

Meeting assesses Khudei Khuman, Machi clash

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Imphal, June 22: To assess the situation at Khudei Khuman and Machi areas and ascertain the cause of tension between the villages, a meeting was held today morning with members of Chandel Naga Civil Societies, Naga Chiefs Association and Maring Upa Rup Assembly. The CNCR leaders met heads of MURA and told them to work with community leaders in solving the issues concerning the two villages and to follow the path of forget and forgive over the incident on June 20, 2017 to bring unity and peace in the region. CNCR said in a press release. In support of the Maring frontal organization in mobilizing relief and rehabilitation for the victims the CNCs, tribe leaders, and NGA promised to mobilize relief assistance in the tribe levels and to urge district administration of Chandel to provide essential commodities and medicines to the affected villages, it added.

CM to launch city bus services

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Imphal, June 22: Chief minister N Biren and Parliamentary Secretary of Transport and Planning Khasim Vashum will flag off inter-district and city bus services from MSRTC complex, Moirangkhom on June 23 at 10.30 am. The main function will be held later at ISBT, Dewlahland at 11 am.

Incessant rains hit normal life in Guwahati

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Guwahati, June 22: Incessant rains in Guwahati city Thursday morning have thrown life out of gear. Several areas of the city are facing artificial flood. Vehicles movement badly affected causing problems for office goers and students. One person died due to electrocution at Zoo Road area in the city. District administration has pressed emergency services. This was the second incident in as many as 10 days when the residents of Guwahati had to face artificial flood following rains.

Sekmai PS suffers due to 2 OCs

IT News
Imphal, June 22: The old adage goes that two is company. But in odd circumstances two can be chaos as it is happening at Sekmai police station right now where there is currently two officers-in-charge working concurrently but definitely not cohesively. According to sources, the previous officer-in-charge of the police station Y Joykumar has put his foot down and refused to allow his replacement A Tomba to take charge. Tomba was transferred from CAR, Imphal West to the station in a major reshuffle of police officers carried out by the home department on May 23 last that affected more than 39 police officers. The new posting for the outgoing OC Joykumar could not be ascertained yet even after several enquiries sprouting a theory that the prolonged stay could have

been necessitated by possible failure of the home department to assign him his next duty. There is also possibility of the involvement of political bickering and one-upmanship behind the scene as there are unconfirmed reports suggesting that both officers are boasting the patronage of MLAs. Whatever be the truth, an unwanted situation which has no precedence in the history of the state home department was created and the staff and general population under the station are getting to feel the singe of the resultant intense heat. Both inspectors are functioning as the rightful officer-in-charge of the same police station and using the full authorities assigned by the government rules. The predicament with the public is having no clue to sort out the puzzle which is whom to recognize as the real officer-in-charge so that they can approach him with their complaints and expect process

for justice. Now, they are feeling awkward and confused about approaching either of them less the other feels hurt or gets antagonized. People of the area reeling under the effect of the uncomfortable stymie have drawn the attention of higher authorities to give utmost importance to the matter and take steps to resolve it amicably and without further ado. The irony of ironies is that while Sekmai police station gets cramped due to the presence of two officers-in-charge, Thoubal police station in the meanwhile has been waiting impatiently since the May 23 transfer for the incoming officer-in-charge to report for duty. According to reports, inspector RK Anilkumar was transferred from his previous charge as OC of Bishnupur police station to OC of Thoubal police station but his arrival there is still awaited.

Smokeless tobacco products, Myanmar items seized

NENA
Imphal, June 22: Illegal smokeless tobacco products and other Myanmar made edible items worth Rs 50,000 were seized during a surprise drive carried out by personnel of Food Safety and Standards Enforcement Wing, Imphal East on Thursday. One bakery was also closed down during the drive conducted in Pangei, Khumidok and Khundrakpam areas. Officials of the enforcement wing said the bakery at Khumidok did not maintain standard levels of

hygiene that led to its seizure. The enforcement wing said food items in the market should maintain standard levels for safety of public health. Selling banned food items by any individual can be jailed for 6 months along with upto Rs 5 lakh fine under Food Safety and Standard Act 2006. Selling and dealing of banned tobacco products in Manipur has become a lucrative business now despite the ban. Zarda pan per serving now costs Rs 20 and special pan which was earlier available at Rs 100 per serving now costs

Rs 150-200. Chewable tobacco product Talab costs Rs 15 per sachet now while golden khaini costs Rs 20-30 per tin. In the last seven years Food Safety and Standards Enforcement Wing has been able to generate Rs 64,68,033 lakh revenue, according a media report. In the earlier drives carried out under the supervision of the Food Safety Commissioner in various parts of Manipur from May 28 to June 12, adulterated food items and tobacco products worth Rs 29,76,850 were seized and disposed.

'Massive deforestation causes weather disasters'

NENA
Imphal, June 22: A discourse on Climate Change and Manipur State Action Plan on Climate Change held here on Thursday concluded that massive deforestation causes weather disasters in Manipur. "Massive deforestation in the state in the past few years has a huge impact on the ecological balance causing weather disasters," said Centre for Social Development secretary Babycha Soraisam at the

programme organised by the centre at Classic Hotel, North AOC. She said unseasonal heavy rainfalls, floods and landslides due to deliberate destruction of nature by human are witnessing increasingly by people. Babycha said such human activities leads to ecological imbalance which in turn leads to the natural disaster. She expressed displeasure that the Manipur State Plan on Climate Change set up in 2013

is yet to be implemented in the state till now. Babycha said the state government is responsible for implementing this plan. Copies of the resolutions adopted in the discourse will be sent to the Chief Minister and Prime Minister to initiate certain measures to tackle the state's ecological imbalance, she added. Imphal-based news channel Impact TV editor Yumnam Rupachandra moderated the programme.

Film personalities join tree plantation drive

IT News
Thoubal, June 22: Seleibam Film Production organised a sapling plantation campaign at Kairembikhok in Thoubal district with the objective of saving environment and making air and water in our surrounding free of pollution. The participants at the campaign displayed placards which read "Plant Tree to Save Our Environment," "Let Us Work Together to Preserve Ecological Balance," "Save Forest," "Let Us Plant Trees to Fight Deforestation," and "We Cannot Survive without Tree." Several personalities of the Manipuri film industry including director and publicity secretary of PPCM, Jeetendra Ningomba, and actors Ashok Seleibam, Rendy, Biju, Narmada and Sunnykumar planted sapling at the event.



Ashok, who is an important associate of Saleibam Film Production, said after the successful release of the first film under its banner, Arangba Sana, the second production of the company Phishakhoh containing important messages about the fact that trees are the life of human being is on the anvil.

BJP in catch-22 on Gorkhaland issue

Pradipta Tapadar (PTI)
Darjeeling, Jun 22: With the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha spearheading an agitation for Gorkhaland, its alliance partner BJP was in a catch-22 as it could neither come out openly in support of a separate state nor afford to oppose it. The BJP, which had twice won the Darjeeling Lok Sabha seat in 2009 and 2014 with GJM's help with the promise of sympathetically looking into the demand of the Gorkhas, was now facing the heat as the party could not clear its position on the demand for Gorkhaland. The dilemma within the BJP has not gone down well within the rank and file of the Darjeeling district unit of BJP.

"Our party (BJP) is in a dilemma as it can neither oppose the demand for Gorkhaland nor support it. Supporting the demand for Gorkhaland means losing support in the plains, where we would be termed as anti-Bengali. But if we do not support the demand for a separate state, then we will lose our support in the hills," BJP district general secretary Shanta Kishore Gurung said. Gurung had recently participated in a pro-Gorkhaland protest organised by the GJM and had extended his support to a demand for Gorkhaland. Gurung slammed the BJP central unit saying, "the party is taking the Gorkhas and their sentiments for their own ethnic identities lightly."

Gurung's comment comes in the backdrop of BJP state president Dilip Ghosh and national secretary Rahul Sinha clearly opposing the demand for Gorkhaland. Even the central unit of BJP has not cleared its stand on this specific issue. "The party needs to come out clean on this issue as it is sending out a wrong message to the masses. Our party cadres in the hills are angry with us and threatening to leave the party and join GJM," a senior district BJP leader told PTI on condition of anonymity. Another top BJP leader said, "The absence of BJP MP S S Ahluwalia from the hills during the unrest has sent out a wrong message and if the party keeps on delaying in announcing its decision, then it will be very tough to maintain a hold on our cadres in the district." The BJP district leadership's apprehension of losing support due to its lack of clarity on the issue of Gorkhaland was also shared by GJM MLA Amar Singh Rai who said, it was "really unfortunate" that BJP, which had promised to create a separate state of Gorkhaland if it came to power, had completely taken a U-turn on this issue. "The BJP central leadership is not coming out clean, the BJP MP from Darjeeling was absent when the entire hills was burning. Do you still expect the people of the hills to trust BJP?" Rai questioned. Both the Trinamool Congress and the CPI(M) have criticised the BJP for "exploiting" the sentiments of the Gorkhas for their "vested" political interests.

Khango Konyak is elected as the new chairman of NSCN-K

IT News
Imphal, June 22: After the demise of NSCN-K Chairman S.S. Khaplang, Khango Konyak, a retired Lt. Gen. of the outfit has been elected as the new chairman. A press statement of the proscribed group said that Khango Konyak was elected as the new chairman on June 20. The statement added that Khango Konyak was born on 17th July 1943 at Yangkhao village. He joined the Naga national struggle in the year 1963 at the age of 20. Khango went to East Pakistan on Alee(Foreign) Command in the year 1966 and later in the year 1976 was promoted to 2nd.Lt. and commanded 50 cadres to China under the leadership of Isak Chishi Swu

and Th.Muivah and reached China only in the year 1977. During his long illustrious military career from private to Lt.General, he held many positions of the outfit. He also served as commander of various units, battalions, brigades etc and not only witnessed many crucial battles but achieved many victories against the enemies and brought laurels to the Naga Army on many occasions. In the year 1989, he also served as the Chairman Konyak region and on 30th April 2011 he was appointed as the Home(Kilo) Kilonser(Minister), GPRN and later elevated to the Vice-Chairman/Vice-President, NSCN/GPRN on

25th May 2011. On having served the nation for the last 54 years under various capacities and finally elected as the Chairman/President NSCN/GPRN, the retired General recalled many of his comrades getting slain before him, behind him and besides him by the enemy forces on many countless encounters but he managed to survive by hair breadth without any harm and therefore praised the almighty for preserving his life to this day. He also expressed that he never imagined to reach this highest position and attributed all his success to God's providence. He also lamented how many educated and intellectual

Naga leaders for selfish, vested interests had led the Nagas astray causing divisions and factions among the Nagas, however, he regardless of the tumultuous situations and enemy's propagandas stood firm for what is right and continues to serve the NSCN/GPRN in his humble capacity and further pledges to carry on forward the unfulfilled task envisioned by our departed Chairman S.S. Khaplang. It must also be mentioned that, during his stint in the national work, numerous factional crisis erupted within the Naga family, he however refrained from involving in any of the political crisis of 1988, 2011 and 2015 and with clear conscience.

Name Correction

I, Yensbam Kishorchand Singh, do hereby clarify that my name has been wrongly written as Yensbam Kishorchand Meitei to the certificate and other documents of my son Yensbam Pibarel's Secondary School Examination (Session: 2014-16), issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi. I, do hereby declare that the name in my son's certificates and documents should be Yensbam Pibarel, son of Yensbam Kishorchand Singh. **Sd/-** Yensbam Kishorchand Singh Porompat Thawanthaba Leikai, Imphal -East, Manipur