

4 Govt. Officials arrested for funding NSCN-K in Nagaland

IT News
Imphal, Oct 15: Four government officials in Nagaland were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with a terror funding case involving the banned National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang. The four arrested officials included former Nagaland State Tourism Director, Purakhu Angami, Additional Director of Agriculture Department, V Aza, Joint Director of Irrigation Department, Hutoi Sema and a superintending cashier of Directorate of Fisheries, Kekhriesatop Tep. Earlier, the NIA had carried out a series of raids in several Nagaland government departments to get hold of evidence of government funds being illegally transferred to rebel groups.

1 died, 12 injured as passenger vehicle fall into a gorge

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Imphal, Oct 15: One passenger died another 12 sustained injury after an Imphal bound passenger vehicle (Winger Van) met an accident and fall into a 200 ft depth gorge at NH-37 between Awangkhum 1 and Awangkhum 2 near milestone 85 under Noney police station at around 3 am today. The deceased died in the accident is a pastor and is identified as Kadinlungbou from Nrengmai (Eleng) village in Tamei Area. Personnel of 14 Sikh Regiment posted at Awangkhum along with police team which rushed the site conducted rescue work and evacuated those injured.

KYKL refutes

IT News
Imphal, Oct 15: Proscribed group Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) today stated that the three person Khaidem Hemjit Meitei (36), S/O Kh. Sanajaoba and his wife Yunnam Ningol Khaidem ongbi Bindilata Leima and Thongram BK Meitei (33), S/O Th. Iboiyama Meitei Keirak Mayai leikai, Bamon Lampak from NH-102 Thoubal Khunou on October 12 by Thoubal Police Commando, as appeared in newspaper on the next day is not a member of the KYKL, neither do have any related with the organisation.

Normalcy disturbed during total shutdown call by rebel groups against the annexation of Manipur

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 15: Normal life in the state was severely hit during the total shut down called by various rebel groups of the region against the annexation of Manipur to the Indian Union. CORCOM—a conglomerate of RPF, UNLF, PREPAK and PREPAK (Pro) observed today as National Black day and called total shut down from midnight yesterday till 6 pm today.

Another three major rebel

groups operating in the region Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), KCP (Noyon) and National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT), which is based at Tripura also called total shut down during the said hour resisting the annexation of both the state to the Indian Union. Rebels in the region alleged merger of both Tripura and Manipur as forceful annexation and said that the annexation is the root of the armed conflict in the region.

During the total shut down called all entertainment houses were shut down, business centers were closed and commercial vehicles including the Manipur state Transport bus services remain off the road. Except for some private vehicles seen plying on the roads of Imphal, the city looks deserted as almost all shops were closed. As the day coincided with Sunday, Imphal looks total shut down with no life.

CM attends to around 200 complaints on the 6th Meeyamgi Numit

DIPR
Imphal, Oct. 15: As usual the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh attended to the complaints and grievances of the people on the 6th Meeyamgi Numit held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Hundreds of people turned up to highlight their grievances to the Chief Minister on the sixth edition of "Meeyamgi Numit". Chief Minister gave first preference to differently-abled persons, widows, and old-aged people to hear and resolve their grievances and issues. Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh personally attended to around 200 complaints and met nearly 1000 people from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Among different

issues, demands like difficulties faced by the transporters, issues of die-in-harness appointment, assistance to earthquake victims etc. Unlike the previous Meeyamgi Numit, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) organised public screening of film/documentaries highlighting the achievements and new developments in the State within 100 days of the new government in the past seven months. Health Department officials had been deputed at CM's Secretariat for the day to attend to the people, who seek medical assistance, reimbursement and health care

in Government medical hospitals. Officials of Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd, Education (S), Youth Affairs and Sports, Minority and Other Backward Classes, Social Welfare and Police Departments and Manipur State Illness Assistance Fund were also deputed at the Chief Minister's Secretariat to help attend to the grievances of the public. The Chief Minister's Secretariat made elaborate arrangements for the convenience of the general public. Light refreshments including water, tea and snacks were provided to the visitors. A medical team along with an ambulance and a team of Manipur Fire Service were kept on stand-by at the complex for any emergency.



'Hero welcome' for Indian goal keeper Dheeraj State hopes high for U-17 Indian football players from the state



IT News
Imphal, Oct. 15: Imphal Tuliha Airport today show 100s of people awaiting for the U-17 Indian Football goalkeeper Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem who stun the spectators of the Under -17 FIFA World Cup, with garlands and musics. Already 7 players in the Indian Squad which score Indian first goal in the International event Jaekson Thounaojam and other players Ninhoingamba Meetei (Midfielder), Boris Singh (Defender), Nongdamba

Naorem, Suresh Singh Wangjam, Amarjit Singh Kiyam and Mohamad Sahajan had been given warmed reception when they arrived at the Imphal Tuliha Airport yesterday. Soon after Dheeraj came out of the airport, people waiting for him hook garland and blessed him for what he did for the national team. "Deeraj saved multiple strike by opponent players while Jaekson scored the first goal in the FIFA U-17 World Cup at which India play for the first

time. At the airport Dheeraj said that he is preparing for the under 19 Asian qualifying game to be held at Soudi Arabia in November this year. "Its just the beginning of my career, I have a long way to go, so wish me to go ahead with my dream", Dheeraj said talking to reporters at the airport. When asked any offer from any club around globe Dheeraj said that it is too immature for such engagement as he still have to go a long way.

Security measure tighten ahead of Dalai Lama Visit to the state on Oct. 18

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 15: Security measures have been beefed up in the state ahead of the Tibetan spiritual head Dalai Lama visit to the state of Manipur. The Tibetan Spiritual leader who has been in exile is expected to visit the state on October 18, 2017. The visit of the Tibetan spiritual leader to the North Eastern region of India is being strictly monitored by the

Chinese counterpart. He was invited by the speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly, Yunnam Khemchand after consultation with the Chief Minister of Manipur. Since the last couple of days, security measures have been beefed up in Imphal West and Imphal East area. Series of search operation has been conducted at various places of Imphal West and Imphal

East district. Today too, a team of Imphal East district police conducted search operation at Palace Compound and Thombuthing road. 360 people including 120 women were verified during the search operation conducted from 5 am today till 6.30 am. 5 women and 5 men which do not possessed valid documents for identification were picked up for further verification.

Protest staged against blast at Tera

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 15: Even as KCP (PWG) has claimed responsibility of the Oct 13 bomb blast at Tera Lukram leirak which injured 11 persons including women and 2 minors, people of the area continue to denounced the act of violence.

Large number of people from around the area today staged a protest demonstration against the barbaric act. Local Meira Paibi while condemning such drastic act has blamed the North East Mela Organisers for not able to bring an amicable solution

with armed underground group for the blast. The locals said that if any such misunderstanding exist between armed group with the organisers the local people should be informed. The locals also appealed the rebels not to repeat such act in future.

Another tribal body strongly comes out against ST demands by Meitei/Meetei

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 15: The Manipur Tribal's Forum Delhi (MTFD), a body based at New Delhi, has strongly come out against the demand by Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee for Meitei/Meetei (STDCM) and stated that the All Tribal Students' Union, Manipur Organizations will extend support in their struggle against the demand. In a press statement, the tribal body said that the regression of the Meitei/Meetei, as claimed by some vested interest group, (spearheaded

by the Schedule Tribe Demand Committee of Manipur), is a serious matter to merely keep aside, as it has the potential to widen the gap by rubbing salt in the already wounded relationship between the hill tribes and the valley community. The statement further added that Manipur merged with the Union of India in 1949, since then it status has gone through series of changes from part - C State to Territorial Council (TC) and then to Union Territory and became full-fledged State in 1972. Certainly, it would be

disheartening as claimed by STDC, that the forward or advance community of the State has been regressing too low that they were even compelled to demand for the Schedule tribe status, even after completing more than 34 years of Statehood and almost 70 years of being a unit of the Union of India. If this claimed is correct, it is rather alarming and also implies, without any doubt that it is a fail State. However, scheduling tribes in India is aimed at affirmative action to empower the backward classes and weaker sections of the Indian population. The

consequences of the state's failure and its impact upon the advance classes is not the criterion for the inclusion of community in the Schedule Tribe list, as put forth by the Backward Classes Commission (1952) headed by Kaka Kalekar. According to this Commission the Scheduled Tribes can be generally ascertained by the fact that "they live apart in hills and even where they live on the plains, they lead a separate excluded existence and are not fully assimilated in the main body of the people. Scheduled Tribes may

belong to any religion. They were listed as scheduled Tribes because of the kind of life led by them" (Backward Classes Commission's questionnaire). This criterion was in fact not very rigid and gave the State/UTs of the Union of India the privilege to interpret and the Commission asked them to send the list which they deem backward to be listed. But the Meitei/Meetei did not recommend themselves to be Scheduled Tribe instead they recommend their own people who were outside the realm of Vaishnavism to be Scheduled Caste which sole

criteria was (ex) touchability. The statement further added that A dominant community within the State and the State Assembly and who were not backward in the 1950s are claiming now to be backward in the 21st century is rather demeaning themselves. If at all they have to be listed they should joined their fellow Meitei brothers whom they condemned to be Schedule Caste, otherwise it would be like granting tribal status to the dominant dwija castes which is not consistent with the social structure of the Hindu society.