

Driver killed in road mishap

NENA
Imphal, June 27: A driver was killed and several other passengers were injured, two of them critically, after a Tata Magic passenger van and a bus collided head-on at Keinou village of Bishnupur district yesterday. According to the report, the road mishap occurred around 2:30 pm. The Magic driver identified as Ngangom Ibochou Singh (40 years) son of late Ng Tomba of Kabo Wakching, died on the spot. The report said two women sat in the rear seat of the van were seriously injured in the accident. All the injured passengers were rushed to a hospital.

Rifleman killed by mate

ITNews
Imphal, June 27: A naik of 2/5 Gorkha Regiment shot rifleman Jaya Lal Budha and fired shots at lance naik Khum Bahadur Gurung with his Insas rifle while they were sleeping in the barracks at unit HQ at Bishnupur. Rifleman Jaya Lal succumbed to his injuries while Khum Bahadur was evacuated to military hospital at Leimakhong.

Body of missing woman found

ITNews
Imphal, June 27: The dead body of a woman from Litan who had gone missing on June 23 last was discovered by fishermen of Shangkai village under Litan police station yesterday. According to reports, the deceased was identified as Bimola Devi who operated a country liquor vendor at Litan. A Nepali helper Vikash was already arrested by police for his suspected involvement in her disappearance. He was produced before the DM, Ukhrul and subsequently was released on bail.

Homeguards take to the street over salary hike demand

ITNews
Imphal, June 27: Hundreds of homeguard personnel took out a massive rally to highlight their demands but their march towards chief minister's office was disrupted midway as a strong team of City Police blocked them near BT Park and forcefully dispersed them. The homeguard personnel who had been agitating for a quite a long time commenced their rally from Manipur Homeguard Headquarters at Lamphel, Shija Hospital road, at around 11 am demanding increment on duty allowance as per the directives given by the Supreme Court. On Friday, they had observed a sit-in protest at the same place to highlight their demand. Company commander Md Tombi said the association of homeguards has been demanding an increase in their duty allowances as per the

directive of the Supreme Court on March 11, 2015 but neither the concerned department nor the state government have taken up any positive step. The personnel are given a meager Rs 5000 as their monthly salary which they rightly claim is insufficient in running their families and consequents they are encountering family crisis. The homeguards are performing their duties not less seriously than any other branch of the state police force, he said added that despite the number of agitation and protest rally, none of the concerned department or the state government have come up with any solution, Md Tombi complained. The homeguards had warned the administration of different forms of agitations if their demands are not heeded.

Cycle rally taken out against drug abuse

ITNews
Imphal, June 27: Sugnu Police, Sugnu Municipality Council and youth clubs of Sugnu organised a cycle rally under the guidance of SP, Kakching on the occasion of UN International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking yesterday. The rally was flagged off by chairperson of SMC M Sarat and SDPO Sugnu, A Romendo from Sugnu Bazar. From there it proceeded to Sugnu, Wangoo, Kakching, Waikhong, Lanmeidong, Wabagai among other places during its 60 kilometer course and culminated at Ching Tam Community Hall. Lok Sabha MP Thangso Baite though a short reception for the cyclists at Kakching Khunou Lamkhai and made a donation of Rs 4000. Councillors of Sugnu Municipal Council, and members of block development committees attended the flag off ceremony. Meanwhile, District Social Welfare Office, Chandel observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit

Trafficking at a function held at Indoor Stadium in Chandel yesterday. Member of Chandel Autonomous District Council, KT Harina was the chief guest while DSW officer L Thangkolun Kuki was the functional president. The essay competition which was a main highlight of the observation was won by D Khiwar Sinruwngna of St Peter Higher Secondary School while his schoolmate DB Maria and Langhu Ambrose Anal of Anallon Christian Institute claimed third position. The second position went to HB Tampangam of Lifeway Christian Academy.

KET felicitates HSLCE toppers

ITNews
Imphal, June 27: Kakching Educational Trust (KET) honoured three persons of the locality on their recent academic success during a felicitation function organised at the residence of Ningthoujam Budha at Kakching Wairi Ningthoujam Leikai yesterday. The

Letkholal killing: KSO extends deadline to nab killers by 4 days; protest staged at RIMS

(With input from NENA)
Imphal, June 27: The Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO)'s 48-hour deadline served to the authority to nab all culprits involved in the killing of president of Haokip Students' Organisation (HSO) has been extended by four days. The decision came after a meeting of KSO General Headquarters on Monday, informed a press statement issued by KSO GHQ vice president Sasang Vaiphei. "The KSO has duly considered the police authority's request for more time as significant progress has been made in the ongoing investigation into the assassination of HSO president Letkholal," the statement said.

However, the KSO is resolute of its decision not to claim the body of the HSO president until the assailants who killed him are arrested, it said. HSO president Letkholal@Palal was assassinated by unknown assailants at his Langol Games village residence on June 23 evening. The assassination drew strong condemnations from many student organisations and tribal bodies.

The statement also reiterated KSO's demand for clarification from all involved on the assassination of Letkholal and vowed to sit back until justice is delivered. "Meanwhile, Family members and various civil organisations today staged sit-in-protest at RIMS morgue against the brutal killing of Letkholal @ Palal Haokip on June 23, 2017. Speaking to the media persons, Albert Haokip, President of Haokip Student's organisation said that the joint bodies of various civil organisations has resolved to

continue its movement against the brutal killing of Letkholal @ Palal Haokip in a meeting held on June 23, 2017. An ultimatum to book the culprit within 48 hours was also given to the concern department and state government but so far no positive response, he added. Albert also said that the investigation authority team has appeal to the KSO General Head Quarter to give another 4 more days time, as the investigation authority fails to book the culprits, w.e.f today

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Nagaland used as a corridor for drug trafficking

NENA
Dimapur, June 27: Nagaland registered a total of 427 alcohol and drug related offences during the past 18 months. IGP (Crime), K Mero made the revelation at a programme held in Kohima on June 26 commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. A total of 560 persons were also arrested in connection with the cases during the period (January 2016-June 2017). Contraband haul during the same period comprised an assortment of drugs from psychotropic pharmaceuticals to hard party drugs and IMFL.

Mero said the seized contrabands included 9711 kg of Ganja, 63.75 kg of opium, 12gm of heroin, 4.57 kg of brown sugar, 1 kg of yaba, 527,626 capsules of spasmoproxyvon, 8484 tablets of nitrogren, 3 tablets of diazepam, 12, 297 bottles of cough syrup and 202,9191 bottles of IMFL. The statistics alone however may not project the ground reality as according to Mero. "With the expertise that we have or the lack thereof, including a lack of will to really search and eliminate trafficking, the quantity detected and seized may just be the tip of the iceberg."

"Much more must be crossing the state - the ready and processed products as well as the raw materials including the chemicals that are needed for such processing." Citing that he pointed to an apparent helplessness of the enforcement agencies lacking manpower, gadgets and the knowledge to identify and detect chemical drugs. "The police department itself has a lot to invest on," Mero said. While the enforcement agencies have their drawbacks, he was also critical of a perceived complacent attitude of citizens towards drug trafficking and usage.

5 Day Long First International Imphal Art Camp Concludes

ITNews
Thoubal, June 27: "neScholar Magazine" presents the 5 day long first international Imphal art camp, 2017, organised by Northeast Brothers Entertainments with Kangla Art Group (KAG) and Mix-Media Foundation Concluded on Monday at Slopeland public school, Khongjom salt village. The camp is being held with financial support from Manipur Tourism, department of Art and Culture and Slopeland public

school. The closing ceremony was attended by Former Minister Art and Culture Dr. M.Nara as chief guest, Principal of Slopeland Public School N. Babulin as president, Director of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Manipur Prof. Ramjeevan Singh Thakur and Senior Artist Laishram Phonindro Singh as guest of honours, respectively. Chief guest of the ceremony, Dr. M.Nara said that art is an

endless human creativity. Therefore, what people consider as a beautiful piece of art may not be the same in a different place. The art we produce here is not at par with those produced at the western societies. So, it is imperative that we try to improve our art so that it reach the level of international standards, he said. 60 artists were participated in the camp, including two from Korea, 18 from other Indian states and 40 from Manipur.

NO one can compete our talents if given an opportunity: N. Biren Singh CM felicitates scientist Guneshwar Thangjam

DIPR
Imphal, June 26: "The people of the State are filled with enormous talent and knowledge. If we were given an opportunity to showcase our skills and talents then no one can compete with us in the entire world," said Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at the felicitation programme of Manipuri Scientist Guneshwar Thangjam held at the CM Secretariat yesterday. Felicitating Guneshwar Thangjam for his scientific contribution, N. Biren Singh said that it is the moment of pride and joy for the people of the State that the unique thinking and hardwork of Shri Guneshwar is being admired by the entire world. Guneshwar Thangjam has

brought laurels not only for the State but also for the country for getting named an asteroid in his own name as 'Thangjam Asteroid' this year, he added. Chief Minister requested Guneshwar Thangjam to organise seminars and workshop so that he could share his experience, knowledge and ideas among the students of the State. He further assured that the State government would extend every possible help to Guneshwar for his studies and research in future. Speaking on the occasion, Guneshwar Thangjam said that as a token of recognition for his scientific contribution, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in a conference "Asteroids, Planets and

Meteors, 2017" held at South America named the asteroid in his name 'Thangjam Asteroid'. Chief Minister N Biren also handed over Rs 50,000 as financial assistance and as motivation to Shri Guneshwar Thangjam. The felicitation programme was attended by Minister for Forest and Environment, Th. Shyamkumar and Addl. Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu. Guneshwar Thangjam, an alumnus of C.C. Higher Secondary School, Imphal, is presently a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Department of Planets and Comets, Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, Göttingen, Germany. He is a resident of Poiroukhongjin, Yairipok, Thoubal.

People of Pherzawl District Welcome Imphal-Pherzawl Express Bus Service

ITNews
CCpur, June 27: The first Manipur State Transport bus which will ply between Imphal and Pherzawl was given a warm reception at Churachandpur's Bijang Transport Office yesterday at 9 am before departing for its final destination in the remote district headquarters of Pherzawl. The bus was flagged off by Chief Minister Biren Singh on June 25 along with other inter-district buses at the state capital Imphal. Local leaders led by Pherzawl District Development

Committee held a short thanksgiving event in the presence of Pherzawl District Deputy Commissioner A. Tombikanta Singh. Hmar Christian Leaders' Forum treasurer Rev. Lalsandam Songate dedicated the bus to the Almighty God. "We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Chief Minister Biren Singh for taking a firm decision on restoring MST bus service in order to link all the district headquarters of the state. We also acknowledge the service of Thanlon MLA Vungzagin, Tipaimukh MLA Dr. Chaltonlien Ambo and

Pherzawl DC A. Tombikanta Singh", said Rev. Lalsandam Songate. As a gesture of gratitude, Pherzawl DC and members of the PDDC were felicitated by Hmarveng Village Authority and members of HYA Hmarveng Branch. "Your warm welcoming gesture shows how much people wanted to have the bus service restored by the state government. I thank you all on behalf of the government for organising this dedication and thanksgiving programme," he told the PDDC and members

of the public who gathered to witness the event. The event was attended by leaders of the PDDC, Kuki Inpi (Churachandpur), HSA Hqrs, HYA Hmarveng Branch, Kuki Student Organisation, Churachandpur, Pherzawl District chiefs and Village Authority members from Khawmawi, Hmarveng and Sietmat. Former minister and NPP leader Ngersanglung (Adviser, PDDC) and Former Gen Secretary of Hmar Inpi Pu David Buhri were also present along with other social workers.