

Sit in Protest staged at Patsoi against the arrest of one Taorem Nodiachand Singh by 5 JK Rifles on March 23



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**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 26:** A day after Assam Minister Sarbanand Sonowal had stated that his government will not compromise on the territorial integrity of the state, Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren also reiterated the same comment saying that protecting the territorial integrity of the state is his government's top priority.

Talking to reporters at Imphal Tulihal Airport before leaving for New Delhi, N. Biren said that state's territorial integrity is his government's top priority. On the framework agreement, the Chief Minister N. Biren said his government will not compromise if it affect the territorial integrity of the state.

“What is the use of me being



the Chief Minister when the state is distorted into pieces?” N. Biren said. He further added that the apprehension of the general public regarding the speech of the NSCN-IM leader Th. Muivah has been clarified loud and clear by the Union Home Ministry. The center has not made any such announcement at what the NSCN-IM leader had stated, he added.

Chief Minister N. Biren, PWD Minister Th. Biswajit and some of the government top official left Imphal for New Delhi today. They are meeting the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at 1 pm tomorrow. “The visit is a courtesy called to the Prime Minister, and we may meet some of the top leaders of the Union Government, PWD Minister

Th. Biswajit said to reporters. On being asked whether the team will meet the president of the India, Biswajit said that as of now they are not making any appointment with the President of India but may consider if time permits, he added.

On the other hand Biswajit also assured that he along with the Chief Minister will apprise the central leaderships, the needful to make sure that promises made the people of the state are fulfilled.

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**Imphal, March 26:** 17 hours bandh called by student body DESAM has severely affected normal life here in Imphal putting all business establishment center particularly shops and theater houses to a complete closure. Interstate buses services as well as local passenger auto vehicles were also put off the road during the bandh. However, not many effects were given to private vehicles from plying on the road.

As the day happen to be Sunday bigger shops at Khwairambandh Keithel usually down shutters for half day, but due to the bandh called almost all shops down shutters for the full day. Sunday family day out for employees was not seen during the bandh. Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) called the 17 hours bandh starting from midnight yesterday in

protest against the induction of MLA Ashab Uddin as Parliamentary Secretary, on the ground that the said MLA is not an indigenous people. Earlier, Manipur Muslim Welfare Association also called a 24 bandh starting from yesterday midnight demanding white paper of the Frame Work Agreement

signed between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India as well as introduction of ILPS Bill. However it was later suspended after getting assurance from the government authority. Security has been beefed up in and around the city to prevent any untoward incident.

## DESAM's bandh affect normal life in Imphal

### CM sees DESAM's demand “unreasonable”

#### IT News

**Imphal, March 26:** Chief Minister N. Biren response to the demand of student body DESAM might add fuel to the anger of the student body, but he is left helpless as he stated the demand as neither reasonable nor legitimate. DESAM is demanding non-inclusion of MLA Ashaf Uddin of Jiribam Assembly Constituency to the Ministry

on the ground that he is not an indigenous people. Replying to reporters queries, Chief Minister N. Biren said that Ashuf Uddin has been already contested twice in Panchayat Election and the people of Jiribam Assembly constituency have elected him as their representative. He is an Indian and his election is legitimate what can the government do, Biren said.

### Dead body found

#### IT News

**Imphal, March 26:** A dead body was found today morning at a pond Konthoujam Leirembi Leikai under Patsoi Police Station.

The deceased has been identified as Mutum Jiban Singh (age about 37 years), son of late M. Rajen of Khonghampat Mayai Leikai presently staying at Konthoujam Maning Leikai.

Report said that the deceased has been missing since March 22. The pond where he was found dead is a fish farm belongs to one Basanta. Cause of the death is not known however, first information report said that he might have drowned in the pond. No scars are found on the body. Police team deposited the death body at RIMS Morgue.

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## Grand reception for UNC President held at Noney

**Imphal, March 26:** The Reception and Homecoming programme of UNC's President Gaidon Kamei was held today at his native village at Longmai(Noney) Bazar Marketing Shed.

The rousing welcome programme at his native village was jointly organised by Longmai Area Villages Council, Rongmei Naga Council, Inpui Naga Union, Naga Women Union Longmai Area, Longmai Bazar Board, Zeliangrong Students' Union Longmai Area, Longmai Area Churches Fellowship. Speaking on the occasion Gaidon Kamei said any sorts of problems and conflicts can be solved through political dialogue.

The UNC president term the their arrest as moral Victory.



“Under any circumstances Naga people will not compromise their interest and rights. The Land and Identity of Nagas will not be Compromise at any cost. The general public is the only strength for the Nagas struggle. People's Force is the need of the hour”, he added. Gaidon Kamei also encourages the gathering to go even to the jail for the sake of the Nagas Nation. Hundreds of people from Noney area welcome him and garlanded with joy and happiness.

## Communal clash leaves one dead, 14 hurt in PM Modi's home state

#### (Reuters)

**Ahmedabad, March 26:** One person was killed and about 14 injured when violence erupted following a scuffle between Muslim and Hindu school students in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat, a senior administrative official said on Sunday. A crowd of about 5,000 people attacked Muslim residents and set dozens of homes and

vehicles on fire at Vadavali village in Patan district on Saturday after Hindu students complained of misbehaviour by Muslim students, said K. K. Nirala, the district's top administrative official. Members of the Muslim community retaliated by throwing stones and police used teargas and fired seven rounds to disperse the crowd and control the violence. Nirala

said. Gujarat has a history of serious communal trouble. Rioters killed about 1,000 people, most of them Muslims, in the state 2002, according to estimates. Modi was chief minister at the time and he was accused of turning a blind eye to one of the worst outbreaks of religious violence in independent India.

## Karam Shyam denies the news on abduction of BJP counselor of Lilong panchayat

#### IT News

**Imphal, March 26:** Langthabal MLA and CAF and PDA Minister Karam Shyam has turn down the news carried out in today's newspaper that his workers have abducted the BJP counselor of Lilong Panchayat as baseless.

BJP Counselor Thounaojam Amil himself has clarified the matters stating that there is no news of him being abducted but he himself willingly got along with the

LJP counselors to form a new Lilong Nagar Panchayat council in-order to avoid the financial issues that currently occurred exist the counselors.

Speaking to the media persons, Minister Karam Shyam said that the tension prevail yesterday at Malom after workers of ex-MLA O Joy received information about counselors Amil going alongside LJP and arrived at the resident of a friend of

Karam Shyam workers searching for Amil. Karam Shyam also said that as a MLA of Langthabal AC he went to investigate the incident and the SDPO of Wangoi was also present during the investigation at the spot.

It is very unfortunate for someone who tries spread false propaganda and trying to create false image of the Minister to the public, he added.

## Floral tribute paid to late Eigya Kakchingtabam Sundergopal Sharma (Meitei Burmese)

#### IT News

**Imphal, March 26:** People of Manipur remembered late Eigya Kakchingtabam Sundergopal Sharma (Meitei Burmese, Myanmaese name U Htun Shwe) by paying floral tribute to the portrait of him during a shradha ceremony held at Wangkhei Puja Lampak community hall today.

The ceremony is organised by Indo Myanmar Association and YVO Wangkhei. Speaking on the occasion, S

Sammu, Advisor of Indo-Myanmar Association said that the contribution of Late Sundergopal to the Manipuri community of Mandalay will remain as long as human civilizations exist.

Sundergopal had frequent meeting with the state government, civil society organisations and different politicians of Manipur in-order to impart the culture, customs and Manipuri language to the Meitei community in Myanmar, he added.

S Shammu also said that Sundergopal was the only person who made a connecting bridge between the Manipuri descendants in Myanmar and Manipur by bringing them to the state. Manipuri information has also been established in Myanmar under his supervision, he added.

Eigya Kakchingtabam Sundergopal Sharma died in a tragic road accident on March 15, 2017 on his way to Mandalay to Tamu.

## One Day Social Service Camp Held

**Thoubal, March 26:** A one day social service camp was conducted jointly by the volunteers of the District Library Cum Youth Centre, Athokpam Thoubal and NCC Unit, Chaoyaima Higher Secondary School, Thoubal at the complex of Deputy Commissioner Office, Thoubal and at Athokpam Bazar. About 80 youth leaders and NCC Volunteers were participated in the daylong cleanliness drive. Shri Ak. Lolendro Singh, ANO

of NCC Chaoyaima Hr. Secondary School Thoubal and Advisor of DLCCYCAthokpam, Th. Priyokumar, Lecturer, DM COLLEGE OF Commerce also took part in the social service camp. Speaking to the mediapersons Shri Akojian Jiten, Secy. DLCCY said that the programme was organised as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission. Each and everyone of us are responsible in making our city neat and clean. We the youths and youth

clubs can play a major role for a suitable change in maintaining a better health and sanitation in our own locality. Its not for somebodys job to clean our streets but its our responsibility to uphold the dignity of volunteerism and a sense of work culture during our tenure as youth. Shri Jiten also thanked the Thoubal Municipal Council for providing all the equipments like dustcart and other weapons which are used in the camp.