

## Beautification drive at Kakching keithel

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 2:** With the idea of enhancing the view of Kakching Keithel with natural floral adornment the One Shop One Flower programme was launched at the market place today.

The programme was organised by Kakching Foundation for a Clean, Green and Blooming Kakching Keithel, Alliance for Development of Alternate Manipur (ADAM), Blooming Manipur and Kakching Bazar Business Welfare Association. It was sponsored by Kakching Municipal Council and MUDA, Manipur as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission. Consultant to the state government RK Nimai, director of MAHUD, Nepram Geetkumar, joint director Ngangom Uttam, chairperson of Kakching Municipal Council, Moirangthem Inakhubi Devi, vice-chairman of KMC M Uma Devi, councilors, executive councillor of the council Suranjoy Singh Laishram were among the main participants.

As the major highlight of the event, a large number of vases with different flower plants were kept at appropriate locations inside the market and stairs of the shops.

## MCPM salutes Ibohanbi, Wangpa

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 2:** The Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has paid revolutionary salutes to Yendrenbam Ibohanbi of Sekta, on the occasion of his 22<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary, and vice-chairman of UNLF Ayeke Wangpa, in a communiqué released yesterday. The popular military leader Ibohanbi was killed at Heitupokpi along the Nomaingim Hills range on July 1, 1995, while Wangpa passed away on June 28 last.

## Thongju flooded as Iril river bank caves in Imphal, Nambul, Iril and Thoubal rivers threatening to burst

**IT+NENA**  
**Imphal, July 2:** Homes are flooded in several parts of Manipur as monsoon rain continued to lash the state even as all major rivers were overflowing on Sunday.

Water levels and water flow in Imphal, Nambul and Iril rivers of the state are still high. Several homes have been inundated after rivers overflowed, officials said. Large tracks of paddy fields and fish farm land are still under water in several places of the valley.

At around 2:30 am today, the bank of Iril river breached nearly 200 ft wide at Kongba long of Imphal East following which hundreds of houses went under water in Thonju area. Works Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh along with a team of officials, including police personnel, led by



Imphal East Deputy Commissioner rushed to the breached bank to help dam the damaged portion. IFCD Minister Letpao Haokip also visited the site to take stock of the flood situation. Several parts of the valley, including Imphal city area, went under water yesterday after heavy rain overflowed disrupting normal life. Many



areas went into knee-deep water which remained stagnant till today. The water level of Thoubal river is rising persistently over the last 24-hours driving people who are settled close to the riverbanks into a panic situation. Low intensity breaches were reported from several places including Khekman, Moijing, Keibung and Leishangthem.

The scenario is grim in Khekman where water spouting from a large numbers of small openings in the ground had filled residential areas and entered houses. Volunteers are currently engaged in building emergency embankments to thwart the incoming flow of water by piling mounds of earth which was procured by way of donation among themselves.

The water level of Thoubal river has also crossed the danger level at Moijing Khongkok.

At Keibung Mamang Leikai, residents were forced to temporarily close the main thoroughfare after rapid current of flood water swept away big patches of bitumen cover on the road which are though hidden from by-passers by the sea of flood water posing serious risk. The road connecting Thoubal and Leishangthem also became inaccessible.

On the other hand, heavy rain caused landslide along Imphal-Dimapur, National Highway 2, Imphal-Ukhrul road and Imphal-Thanon. Normal life was thrown out of gear in several parts of Kangpokpi district after heavy downpour. Landslide at Mongpijang and N Songlung villages on NH-2 of Kangpokpi disrupted traffic movement. Namthilok near Sangai along the Imphal-Ukhrul road witnessed landslides. To and fro movement from Thanon was severely affected as the main road had caved in the middle at a spot.

## Congress slams BJP over 'taking credit' of previous government

**NENA**  
**Imphal, July 2:** Manipur Congress slammed the Nonthongbam Biren Singh headed BJP-led coalition government for allegedly taking credit of the previous Congress government.

"BJP has misled the people of Manipur. The state government is using renamed versions of programmes taken up by the Congress government, which have been incorporated in the 100 days programme," MPCC spokesperson Kh Joykishan said at a press meet in Congress Bhavan on Sunday.

The Thangmeiband MLA said the Congress was shell shocked over the so-called 100 days programme of the BJP government.

"We're indeed thankful to the government when it comes to delivering of development but we just cannot accept its attempt to take credit of the former government's programmes," reiterated the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) spokesperson.

He said the BJP government was only promoting developmental initiatives launched by the Congress in the state in the last 15 years.

"The BJP has created confusion to the people of the state with regard to its development efforts. We found that the government has been inaugurating development schemes earlier completed by Congress," Joykishan said.

Congress MLA N Loken Singh said the previous government had completed the 10<sup>th</sup> phase of the ongoing Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the state. He said project report for the 11<sup>th</sup> phase of the PMGSY work was also submitted to the Centre by then Congress government.

The Nambol MLA claimed that the issues of the United Naga Council (UNC) and Churachandpur district could plague the BJP government again in the coming two-three months because of political agenda.

Party MLA K Ranjit said that he wished the BJP government would not become a "paper tiger." The Sugnoo MLA and MPCC spokesperson however, hailed the BJP for its efforts in sorting out several issues and termed it a remarkable accomplishment.

Several other Congress MLAs and party leaders were present during the press meet.

## PLA and MNPF claim attack to 27 AR check post in Ukhrul district



**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 2:** Proscribed group People's Liberation Army (PLA) and Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) today claim attack to 27 Assam Rifles Check post at Ramya in Lambui village of Ukhrul district at around 7.30 of June 30. An AR jawan was killed and another 2 injured in an IED blast on the day.

A joint statement signed by Bangkim, Assistance Secretary, Publicity of Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) and Thomas Numai, Assistant Publicity Secretary, Manipur Naga People's Front

(MNPF) said that the two rebel group have been fighting against the repressive Indian force which has been creating enmity among the various ethnic people of the region. It said after Manipur was annexed by India in October 15, 1949, armed Indian security forces has been subjugating the people of both hill and valley under the shadow of various draconian laws. The Indian forces are spewing venom among the various ethnic community of the state from a very long time, it added. The statement further said that under the

motto United we stand, divided we fall, the MNPF and the PLA, the armed wing of RPF has been working together since 2013 to wage war against the repressive regime. The statement said that in January and April of 2014 the MNPF and PLA jointly attack the 1/11 Gorkha and 25 Madras Regiment at Taikotag in Churachandpur district under Operation Leopard. In December 2014 an attack was carried out to AR troop at Bihang, at Khunmullian on December and at another AR troop at Hengsi on May under Operation Jackal.

## Kakching club honors CSE pass out

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 2:** Library and Information Centre, Kakching today accorded a warm welcome to Kshetrimayum Ravikumar who cleared the UPSC civil services examination, 2016 in the 769<sup>th</sup> position.

The reception in honour of the meritorious student was staged during the 207<sup>th</sup> edition of LICK's weekly item Special Sunday. Advisor of the centre Nongmaithem Ibochou was

the functional president.

Students attending the Special Sunday held an interaction session with Ravikumar where they exchange views on pertinent topics. Former consultant of Manipur government RK Nimai, former principal Naorem Gandhar and Pukhrambam Kunjo Singh also spoke on subjects were of interest to the children.

Ravikumar is the son of Ksh Nabakumar and M Shamphalbi of Kakching Makha Leikai.

## 26 AR donates food items

**IT News**  
**Kakching, July 2:** Commander of 26 Assam Rifles Brigadier Anup Singh Chauhan made a visit to Mission Blind School at Heikakpokpi today and donated an array of food items

for the school. The items handed over to the school included 100 kg of rice, 50 kg of edible salt, ten kg of tea, 20 kg of sugar, fruits and sweets. A cake was served to those present to celebrate the occasion.

## Imperialist crisis and the future of scientific socialism

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This is an era of imperialism and proletarian revolution. It is also known as Lenin's era. Lenin had said that imperialism is moribund capitalism i.e. the capitalism in the eve of socialist revolution. At present, the imperialism is passing through a serious economic crisis. This crisis is the inevitable result of inherent contradiction of capitalist economy. Private ownership and collective production are the basic features of capitalist mode of production. A capitalist produces commodity by keeping profit at the centre. Consumer goods are not produced on the basis of national planning and social need in the capitalist countries. It is known as anarchy in production. It is another feature of capitalist production system. The contradiction between private ownership and collective production is the driving force of capitalism. The capitalism undergoes continuous crisis as of this very contradiction. Some time it is high and some time it is low, but in sum it goes on spirally ahead until its doom. We have heard and also witnessed many economic crises in the history. Five of them are known to be more serious and dangerous. First, the credit crisis that started from Britain in 1772 and spread to Europe second, the worldwide great depression from 1929 to 1939 third, the

economic crisis in the US caused by economic embargo of petroleum products on the part of Arab nations against America in 1973 fourth, the financial crisis that originated from Thailand and spread to Asian countries in 1997 and fifth, the latest financial crisis that erupted from the US and later engulfed the whole world in 2008. Each of the later crises was more serious and dangerous than the previous ones and the countries took several years to reach the pre-crisis level. And the years that followed the crisis had also been the years of huge political upheavals. The impact of the latest economic crisis has not ended yet. Some of the economists have predicted that the day to come will undergo serious crises than the present one. In this context, quoting Tad Rivelle, an investor from America, Lana Clements on September 22, 2016 in a British online paper Express writes "America's corporate debt has tripled since 2008, from 2 trillion dollars to an eye-watering 6 trillion dollars today. ... This huge debt bubble is no longer sustainable. ... Huge global financial crash is imminent." This analysis seems closer to reality. After each crisis, the countries have additional loans, a handful of people become richer and the poor

get poorer. This enduring process since long is now moving ahead faster. After each crisis, the imperialists bring about some changes in their capitalist economic policy and try to push the economic crisis a little farther. In this context, it is necessary to deeply look at the process after October Revolution. Amid the worldwide economic crisis originated by the great depression from 1929-1939, on the one hand, and the positive influence imparted world over by the Soviet socialist economy, on the other, the imperialists pursued the state-controlled capitalist economy i.e. mixed economy known as Keynesian model. That was a model put forward mainly to prevent the influence of socialism in the European countries. Though it had adopted some pro-people packages like social security, free education, free health and unemployment allowance etc. it was not possible for this to deter the economic crisis, because it was not anything other than capitalism. The world had to confront another economic crisis as the Arab nations imposed oil embargo upon America in 1973. While arriving here, Keynesian model of mixed economy too had completely failed. Mainly with the end of cold war, the Freidman

model i.e. neo-liberalism became the ideological basis of capitalist economy. The neo-liberalism considers privatisation as the solution to all problems. Its main purpose is to deprive all of their right to collective bargaining. It handed over the public sector industries to the hands of private banks and investment companies. Neo-liberal policy is such that it lets the economic market free. It has three basic inter-related features. They are: free trade, free capital and free investment. It is a free market without any moral restriction of government regulation, trade unions, social security and laws regarding environment to paraphrase neo-liberals. Government does not have any decisive role in it. Everything is left for the market to decide. With the help of International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the US President Ronald Reagan and the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had put forward this free market policy in the 90s. Hereafter, the role of the political leaders did not remain basically different than those brokers who create helpful environment for the Banks and economic institutions to invest their capital all across the world.

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