late night. "When searching by the boarding authority, Zamngasung lifeless body was found floating at the boarding pond early today. The dead body has been kept at JNIMS morgue for postmortem to find out the reason behind the death as blood cloth was found at his nose, family members claim.

## Shop gutted at Yairipok

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 10:** A shop in Yairipok Bazar selling loose petrol among other items caught fire destroying furniture and other articles inside it. The origin of the fire was reported to be from a burning stove of a gas cylinder inside the shop. No casualty was reported in the fire and the pucca walls of the shop suffered minimum damages.

## Business advisory committee meeting

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, July 10:** A meeting of the business advisory committee of Manipur Assembly will be held at 4 pm of July 13, 2017 at the office chamber of the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The meeting will discuss the time allocation of the business of the house for the ensuing second session of the 11<sup>th</sup> legislative which is scheduled to begin from July 20, 2017.

## Guwahati lady Roshni Hassan wins Mrs United Nations 2017

**Agency**  
**Guwahati, July 10:** Assam has done it again. Just few months after beauty queen Rishita Baruah made the North East and India proud by winning the Mrs. World second runners-up and Mrs Congeniality in Seattle, USA, the glamorous limelight has yet again fallen upon another Assam-based Roshni Hassan who

returned home from Jamaica with a Mrs United Nations 2017 crown. Roshni from Guwahati who represented India at the beauty pageant was crowned Mrs United Nations 2017 at an event held at Kingston in Jamaica from July 1-9, 2017. She succeeds Wendi Russo, Mrs United Nations 2016 from USA.



## "Present Flood Situation In Manipur"

**Natural Disasters - Floods**  
If you thought that floods are natural disasters that happened only in poorer continents like Africa and Asia, then you are wrong. First, not all floods are caused by nature. They are man-made too. And second, even countries like the USA and the UK get floods that cause huge losses to life and property. To understand what causes floods and how man's activities affect floods, visit the links mentioned below. For a simple and scientific explanation of floods and different types of floods, visit this link. The language is simple and the concepts are clearly explained in this site. See the diagrams to understand how the landscape changes when floods occur. Causes of floods To understand how floods are caused, the extent to which they can be considered as "acts of God" and how the activities of man can make floods more or less severe, read this comprehensive guide here. It is written mainly for insurance companies, builders and other professionals and talks mostly of flooding in UK. But it is very informative as the basic facts remain the same- the change in landscape, land use, how the size of the river basin and the flood plain

affects the severity of floods, and how we can prepare for floods in a flood prone area. 1998: A year of floods One of the nature's most turbulent years was 1998. Floods wreaked havoc in North America, South America, Asia and Europe. Though the El Nino and La Nina were thought to be responsible for these floods, scientists have now found out that these factors combined with global warming caused by pollution and made the disasters more severe. Deforestation and global warming are cited as two of the main man-made causes that led to such a disastrous year with loss of lives and huge damage. Read these reports from BBC network on some of the worst floods and the devastating effect of Hurricane Mitch - all testimonies to the result of human activity interacting with natural phenomena. Are man-made floods possible? A debate around the world is that nature is to blame for natural hazards while one section says that man causes or triggers these hazards by deforestation and pollution. In China, a flood affected the lives of 250 million people and caused large scale devastation and the El Nino was cited as the main cause.

But after some analysis, it has been found that it was caused by large scale deforestation leading to loose soil and therefore huge floods. Read this article to know more about this debate. How are floods caused by man? How do man-made changes in a river basin affect floods? In Washington, floods are caused by man-made actions. The rapid urbanization of Washington has led to more concrete surfaces that seal the surface and do not allow water to seep in. Dikes can help contain the water but they also cut off the river from the floodplain. The floodplain helps to retain some of the floodwater but cutting the river off from it means that this natural storage is gone. The consequent pressure on the environment leads to such disasters. What causes Floods? Flooding occurs most commonly from heavy rainfall when natural watercourses do not have the capacity to convey excess water. However, floods are not always caused by heavy rainfall. They can result from other phenomena, particularly in coastal areas where inundation can be caused by a storm surge associated with a tropical cyclone, a tsunami or a high tide coinciding with higher than normal river levels. Dam

failure, triggered for example by an earthquake, will result in flooding of the downstream area, even in dry weather conditions. Other factors which may contribute to flooding include: • volume, spatial distribution, intensity and duration of rainfall over a catchment; • the capacity of the watercourse or stream network to convey runoff; • catchment and weather conditions prior to a rainfall event; • ground cover; • topography; and • tidal influences. Types of Flood Three Common Types of Flood Explained One of the keys to understanding flood risk is understanding the nuances of the type (or types) of flood you face. Why? A flood's a flood, right? Wrong. There are several different kinds of flood, and each one bears a different impact in terms of how it occurs, the damage it causes, and how it is forecasted. Here's a crash course on three common types of flood to help you better assess your risk.

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