

## Missing youth found dead

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 21:** The 26-year-old youth from Heingang who had gone missing from May 17 after he left his shop at Uripok to deposit money at SBI Imphal branch in MG Avenue was found dead at a place in Heingangchong today. According to relatives the deceased identified as H Priyokumar, son of Manichandra, was called out from the bank by a close acquaintance. His phone was switched off later the same day but his vehicle was found parked outside the bank.

## Pardeshi Lal takes charge as NU VC

**Kohima, May 21:** Professor Pardeshi Lal assumed office as the new vice-chancellor of Nagaland University, NU from May 18, 2017. According to delayed official release, it is the first time in the history of NU, that a professor from within the university was recruited to the post of vice-chancellor. Professor Lal was recruited as professor of Zoology in the year 1997 and since then has been serving NU in different capacities from the head of department to professor-in-charge in Lumami during Transit Headquarters in Kohima, Dean of School of Sciences, Controller of Examinations and pro-vice-chancellor.

## KCA raises concerns over serial blasts in Tengnoupal

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 21:** The Kuki Chiefs' Association, Tengnoupal District has expressed profound distress while condemning the three subsequent bomb attacks in Moreh Sub Division over the last few days. In its words the chief's body termed the attack as undiluted hatred casted upon on the people to vent on it. In a press statement released by the information and publicity secretary, the association stated that "it is deeply concerned by these cowardly acts of violence by unidentified miscreants". "The spirit and determination of peace loving people within the district is disturbed ... to create a safe district for our children and common people is far greater aim than the

twisted objective of the perpetrators." The association went on to urge the responsible groups not to carry out the undesirable activities in the surrounding areas within the district in future. Informing that it was truly grief-stricken the KCA conveyed its sincere sympathy for the injured security personnel and wished them speedy recovery. KCA further asked the state government to book the

## Ambassador of Japan pays tribute to WWII victims at Khurai

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 21:** Ambassador of Japan to India Kenji Hiramatsu, who arrived here in Imphal yesterday to join the 73rd Anniversary of Battle of Imphal WW-II today pay tribute to the victims of WW-II during bombardment by troops of Japan at Khurai area in Imphal East at Khurai Changangbam Mandop today.

## Intl. Candle Light Memorial

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, May 21:** Manipur Network for Positive People (MNP+) Thoubal organised the 34th International Candle Light Memorial under the aegis of Manipur AIDS Control Society at the conference hall of District Health Society, Thoubal. The theme of this year's observation was "Ending AIDS Together." Chairperson of Thoubal Municipal Council Th Shyamo was the chief guest, president of MNP+ Thoubal Ningombam Ranjit was the president and CMO Thoubal Dr Jayantakumar and district program manager of DHST Chingangbam Basanta were the special guests. The candle light service in the memory of the people who had



died from HIV/AIDS and related causes was led by the chief guest. It was followed by paying of floral tributes and prayers for their souls to rest in peace with the participants holding hands and observing a two-minute silence. The Thoubal district ART Centre has 976 registration out of which 547 are on ART while

## Doctors transfer disrupts 24 X 7 service at Khoirom PHC

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, May 21:** A public uproar is gaining momentum in general Yairipok area in Thoubal district after a recent order affecting the simultaneous transfer of all four doctors of Yairipok Khoirom Primary Health Centre and playing spoilsports to the popular measures being taken up by the administration in right earnest for the improvement of public health service. The villagers had with much gratitude and expectation welcomed the launching of 24X7 service at the PHC just one year back by the directorate of Manipur Health Services. However, all previous appreciation seemed to have dissipated into thin air in one single blow after the

transfer of the medical officer in charge and the three other doctors posted there. The list of inconveniences arising from the absence of doctors has multiplied. However, the replacement doctors have not been sent to the health centre so far. A direct fallout of the botch up in the implementation of the state's policy on staff rotation at its health centres is the undesirable cancellation of the popular 24 X 7 service at Khoirom PHC. The local residents who are presently thrown into an unfavourable situation have drawn the attention of the administration to take prompt actions for sending the replacements for the transferred doctors and filling up the already shortage of

staff at the centre like attendants, nurses and also furnishing the required infrastructure and equipment at the centre. The appeal from the local people to the authority on solving the outstanding issues at the health centre came along with a warning stating that if the complaints raised are not taken care of within five days then serious agitations including the drastic step to lock the health centre will be taken up. The district health authorities were apprised of the prevailing condition at the centre by providing the detailed information several times. However, none of them have been taken seriously and no actions have been initiated so far.

## 56 new members joined – NSCN-IM

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 21:** The NSCN-IM has claimed today that altogether 56 (fifty six) members from different Naga outfits have decided to join the "revolutionary mainstream" where the future of the Nagas lies. According to a press statement of the NSCN-IM, the Joint Council of the outfit consisting of the "Steering Committee Executives, Cabinet Kilonsers, Deputy Kilonsers and Heads of Departments" while welcoming them appreciated the bold and mature decision taken by them while keeping in mind the positive changes taking place since the signing of the Framework Agreement on the 3rd August, 2015 and the aspirations of the Nagas.

"The home-comers expressed their sincere commitment and unreserved confidence with the NSCN/GPRN leadership and vow to strive together to bring about a final solution," added the NSCN-IM statement. According to the NSCN-IM, the "home-comers" from the GPRN/NSCN (Unification) while addressing the Vice-President of the NSCN-IM Gen. (retd.) Kholi Konyak, Ato Kilonsar Th. Muivah, the Kilo Kilonsar Rh. Raising, Tatars, Heads of Departments, and other top ranking leaders believed that the NSCN-IM leaders are the true leaders who can bring a lasting solution. It added that the members realized that it was fruitless to have worked in the Unification group since there is no

progress and the leaders lacked vision and political agenda, thereby rendering the group as an unorganized group, and felt that they were being misled by the Unification leaders. According to the statement, "the home-comers" appreciated the "collective leadership" of the NSCN-IM for welcoming them into the fold of the outfit. "The Kilo Kilonsar (Home minister) of NSCN/GPRN Rh. Raising while welcoming the home comers on behalf of the Collective Leadership of the NSCN/GPRN expressed his appreciation and exhorted the home comers and the gathered members to give their best for the cause of the Nagas. He exhorted the members to give what they can for the nation without expecting anything in return," it added.

## Panting and Essay competition organised

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 21:** Royal Riders Manipur (RRM) have organised one day spot painting and essay competition at Ima Khunthokhanbi, DM College Gate, Thangmeibandh, today. The competition is a part of the 9th Mahousa Ima Lairembi Ningsing Th – 2017, a month long environmental campaign which is annually organised by RRM since 2009 with the objective of safe guarding trees and forests for a better environment.

The month long environmental campaign of RRM is being organised under the theme "Connecting people to nature" of the month long world environment day celebration of United Nations (UN). In today's competition around 260 students took part where 9 of them in essay competition and the rest in spot painting competition which is categorised as group A for class 3 to 5 and group B for class 6 to 8. Winner of the competition was also announced. For spot painting competition under category A for class 3 to 5, Moirangthem Thoithoiba, Class 5 of Regular English High School took the First Position, Juliana Thodingiam, Class 5 of K.V. Lamphel took Second Position and Khushi Aheibam, Class 5

of K.V. Lamphel took Third Position. Tanushree Tongbram, Class 5 of Shishu Nistha Niketan; Kh Trishila, Class 5 of Maria Montessori; Malemnganbi Ningthoujam, Class 3 of Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School; Angelina Ningthoujam, Class 3 of Bal Vidyamandir Higher Secondary School and R.K. Nishikanta, Class 4 of Brighter Academy are selected for consolation prizes. Category B of spot painting competition for Class 6 to 8, Martin

Tongbram, Class 6 of Pitambara English School took the First Position, Venish keisham, Class 8 of Pitambara English School took Second Position and Onia Konsam, Class 6 of Wnaagkhei High School took the Third Position. L Rohit Singh, Class 8 of Don Bosco, Chingmeirong; Yumlembam Udoynanda, Class 8 of Tiny Tots' Unique School; Moirangthem Bronson, Class 8 of Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School; Jessika

Arambam, Class 8 of Shishu Nistha Niketan and Ningthoujam Monish Singh, Class 8 of Heritage Convent School are also selected for consolation prizes of the category B. Lukanand Kshetrimayum of Maria Montessori, Sapam Jennifer of Tiny Tots' Unique School and Lairenjam Leibaksana of Shishu Nistha Niketan took the First, Second and Third Position in the essay competition of today event.

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**Imphal, May 21:** As a part of the National Blindness Survey under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India which is being conducted by Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi where the survey will be conducting in 30 different districts which will be selected randomly from across the country in four

years period between 2015-2018. According to a press statement, Dr Y Chingsuingamba Meitei, Co-Investigator of National Blindness Survey and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal states that the Government of India conducts National wide blind Blindness Survey approximately for every 10 years and for the first

time, Manipur state is included in the The National Blindness Survey. Among the 19 survey completed districts of the country, Thoubal District of Manipur is going to be the 20th district for the survey to be conducted. The survey is being done in Manipur in partnership with RIMS, Imphal and Directorate of Health Services, Government of Manipur, he states.

## BJP yet to decide on Prez candidate, says Shah

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, May 21:** The BJP is yet to take a decision on its candidate for the upcoming Presidential poll, even as the party virtually rejected Shiv Sena's proposal for RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat to be the ruling combine's nominee. Replying to a question on the BJP-led NDA's candidate for the Presidential polls in July as the opposition was already working on putting up a joint candidate, said BJP President Amit Shah told Aaj Tak channel in an interview that his decision is yet to be taken. "Even if I have a name on my mind, it has to be discussed within the party first," he said.

He also rejected the Shiv Sena's proposal regarding Bhagwat, saying that party has itself ruled it out. To questions on Kashmir, Shah said there was no need for even an "iota of concern" over the situation in the state which has witnessed months of unrest, and asserted that the Narendra Modi-led government will control it soon. "There is a big gap between the reality and the projection" of the Kashmir situation and the trouble was confined to "three and half districts", he said. The government was keeping a sharp vigil over the situation

and the Valley has witnessed many spells of such unrest in the past, before the situation has normalised, he said. Shah also attacked the Congress for criticising the government, claiming that it had no right to do so as the Kashmir problem was an outcome of the policies of its governments since independence. Terming the lynching of seven persons in Jharkhand by a mob over abduction rumours as an "isolated and stray incident" which happens in a country of 125 crore people, the BJP chief said it would not be appropriate to link such cases

of violence to his party. People should look up the crime data to find out if cases of violence have increased under the BJP governments, he said. To a question if Tamil superstar Rajinikanth will join the BJP, Shah said the decision has to be taken by the actor himself and his party welcomed all good people to its fold. Ahead of the Modi government's third anniversary, he said it has won the people's trust and added that the poor have the belief that it was working for their welfare. In a democracy the "biggest

certificate is the people's verdict" and the masses have time and again underscored their support for the BJP-led NDA government, he said in a reference to the BJP's win in several state polls. The Modi government has been able to rid the country of the politics of casteism, family rule and appeasement, and turned the focus on the politics of performance, he claimed. While the UPA government was accused of scams running into Rs 12 lakh crore, even rivals of the NDA government have not levelled a single charge of corruption against it, Shah claimed.

Chingsuingamba also states that a team of 18 members lead by Dr Suraj Singh Senjam, Associate Professor, Department of Community Ophthalmology and Dr Noopur Gupta, Assistant Professor, Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi along with Dr laishram Usharani, Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, RIMS, Imphal will be conducting the Blindness survey in Thoubal District of Manipur. The survey is being conducted from 18 May and will continue till 28 May of 2017 which will cover 50 different clusters or villages from Thoubal District and from each village 60 individuals of aged 50 years and above will be screened and examined for eye problems.