

Chief Minister N. Biren meeting the leaders of various Tangkhul community leaders



After High Way tragedies; another 3 minors killed in road rage, grandmother survives with critical wound

IT News Imphal, March 30: Two days after triple road accident at three different places along the National Highway which took the life of 22 people injuring over 30 others, road rage at two separate places killed three minors injuring a grandmother in critical condition. The first tragedy occurred at around 8.30 pm yesterday along the National Highway at Khangabok Area in Thoubal district. 14 years old Th.Abem Devi, daughter of Th.Tiken, Khangabok Sanlou Leikai and her grandmother N.Gambhini

Devi were hit by a sand loaded truck while they were returning after buying goods from Khangabok Keithel. Report said that, the truck hit at a shop and rolled on falling above the minor girl and her grandmother. People around the area tried to rescue both the girl and grandmother but were helpless as the truck was loaded. JCB pull out the truck only to find the minor girl died at the spot. Her grandmother Ghambhini survives with critical injury and is undergoing treatment at a hospital. The deceased girl Th. Abem's

father, Th. Tiken is visually impaired after he was hit by splinters of a bomb blast that took place at Lilong Bridge on August 14, 2003. The second accident took place at around 11.30 am today morning at Oinam Keithel area at Tiddim road in Bishnupur district. Two minor girls studying at class 2 at Chitharembi Public School Oinam were crushed to death by a speeding bus. The deceased minor girls are identified as Mutum Mani Devi, d/o Mutum Sanou Singh and Mutum Chitharembi Devi, d/o Mutum Samarendra Singh.

Civilian visitors can now carry cell phone inside Secretariat and Directorate Office

IT News Imphal, March 30: Ban on carrying of mobile cell phone by civilian visitors at any government offices including the Secretariat and Directorate offices during office hours. "To facilitate visitors to make their complaint, it is hereby ordered that all visitors shall be allowed to carry mobile telephones inside the office premises including Secretariat and Directorate Offices of the State Government until further order", the Home department order said. Department government of Manipur with immediate effect. An order issued today by the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, Dr. Suresh Babu stated that the ban on carrying of cell phone inside any government offices has been lifted to facilitate visitors to make their complaint to the dedicated number 9402150000 of the Anti Corruption Cell. The order is being issued after the state Home Department

come to know that visitors are not allowed to carry their cell phones in the office premises including Secretariat and Directorate offices during office hours. "To facilitate visitors to make their complaint, it is hereby ordered that all visitors shall be allowed to carry mobile telephones inside the office premises including Secretariat and Directorate Offices of the State Government until further order", the Home department order said.

Parliament passes Finance Bill 2017

AIIR New Delhi, March 30: Parliament has passed Finance Bill 2017 with the Lok Sabha today negating all the five amendments made by the Rajya Sabha. Replying to a debate on the amendments of the Rajya Sabha, Mr. Jaitley said, the government can not accept the amendments of the Upper House. Initiating a discussion on it, Dipendra Hooda of Congress supported the amendments made by the Rajya Sabha. He questioned the government for proposing 40 amendments in different laws through the Finance Bill. He demanded separate law for political funding. BJD leader

Bharturhari Mahtab demanded transparency in funding to the political parties. Saugata Roy of TMC also supported the amendments. Badaruddoza Khan of CPI(M) and A. P. Jithender Reddy of TRS demanded complete ban on corporate funding to the political parties. Yesterday, the Rajya Sabha had returned the Finance Bill 2017 to the Lok Sabha with five amendments moved by the opposition. Of the five amendments, three were moved by Digvijay Singh of Congress and two by Sitaram Yechury of CPI-M. The bill gives effect to the financial proposals of the central government for the financial year 2017-18.

CM assures of addressing concerns of Journalists, lists out initiatives for the state

IT News Imphal, March 30: Representatives of the All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) today met N Biren, Chief Minister of Manipur and submitted a charter of demands containing 11 points. The representatives comprising of President Wangkhemcha Shanjai, Vice president Asem Bhakta, General Secretary Jit Ningomba, Advisor N Tombiraj and other members of the Standing Committee met the newly elected Chief Minister and submitted the 11 points of demands which include establishment of a Press Academy, Housing colony for journalists, construction of Journalists memorial complex at Thangmeiband Cheiraoching, allocation of land for establishing branch offices at Moreh, Jiribam and Mao, payment of Ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakhs and compensation of Rs 1 lakh to journalists killed or injured in accidents, Medical aids and Family benefit schemes for journalists, increase of maintenance fund



of Manipur Press Club to Rs 3 Lakhs, monthly payment of accredited journalists to the tune of Rs 3 thousand as is presently being implemented in Nagaland, conduct an external tour for journalists through Imphal-Myanmar-Bangkok, increase the amount under Journalist pension scheme from Rs 4 thousand at present to Rs 6 thousand while increasing the widow's pension from 2 to 4 thousand. N Biren assured the representatives that the charter of demands will be discussed at the cabinet level and efforts will be made to transform them into concrete action. He also appealed to the journalists to suggest means and ways of improving the present system before criticizing the government. Elaborating on the various steps taken up to expedite progress and inclusive

development in the state, the chief minister points out the measures implemented to fight corruption including setting up of a dedicated cell, allowing the use of mobile phones inside government establishments, repairing of potholes along the roads in both the hills and valley areas, plans for setting up Ima-Keithels in every district headquarters as well as disbursement of funds for immediate maintenance of roads and other public facilities. Besides initiatives for development, the Chief Minister also disclosed efforts for bringing peace and harmony in the state which includes a positive reply from the JAC Churachandpur for a dialogue with the state government as well as a positive vibe from the prime minister regarding the demand for construction of National Sports University in the state.

Blast at former MLA's residence; protest staged

IT News Imphal, March 30: A powerful blast took place at the residence of former MLA of Thongju Assembly Constituency, Bijoy Kojiam at Thongju Part 2 Pheija Leitong at around 10.30 pm last night. No human casualty occurred in the blast however, street lamp in front of the gate of the residence, a tube light and window glasses of the of houses were destroyed in the blast. Police source said that the bomb is a low intensity IED. No individuals or group has claimed responsibility of the blast at the time of filing this story. Decrying the blast, women folk of the area staged a sit in protest at Pheja Leitong Community Hall. Protestors demanded immediate clarification of the attack and appealed not to triggered such deadly blast at residential area.

IT News Imphal, March 30: The human society is the under the silent threat from chemical fertilizers; organic farming is the only alternative means to save the people from slow poisoning of chemical fertilizers and lead a healthy life.

It was said by Sah Sangh Chalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Manipur Pranta, Dr L Ibhongal Singh, while delivering his presidential speech at the valedictory function of 5-days-long awareness-cum-training programme for farmers on organic farming, natural farming and cow based economy organised by Rajarshi Bhaigyaachandra Skill Development Centre, Hararou under Imphal East in association with Central Agricultural University, Iroisenba today at the central hall of the Skill Development Centre. India is an agri-based economy; but the increasing inclination of using chemical fertilizers in agricultural cultivation has posed a serious threat to the society. Major agricultural producers of the county like Punjab and Haryana had experienced the



impact of adopting chemical fertilizers, said the Sah Sangh Chalak of Rss. While appealing the farmers to be sincere in their occupation, Sah Sangh Chalak Dr Ibhongal stated that the healthiness of the public is in the hands of farmers. In his speech, Ningthoujam Shyamachand Singh, General Secretary Organisation of Bharatiya Kishan Sangh (BKS), Manipur Pranta who attended the function as Guest of Honour highlighted the problems being face by farmers' community in Manipur. He said that illiterate and poor farmers are becoming victims of corrupt politicians and insincere NGOs that are

working in the field of agriculture. Insincere politicians and NGOs have siphon off funds that are sanctioned for the welfare of farmers under various schemes; they left the innocent farmers to their own fate, alleged the General Secretary Organisation of BKS. N Indrajit Singh, Parliamentary Secretary (MAHUD); Dr Th Robindro Singh, Deputy Director of Research, CAU and Angad Prasad, Deputy Director, Department of Exention Education, CAU also attended the function as chief guest and guests of honour respectively. Dignitaries, who attended the valedictory function distributed certificate and plant saplings to around 200 trainees.

Two NDFB Songbijit faction terrorists killed in Chirang

Assam, March 30: The Assam police has gunned down two militants belonging to NDFB Songbijit faction in Chirang district. Additional Director General of Police Pallab Bhattacharya said, an operation was launched by Chirang police at Simlaguri under Anguri Police Station early this morning after receiving intelligence inputs. He said, two militants were found dead following exchange of fire. One of the slain militants has been identified as the most wanted Lukash Narzary. Arms and ammunitions have been recovered from the slain militants.

From the diary of PRO Defence Wing Imphal: Army seized Ganja, organized medical camps

IT News Imphal, March 30: The past three days saw Indian army swung into action to clean drug menace in the state as well as providing helping hand to the needy. Produce here is the from the diary of PRO Defence, Imphal. **On March 27, 2017,** troops of Jwalamukhi Battalion of Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division during routine checking of vehicles at Mobile Vehicle Check Post, Ekou Bazar of Company Operating Base Saikul recovered 96kg of Ganja was from Maruti 800 Gypsy vehicle No. AS-01N 0255 at around 2350 hrs. The apprehended persons were identified as Thonglai Khongsai (owner of the veh), age 54 yrs, s/o Jangkhohef Khongsai, vill - Gamlaivang (Saikul), and Amang Khongsai, s/o Lenghou Khongsai, age 62 yrs, vill - T Sumjang. The apprehended persons alongwith the vehicle and recovered items have been handed over to Police Station, Saikul on 28 Mar 2017 after lodging FIR. **On March 28, 2017,** Maram Battalion of Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division organised a Medical Camp at Koide village, Senapati District. The camp was conducted by Senior Medical Officer alongwith medical team of Maram Battalion. The camp was organised with the intention of providing the best medical care and assistance to the locals residing in

remote location. A lecture on health awareness was also delivered in which emphasis was given on upon the hygiene and sanitation as well as preventive measures for various deadly diseases. A total of 159 people (29 males, 94 females and 36 children) were treated and provided with free medicines at the camp. The unceasing efforts by the Maram Battalion to reach out remote villis who are devoid of primary health facilities were appreciated by the local administration and village people. The villagers have appreciated this goodwill gesture and requested the Assam Rifles/Army to organize such more medical camps in the future. On the same day, Nonei Battalion under the aegis of Loktak Brigade of Red Shield Division organized hygiene and sanitation drive at Bakuwa village. The villagers were encouraged to sanitize their surrounding areas in order to ensure a healthy living habitat. The villagers were sensitized to various diseases which directly or indirectly erupt or propagate due to unhygienic living conditions and measures to curb the same. The drive was organised under the supervision of post commander of Haochong post. The villagers offered a vote of thanks and conveyed their sincere gratitude to the "Head Hunters" for all the welfare activities carried out time and again and also for organising such a drive which is of most relevance during the present time.

One day Blood Donation and Awareness Programme held at Thoubal

Thoubal, March 30: One Day Voluntary Blood Donation and Awareness Programme was held today at District Library cum Youth Centre Hall, Athokpam Thoubal. The programme was organised by DLCYC, Athokpam in collaboration with Blood Bank and Transfusion Unit, Thoubal. In the Awareness Programme Ch. Basanta Singh, District Programme Manager, District Health Society, Thoubal was the Chief Guest and L. Dorendro Singh, Medical Officer, Blood Bank and Transfusion Unit Thoubal as Chief Guest, N. Shiribasa, District Logistic Officer, District Health Society Thoubal and A. Bilanta Singh, President, DLCYC, Athokpam were also present as Guests of Honour. Ch. Basanta Singh, DPM Thoubal delivered talked on the importance and benefits of voluntary blood donation

through powerpoint presentation. He also said that one can donate blood voluntarily at the time of attaining 18 year old. Voluntary blood donation helps one about body weight, haemoglobin, blood pressure freely and also helps to know the status about Hepatitis B and C, Syphilis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria freely. If it is done in clinic they cost a lot. Regular blood donation also helps to alleviate major health problems like Heart Diseases. He also thanked the young blood donors for their active service to humanitarian. L. Dorendro Singh, thanked the DLCYC, Athokpam for organising such Voluntary Blood Donation Camp frequently by the Club. He also appealed all the youth clubs to join hand in mass movement for voluntary blood donation. 20 male and 5 female donated their blood voluntarily.