

Earthquake rocks Manipur

IT News
Imphal, June 19: An earthquake of slight intensity rocked Manipur at around 4:05 early this morning. Preliminary report from the Met Department said, epicentre of the earthquake is in Thoubal District and at 10 Kilometre depth beneath the ground along the Indo-Myanmar Road. Intensity of the earthquake is reported to be 4.4 in Richter scale. There is no report of any casualty in the State after the tremor.

M. Premier and colleague conferred National Excellence award

IT News
Imphal, June 19: In recognition to their service for the differently abled persons in the state of Manipur Programme Manager of Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Abled Person Manipur Moirangthem Premier and two of his associate Lenin Hrom and Oinam Birkumar have been conferred the National Excellence award 2017 by the National Platform for Disabled Right and Duties New Delhi.

National dialysis programme launched

IT News
Imphal, June 19: Directorate of health services and National Health Mission, Manipur, launched the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme at the mini auditorium of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences this morning. Chief minister N Biren was the chief guest at the function while minister of health and family welfare L. Jayantakumar and Parliamentary Secretary, health and family welfare, S Subhashchandra were the president and guest of honour respectively.

Joykishan calls for safeguarding territorial boundary

IT News
Imphal, June 19: Congress MLA Kh Joykishan Singh today said all 60 MLAs of the state should pledge to safeguard Manipur's territorial integrity. "A logical conclusion to the Naga political problem is welcomed by everyone. Still we should remain steadfast in our resolve to protect the state's territorial integrity," Joykishan said.

Commander of KCP Lamphel laid down arms before CM

IT News
Imphal, June 19: One self styled Commander of Kangleipak Communist Party - Lamphel faction (KCP-Lamphel) surrendered to the government this afternoon at a function at the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Imphal. The militant commander namely Soraisam Modhuchandra Singh of Thangmeiband in Imphal West surrendered along with two 9mm pistols with two magazines and nine live

rounds before Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. Speaking at the occasion, the State Chief Minister said, the militant leader came out to join the national mainstream keeping faith in the new government's development initiatives for the marginalized sections of the society. He also appealed the militant outfits in the state to shun the path of violence and join the national mainstream. He said, the militants who have surrendered to the

Government before four years will be allowed to return to their respective homes and engage in vocational training to be organized by the state government from the 30th of this month. Mr. Biren further said, the surrendered militants after being trained in their appropriate trades will be given financial assistance under suitable welfare schemes of the government for their livelihood. State DGP L. M. Khaute also attended the function.

ANSAM Pays Fitting Tributes to Students killed in the Line of Duty

IT News
Chandel, June 19: The All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) and Naga Students Union, Chandel Remembrance Day in memory of the students who were killed in the line of duty for Naga people at ANSAM Martyrs' Park, Komlathabi, Chandel today. The Remembrance Day was observed in memory of Shelley Chara, Ng Sami, Ashur R Jangvei, Gemcliff Zimik, Nanthourai Abonmai, Dikho Loshou, Neli Chako, Ramkashing Vashi and Mayopam Ramror who were killed under different circumstances.

The Hundreds of people including UNC President Gaidon Kamei, President of Naga Women's Union Asha Wungnam, President of Zeliangrong Students Union Shangruh Gangei, President of Tangkhul Katamnao Saklong Joel Angkang, President of Naga Students Union Chandel, Social Activist Ningthouja Lancha and Advisor of DESAM, were present on the occasion. In addition, families and relatives of the Naga Martyrs, President and colleagues of ANSAM Units, NPMHR a members, village chiefs, pastors and president and colleagues of tribe hohos were also present.

Speaking on the occasions, ANSAM President Seth Shatsang said that ANSAM was founded as a collective effort, voice and conscience of the Naga students to safeguard Land, people and to secure political future of the Naga people. Saying that the land of the Nagas is not free from forced occupation and moreover the colonial agenda of India which is still not over, the Naga people must probe deeper into the government's intention and interest in taking away people's sovereignty over the land, he added. The ANSAM president further said, "We salute the supreme sacrifice made these nine martyrs to protect the historical and political rights of the Nagas to live as one people. Their sacrifice continues to uphold the dignity of the Nagas reassuring our unwavering stand towards our rightful place in the past and in future". Apart from observing gun salute in honour of the martyrs, family members of the martyrs were also honoured by presenting gifts.



Health Minister L. Jayantakumar delivering speech during the launching of PMNDP at JNIMS Mini Auditorium

Evict NSCN-IM camps from state, MCPM tells government

IT News
Imphal, June 19: The Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has asserted that the total silence of the government on the issue of killing of civilians by NSCN-IM in Ukhrul brought shame to the people of Manipur and belittled the sacrifice of the 18 individuals who lost their lives during the June 18 uprising. In a communiqué released by the coordinator of its standing committee, Kyonghan Mangang, the party said the NSCN-IM's hand in the killing has been made very clear after the Naga outfit announced the formation of an investigation team to probe into the incident. In such circumstances, the decision of the state government to surrender the task of investigating the crime to NSCN-IM is clear proof that the former no long commands any administrative power in Ukhrul, the MCPM alleged.

The stand of the administration will cause the people to hide their faces in shame and they should be condemning the indifference of the government to the abject submission in the strongest terms, the MCPM stated. Charging the state government of having characteristics of not reacting to challenges posed to matters close to the hearts of the general people in the past as well, it questioned the former's silence over the killing of a labourer in Moreh and the total shutdown called by United Naga Council on the occasion of the last June 18 anniversary observation. Such partisan outlook for the hills and valley in the policies of the state government will over a period of time will lead to problems that will threaten the integrity of the state, it predicted. The administration must produce the perpetrators of the Ukhrul killings and Moreh

murder by June 30 and award punishment fit for their crimes, the outfit said in the statement and further announced that in the event of the failure of the government to do so it will clasp a 12-hour general strike on July 11, 2017 from 5 am to 5 pm. It clarified that the party has no objection to the government injecting more development funds in the hills for making improvement in the conditions there, however it regretted that the latter is turning its eyes away when a group is attempting to destabilize normalcy. Claiming that the NSCN-IM has no legal sanction to open camps on the soil of Manipur, the MCPM asked the state government to take up action for demolition of its camps in existence in the state, adding that the MCPM will on its own lead a campaign to evict the NSCN-IM's camps from the state from October 1, 2017.

Nagaland govt asks NSCN-IM to clarify on highway levy

IT News
Imphal, June 19: The Against Corruption and Unabated Taxation (ACAUT) Nagaland asked the NSCN (IM) to clarify on reports and allegations that its members were involved in 'tax' demands with regard to the National Highway 4 lane project between Dimapur and Kohima. A press note the ACAUT media cell, asked the NSCN (IM) to provide an appropriate reply within 3 days from the issue of

this note yesterday. The ACAUT also asked both Maytas-Gayatri and the Nagaland Contractors and Suppliers Union not to stop their works under any circumstances and ensure that this life line road for Nagas is not jeopardized. Further, it urged the Nagaland State Government not to remain a mute spectator and at least assure the Naga public that works will not be affected by giving press release to the

effect. Meanwhile, the ACAUT called upon every citizen of Nagaland to safeguard and ensure that no hindrances are given for swift completion of the 4 lane road. The ACAUT further appealed to the Nagaland National Political Groups Working Group to give a public undertaking to the people of Nagaland that the 4-laning works under AH-1, Nagaland sector, shall not be disturbed by taxation demands under any circumstances.

Hospitality a welcome experience for visitors to Manipur: CM Biren

NENA
Imphal, June 19: Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh here on Monday flagged off a "India to Spain" car rally.



The flagged-off ceremony was held at Classic Grande making Manipur as the gateway. The car rally is participated by eight persons headed by two women hailing from Pune. The people around the world hear and talk about Manipur's law and order situation but once they visit this state they are mesmerised by its culture which provides warm hospitality to them, CM Biren stated on the occasion.

"The politeness of the people of Manipur and their warm hospitality mesmerise people who come to visit this state adorned by stunning natural beauty and scenic vistas," he said. The Chief Minister described Manipuri people as cultured, self-effacing, gracious and

polite. He said, "This culture of hospitality has been a welcome experience for visitors to Manipur which will help boost the tourism industry." The car rally will cover 16 countries and reach Spain within 53 days.

Agriculture minister issues fertilizer

DIPR
Imphal, June 19: Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Minister Shri V. Hangkhanlian, along with Agriculture Director Shri Rajendro Singh and AFO Shri Kulabidhu Singh have issued Fertilizer to the farmers at the Godown of Agriculture, Lamphelpat, Imphal today. According to an official report from its department, there is sufficient stock of fertilizer in the godown for the farmers of Manipur and more would be transported from outside the



state in future. There would be sufficient and no shortage of fertilizer for the farmers of Manipur. Farmers of the State

can get fertilizer regularly at any time from the department of Agriculture as and when they required

Illicit liquor worth Rs 60 lakh destroyed in Dimapur

NENA
Dimapur, June 19: Illicit liquor estimated to be worth over Rs. 60 lakh was destroyed in Dimapur on Monday. The disposed liquor cache containing 1770 cases of IMFL brands was confiscated by the Assam Rifles from a makeshift warehouse in the 3rd Mile area of Dimapur earlier in May. While no person linked to the seized contraband was arrested a police case was registered under the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act. The destruction was carried out based on a magisterial order passed after the investigation officer of the case sought "pre-trial destruction" of the impounded liquor citing nauseating odour, space constraint at the Police Station "Malkhana" and the risk of

pilferage while in storage. District Administration officials, police, Assam Rifles personnel, representatives from the legal fraternity and the Naga Women Hoho Dimapur were on site to witness the destruction conducted at the Municipal waste dumping ground. By law a liquor "dry" state, Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) is openly available in Nagaland bootlegged from neighbouring Assam. While the state Excise and the police man the inter-state checkpoints with Assam, liquor supply into the state remains strong keeping the state well stocked in duty-free IMFL. The Assam Rifles, primarily a counter-insurgency force, also frequently catch bootlegged liquor in transit within the state. Nungshirenla, president of

the Naga Women Hoho Dimapur, who was at the destruction site today questioned the logic behind such exercises terming it as "almost a drama and a waste of time." "I feel that this exercise is useless. While we are at it we also have to ask where it is leading to," she said. Questioning the sincerity of the enforcement agencies, Nungshirenla said that the people entrusted with the job of manning checkpoints should ensure that liquor is not allowed in, first and foremost. Stating that it is also a big loss to the economy, she pointed to the money and work-hours spent on conducting such events, not to mention the impact on the environment. "How long will smashing bottles go on?"