

Polo tournament postponed

IT News
Imphal, Oct 24: 33rd N. Hazari & Dr. N. Tombi State Polo Tournament, 2017 which was re-scheduled October 25, 2017 has been again postponed on October 28, 2017, said a statement of the Manipur Horse Riding & Polo Association.

GST returns for Aug, Sep. waived

IT News
New Delhi, Oct 24: The government today waived off penalty on delayed filing of initial Goods and Services Tax (GST) returns for the months of August and September.

In a tweet, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said, the decision to waive off late fee on filing of GSTR-3B for last two months has been taken to facilitate taxpayers. He said, the late fee which has been already charged to businesses will be credited back to taxpayers' accounts. The government had earlier waived late fee for delayed filing of the maiden returns for the month of July under the GST regime.

Businesses have been demanding that the government waives penalty for delayed filing of 3B returns.

As per the data, around 56 lakh GSTR-3B returns were filed for July, 51 lakh for August and over 42 lakh for September.

Preliminary returns GSTR-3B for a month is filed on the 20th day of the next month after paying due taxes.

Meghalaya Election department enters Limca Book of Records

Shillong, Oct 24: The Meghalaya Election department has entered the Limca Book of Records for the formation of a human logo by newly-enrolled young voters of Meghalaya on the 1st of July this year.

Limca official Garima Manon conveyed this in a message to the office of Meghalaya Chief Electoral Officer today. It will feature in the forthcoming edition of the Book. A total of 2870 students from 113 schools, 3 colleges in the age group of 18 and 19 enrolled as new voters and formed a 75 feet by 120 feet size human logo named 'You 'N' I'. The logo formation was part of the launching of the state-wide special drive to enrol left-out voters with a special focus on first-time electors.

River water level recedes while many areas and paddy fields are still flooded

IT News
Imphal, Oct 24: The water level of major river in the state have receded with the opening of four gate of Ethai Barrage, however many people are still facing inconveniences residing on the sides of Kong River due to slow receding of the river water, in Imphal East. The people residing on both sides of Kongba river are facing the problems of man-made flood due to the failure of proper drainage systems. Residence of Nongmeibung, Wangkhei Angom Leikai and many areas in Wangkhei and Kshetrigao Assembly constituencies are still facing various inconveniences due to the flash flood cause by the recent rain. Many houses and roads are still affected by flood water as the drainage systems which suppose to draws the water have fail.



Speaking to Imphal-Times, one of the local of Nongmeibung has express disappointment over the concern department as they are unable to take up necessary steps to avoid the inconveniences faced by the locality till date, mostly when it rains. Though it rains, this is the tenth flood witness by the locality and its neighbouring

areas including the recent one compared to last couple of years, the local said. The locals draws the attention of the current BJP led state government and concern department to intervene in the inconveniences faced by the locality of Nongmeibung and its surrounding areas. Meanwhile, many of the paddy fields which are ready to harvest are also affected by

the recent rain submerging under water in large scale leaving the farmers helpless with their hands on their head. In Noney, most of the ripe paddy fields are also affected due to the recent rains causing flash floods and destroying the yet to harvest paddies. Locals of the Noney also appeal the concern department to look into the matter.

Tamei Sub-division VACC, CSOs appeals

IT News
Imphal, Oct 24: The Village Authority Chairman Council (VACC) of Tamei sub-division and civil society organizations have fervently 'appealed' the general public of "Tamei area" not to lodge complaints or condemn the government or government officials who are working hard to ease the hardship of the people in the area. This statement has come at the backdrop of an issue between

Tamah Students' Union (TSU) and the Tamei organizations on the installation of a State Bank of India (SBI) branch at Tamei headquarters.

The government has constructed a bank building at Tamah village near Tamei sub divisional headquarters but certain facilities including security issue are yet to be met. The government is said to have admitted its inability to meet all the facilities of the bank, particularly the security issue,

at the moment at Tamah village. However, it assured to make it functional by meeting all the needed facilities as soon as possible.

The statement issued by Adin Abonmai, VACC Tamei sub-division, then 'requested' the State Government of Manipur and the bank authority not to get discouraged by campaigns and lobbies of "some vested interest elements" who are all out to disturb the development works in sub-division.

IED recovered, locals stage sit-in-protest

IT News
Imphal, Oct 24: One remote control Improvised Electronic Device (IED) was found today at Keikhu Musli Makha Leikai at around 6 am.

The IED was found at the residence of one MD. Hazi Abdul Kodur (36 years), son of Late MD. Samsuruddin of Keikhu Muslim Makha Leikai, Imphal East under Porompat Police Station by one family member of Hazi Abdul.

The IED which was with black polythene bag was later recovered and defused by Maipur Bomb disposal squad with mounted jammer vehicle and safely detonated at Wakha Village at around 11:30 am, in Imphal East.

Meanwhile, locals of Keikhu Muslim Makha Leikai and meira paibi has stage a sit-in-protest condemning the act and demands the related who put up the IED to clarify at the earliest.

Pla cards were also put up in the sit-in condemning placing of bomb in the residential area. On the other hand, one hand grenade was found today afternoon inside the campus of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Langol.

"The Manipur Calendar Girl" - a beauty contest with a difference coming up

IT News
Imphal, Oct 24: Tomthin Event Management and Solution Services, Wahengbam Leikai, Imphal West is going to organise a reality base beauty contest title "The Manipur Calendar Girl" for the first time in the history of Manipur.

Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, R.K. Reuben, Managing Director of Tomthin Event Management and Solution Services said that the main purpose of the event to bring out a personality, a character who can inspire

people, not only in their looks but one who can characterise the true meaning of women empowerment. The main objective of the event is "Beauty with a purpose".

The Manipur Calendar Girl 2017-2018 is the first event in Manipur and planning to organised the event annually, he added.

Reuben also said that two contestant each will be selected after audition from 12 different places of Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Moirang,

kakching, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, Senapati, Ukhrul, Maram and Chandel in Manipur and will take part in the beauty contest.

The event will be divided into three segments which include talent hunt, games and sports, show promotion, media interaction and program punctuality, etc, he added. Reuben expressed that the beauty contest will strengthen the bond between different communities in the state.

The first audition for the event will be held on October 26, 2017 at Thoubal.

Naga Chiefs Association urges Chief Minister to provide basic requirement before inaugurating 50 bedded Chandel district Hospital

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 24: Naga Chiefs Association Chandel has urged the Chief Minister of Manipur to provide basic requirement of the 50 bedded Chandel District Hospital before inaugurating it. In a statement the association said that inauguration of the 50 bedded district hospital by the chief minister without providing basic facilities will be considered as fooling the public.

While appreciating the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh over

his government commitment to bring equal development in all area both in the valley and Hills and the declaration of the "Go to Hill" motto to bridge the gap of development both valley and Hills the Naga Chiefs Association urged for converting it into action. The statement said that the 50 bedded District Hospital of Chandel which is to be inaugurated by the Chief Minister lack inadequate facilities ad equipments. The Present available equipments

and facilities of the hospital are undated and not fit to be used, it added.

"The basic requirements of the 50 bedded District Hospital are: Colour Doppler ultra sound with TVS probe, Uninterrupted power supply to the hospital (i.e. 250 kilowatts), General Anaesthetic Machine, Dental X-ray, 20 New Beds in the Gynaology Department, ten numbers of Oxygen Cylinder, Operating microscope for ENT, Blood bank or blood storage, ten

numbers of donors specialized in : Medicines, Surgery, Ortho, Radiology, Demontology, Psychiatric, Pathology, etc", the statement said.

It further added that four number of general medical officer, seven numbers of administrative staff, one accountant, one SMO (Senior Medical Officer) two number of sister in Charge, three numbers of drivers, one microbiologist and one outpost of Manipur Police at the Hospital are still vacant.

Sumi Hoho appeals RN. Ravi to bring NSCN-K on board

IT News
Imphal, Oct 24: Sumi Hoho, the apex body of the Sumi community of Nagaland, has appealed to Centre's interlocutor for Naga peace talks, R N Ravi, to take measures at his disposal to bring the NSCN (K) on board.

RN Ravi came yesterday at Nagaland and met the six Naga Political groups at Dimapur yesterday. The center interlocutor for the peace talk with the NSCN-IM is walking out for a solution to the problems of the Naga Issues.

A source said that the center is working out for a solution by December this year as election for the Nagaland state Assembly is scheduled on March next year.

In a representation addressed to interlocutor, Sumi Hoho and Western Sumi Hoho said that while

the talks seemed to be heading in the right direction, leaving out the Naga National Political Group out of the ambit of the talks could become partial success, which could be even disastrous for the Nagas. Further, pointing out that the term of current Nagaland Legislative Assembly was nearing completion, the Hoho said while the people were earnestly anticipating permanent solution, imposing election at this juncture could lead to differences of opinion and could even affect the ongoing talks. Therefore, the Hoho opined that the forthcoming general election be deferred so that smooth transition to any alternative arrangement could take place.

Awareness on handloom and handicraft held at Khekman



IT News
Thoubal, Oct. 24: A One Day Awareness programme on Handlooms and Handicrafts Delivery Scheme and MUDRA Scheme was held today at Khekman Mayai Leikai Community hall in Thoubal District.

Speaking on the occasion, General Manager of DIC Thoubal, K. Rohenkumar Singh said MUDRA loan scheme was first launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 8 this year as "Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)". Under MUDRA loan scheme, there are three parts which have been named as 'Shishu', 'Kishor' and 'Tarun' to signify the stage of growth or development and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit or entrepreneur. Shishu covers loans up to Rs 50,000, Kishor covers above Rs 50,000 to 5 lakh and Tarun covers loans above Rs 5 lakh to 10 lakh.

The loan facilities is for everyone irrespective of their religion, caste or creed, he added. For development of handloom and handicraft products skill labours are

needed, he said. To bring up more skilled labours skill development programme will be organised in wide range for the welfare of the people, Rohenkumar added. Project Manager (H/L) District Office of Handloom & Textiles, Thoubal, Ch. Tombi Devi and Asst. Director (Weaving) of Weavers Service Centre Imphal, Ch. Randhoni Devi also attended the function as president and guest of honour, respectively. Ch Tombi Devi Project Manager explained that the one day awareness programme has been organised for the women weavers and to spread awareness about how to easily procure the requisite material like threads and other items for weaving, easy ways to sell the finished products in the market and how to easily procure necessary loans from banks and financial institutions.

The awareness programme was organised by District Office of Handlooms and textiles Thoubal Under the Sponsorship of Directorate of Handlooms & Textiles Govt. of Manipur.