

## Excise dept seized over Rs. 33 lakhs worth liquors

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**Imphal, March 7:** Since code of conduct has been enforced in the state for the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly election, the Excise department, of the government of Manipur has so far seized both foreign, country and Indian made foreign liquors worth over Rs. 33 lakhs. Exact amount told by the authority is Rs. 33 lakhs 63 thousands. Local brew seized during the said period is around 28,401 liters.

## RIMS will open on March 11

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**Imphal, March 7:** Medical Superintendent of RIMS, Prof Ch. Arunkumar Singh today said that RIMS Hospital and Dental College, RIMS, Imphal will remain opened on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017(Saturday) in public interest. Three days holiday begins from March 11 on occasion of Yaoshang festival, however, the first day, that is March 11 will not be holiday for RIMS in the interest of the general public. Medical Superintendent of RIMS appealed the authority of RIMS Hospital, Imphal all concerned to attend their duties respectively, so that the RIMS Hospital functions normally on that day.

## NIA seizes fake notes in Malda

**PII**  
**Malda (WB), Mar 7:** The National Investigation Agency has recovered counterfeit notes with the face value of Rs 3.90 lakh from two persons here, police said. The fake notes, in the denomination of Rs 2,000, were seized from the duo during a search in Kanir More locality of the town yesterday. Both the persons, hailing from Baisnabnagar area in Malda district, were suspected to have links with a fake note racket in Bangladesh, police officials said. They were arrested. Meanwhile, two persons were arrested for carrying one kg brown sugar, worth Rs one crore, 2.5 quintals of poppy seeds and 500 grams of Ganja from Kaliachak and Baisnabnagar police stations areas in the district during raids yesterday. Superintendent of Police Arnab Ghosh said. Police also recovered Rs 7.50 lakh from the possession of one accused.

# All is set for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase poll; this time triangular fight between BJP, Congress and NPF expected

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 7:** All is set for conduct of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase Manipur Legislative Assembly Election tomorrow. Voting will begin from 7 am at 1,151 polling stations in 22 assembly constituencies of Thoubal district, Kakching district, Jiribam district, Tengnoupal District, Ukhrul District, Chandel district Kamjong district, Senapati district, Tamenglong district and Noney district. Total number of electors is 7,83,562 as per source from the Chief Electoral officer, Manipur. Voting will close at 3pm as done in first phase election. All together 98 candidates are in the fray, among these 4 are women. Since yesterday those assigned for polling duty at interior party of the assembly constituencies had already left for the polling station and some are all set to leave for their polling station today. Security forces has been alerted in all the polling stations. In the second phase polling too state force will be exempted from poll duty and only the central paramilitary forces will be utilized. The Election Commission has made elaborate security arrangement by deploying 280 companies of central forces for a free and fair conduct of the elections. Some of the prominent personality contesting in the second phase poll are Chief Minister Okram Ibobi in Thoubal constituency, Deputy Chief

Minister Gaikhangam in Nungba assembly, Th. Debendro of Jiribam Assembly constituency, MPCC President TN Haokip in Saikot Assembly constituency. Among the heavy weight BJP contender in this election are Dr. Nimachand Luwang of Andro Assembly constituency, Vice president of BJP Manipur State Unit Moirangthem Hemanta of Wangjing Tenta Assembly constituency. Interesting some new face are also getting media attentions. BJP candidate Radheshyam, former SP of Manipur Police contesting from Heirok Assembly constituency. Another figure which the world focus but have little impact in the constituency is Irom Chanu Sharmila, the PRJA candidate challenging the Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh at Thoubal Assembly constituency. This time Chief Minister Okram Ibobi's son Okram Surjakanta is also contesting as congress candidate in place of her mother from Kangabok Assembly constituency. In the first phase election talk of the town is major contest between the Congress and the BJP. However, this election, political analyst said that NPF will join the contest between the BJP and the Congress. NPF has field 15 candidates in this 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly Election. In the first phase, all political parties in their campaigns focused on the continuing economic blockade by the

United Naga Council and the state government's inability to lift it. The other important issues exercising the minds of voters are the alleged lack of development, massive corruption, misappropriation of funds and worsening law and order situation in the

state. The BJP leaders criticised the ruling Congress for its alleged failure to solve the over three-month-long economic blockade paralysing the two national highways of the landlocked state. They flagged the state government's alleged failure

to provide basic amenities to the people of the state, particularly the supply of potable water while the Congress maintained that during its 15-year rule it had implemented key development projects and improved the power supply. With input from PTI

## Jiribam Polling Personnel Despatched

**Jiribam, March 7:** Amidst tight security, Polling Officials and Security Personnel bound for lection duty for 40-Jiribam Assembly Constituency which goes to poll tomorrow in the second phase of 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Elections, 2017 left for their respective polling stations from DC Office, Chingdong Leikai, Jiribam from 8:00 am today under the supervision of the District Election Officer- Jiribam, Shri Ranjan yunnam. As for 40-Jiribam AC, there are altogether 40 Polling Stations in which 10 polling stations are vulnerable and remaining 30 are sensitive. About 28,140 voters (male-14,445, Female-13,695) will decide the fate of 6 candidates in the fray. In order to execute the election smoothly, Election Commission has already deputed 5 Election Observers to 40-Jiribam AC comprising 1 each of General Observer, Expenditure Observer, Central Awareness Observer, Police Observer and Assistant Election Observer beside appointment of 3 Micro Observers, 6 Sector Magistrate and 6 Sector Officers for Police Personnel. In the ensuing election to 40-Jiribam AC, 7 Companies of CPMF (Central Paramilitary Force) are being utilised besides acquisition of 104 vehicles for transportation of polling officials and security personnel and other purposes which includes 42 Cruiser, 25 Bolero, 15 Buses and other vehicles.

## Sharmila vs Ibobi Singh in phase-II

**Imphal, March 7:** Redoubtable rights activist Irom Sharmila will take on Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh in the second and last phase of polling in Manipur tomorrow in 22 Assembly constituencies. The first phase of the Assembly polls, covering 38 seats, registered an impressive voter turnout and all eyes are now trained on the Thoubal constituency where Sharmila is pitted against the chief minister. The second phase will seal the fate of almost all the big names in the state's politics such as Chief Minister Okram



Ibobi Singh, Deputy Chief Minister M Gaikhangam, rights activist-turned politician Irom Chanu Sharmila and others. All eyes are on Sharmila who broke her 16-year fast last year and floated a party of her own



— the 'Peoples' Resurgence and Justice Alliance' to fight the Assembly elections in her quest to get the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act — AFSPA repealed. With inputs from PTI

## ASUK appeals to shorten Yaosang celebration

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 7:** Alliance for Socialist Unity, Kangleipak, a joint platform of rebel group KYKL and KCP today appealed the people of the state not to celebrate Yaosang festival other than from march 12 to March 16, in view of the student community of the state.

In a press communiqué the Alliance said that the joint body has been launching various programme to protect the people of the region from being spoil by external forces under its campaign for national Regeneration. The statement further said that education is the key to develop the nation. And considering its important in building the nation the joint body has been taking up various programme to promote quality education. It said education should not be disturbed at any cost. Already the students of the state has been disturbed by the chaos of general election and now Yaosang has come to make another disturbance. Taking exception to protect the culture of the people the joint body said that even though they feel it important to observed the festival as the festival too is also a festival for sports persons.

However, exaggeration in celebrating the festival will do no good and may give much impact to the people of the state. The statement said that Class X exam begins from march 17 and Class XI exam begins from March 20 for the BOSEM and COSHEM and the Class XII exam from CBSE begins from March 9. In view of the 3 important examination for the pillar of the future, the joint body ASUK appeals to shorten the Yaosang festival.

## Manipur Maoist says Manipur's territory sold to Myanmar in 2013 by Manipur Government

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 7:** Rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur today said that the portion of the Manipur's territory was gifted to Myanmar and in returns the then government of India under the prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh had compensated the Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress government an amount of

rupees 503 lakhs as and appeasement policy. The Maoist statement was released in the back dropped of the alleged intrusion by Myanmar authority and seizure of property belonging to Indian villagers residing the border area Hollenphai. The statement further said that the granting of the compensated amount was announced by the Ministry

of Home Affairs and the report about it has been appeared at Times of India on October 31, 2013. The Maoist further said that the congress party had openly cheated the people of the state by promising protection of the territorial integrity of the state when it had already sold the portion of the territory at the cost of more than Rs. Fifty million.

## DESAM urges authority to conduct class X exam without disturbances

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 7:** With the 10 and 12 examinations for Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM), Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COSEM) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) knocking at the door, Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) appeals the exam appearing students, exam authorities and families of the students for free and fair and clean exam for the year 2017. Speaking to the media persons at the temporary office of DESAM at

Sagolband Moirang Leirak, Nameirakpam Edison Meitei, Secretary General of DESAM said that few years back we have observed the use of unfair means in many ways but recently a new trend of using unfair means have appeared where the exam authority or invigilator helping the students by providing written answer scripts and answer booklets which is very unfortunate. Concern authority of the exam centre, invigilator and school authority should look into this matter seriously for clean and fair exams, he added. Seeking for co-operation

from exam centre authority, school principle and invigilators, Edison also said that a team of DESAM has already prepared to undergo drive against use of unfair means in each exam centre. During the drive, any found to be using unfair means or helping the students, DESAM will take up necessary actions with the help of concern authority and will even flash their names to the public. To avoid such consequences, DESAM appeal the concern to conduct a fair and clean examination, Edison asserts. Edison further urges the

state government to put up only two days holiday for the coming YAOSHANG festival which celebrates for five days every year from this year. Schools are requested to open from the third day as celebrating for five days is wasting of time and even the situation of the state is in the unstable condition, he added. Meanwhile, a joint meeting with DESAM and Principle and Centre Superintendent of CBSE will be conducting on March 8, 2017 at the temporary office of DESAM and requested the related authorities and concern of CBSE to take part.

## International Women's Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 7:** Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPPDU), Socialist Students' Union, Manipur (SSUM) and Struggle Committee Manipur (SCM) is jointly organising the International Women's Day at Manipur Press Club Tomorrow.

The day is being organised as a mark of respect to all the women across the globe who had struggled hard for their rights, said an organiser. Women who are victims of fake encounters on various occasion will be honoured on the occasion, a statement of the organiser said.

## Invigorating debate session held in memory of Litterateur Dr. Mamoni Raisom Goswami

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, March 7:** Late Indira Goswami, popularly known by her pen name Dr. Mamoni Raisom Goswami is a distinguished name in the world of literature. In 2000, she was honored with 'Jnanpith', the highest literary award in India for her immense contributions in the field of Literature. She was an eminent writer, a prolific author, a Ramayani scholar, an editor and former professor of Delhi University. Her life and her deeds have always been an inspiration for many. Taking a step ahead to commemorate her work and as a mark of tribute to the great litterateur of Assam, the All

Assamese Student Association, New Delhi, under the guidance of several other senior members of the union, took this humble initiative to organize the first-ever Mamoni Raisom Goswami Memorial Convention Debate, held in the premises of Assam Bhawan, New Delhi. Young, vibrant, unstoppable, intelligent students from various colleges of the national capital as well as other universities came forward to debate and put out their best of opinions, sharing nuances on the development of the northeast region and emphasized that national media is most essential for development of India's northeast. (Contd. on page 2)