

## FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 kicks off today

**Imphal, Oct 6:** The biggest football extravaganza for India, FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 kicks off today with four opening day matches to be played in Delhi and Mumbai. Two Matches between Colombia and Ghana at 5 p.m. and Hosts India and the

USA at 8 p.m. will be played at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Dr. DY Patil stadium in Navi Mumbai will be the venue for matches between New Zealand and Turkey and Paraguay and Mali. This is the first time that India will be participating in

a FIFA World Cup. In all 24 teams are participating, and 52 matches will be held in six city venues across the country upto 28th October. The event will be watched by a global audience of 200 million. Football minnows India stand on the cusp of history

as they make their debut in a FIFA event against USA, which is known for its man-to-man marking. India are placed in a tough Group A along with United States, Colombia and two-time champions Ghana. USA are the clear favourites in the Group, but India would

enjoy the home advantage in today's match. Indian coach De Matos has said his focus would be on strong defence and not to concede goals. His strategy would be to rely on smooth and swift transitions from defence to offence and hit on the counter-attacks.

## Manipuri football fans set screen at various places to witness the much awaited U-17 FIFA World Cup



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** With 8 players from the state in the Indian squad playing the U-17 FIFA World Cup 2017 hosted for the first time the

country, football euphoria has spread far and wide across the state particularly in Imphal area. Fans and lovers set stage to watch the historic match in groups and various places initiated by local clubs. The Indian team will clash the United States at Jawahar Nehru Stadium, New Delhi at 8 pm today. Ghana and Columbia will play the match at 5 pm at the same stadium. Of the 21 Indian squads

almost 80% of the players are from poor families. Most parents had almost lost hope witnessing the historic event of their wards. The parents of the 8 players from the state who had lost hope of witnessing the match, were lucky enough to get kind hearted footballer like Renedy who is initiating all the expenses of the parents along with supports from many like him and others in

witnessing their wards playing the historic event. Manipur have reason to be more enthusiastic. Son of the soil Amarjit Singh Kiyam, midfielder will lead the team as captain. Other players from the state representing India are Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem (Goalkeeper), Jackson Singh Thounaojam (Midfielder), Boris Singh Thangjam (Defender), Md Shah Jahan (Midfielder),

Nongdamba Naorem (Midfielder), Suresh Singh Wangjam (Midfielder) and Ningthoinganba meetei (Midfielder). India has been listed in Group A against USA, Columbia and Ghana. The national team head coach, Luis Norton de Matos was reportedly very confident of his team and said that the team will not give up under any circumstances.

## Tripartite Talk: Center now throw the ball to State

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** State government is now put between the devil and the deep blue sea when it comes to the tripartite talk between UNC, Central govt. and the state govt. which was held today at Senapati district head quarter. The UNC still stands with its demands for roll back of the new district creation, on the other hand the state government is left with no

choice but to stand in favour of the district creation as it is for administrative convenience. Meanwhile, Satyendra Garg, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in-charge of Northeast, who chaired the talk had earlier said that the center has nothing to do with the solution of the talk as it is the state government which had to take the decision.

## 12 hours Tml dist. bandh on Oct 11 called

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** Tamenglong & Longmai (Noney) District Citizens' Welfare Forum has threatened to call total shut down of NH-37 and ban of all national Projects being taken up in both the districts on October 11 over government failures to make functional of the Autonomous District Council Tamenglong. A press statement of the forum said that a memorandum regarding the defunct state of the Autonomous District Council Tamenglong has been submitted to the Chief Minister of Manipur on September 24, later an ultimatum has also been

served on October 5 for addressing the issue, however no intimation has been made from the state government. The statement said that in view of the stagment issue the NH-37 shall be blocked from all vehicular movement on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017 (6:00 am to 6:00 pm) and thereby Halt all National Projects whatsoever active along the Highway. The forum further added that the incumbent Council has already faced a No-Confidence motion in March 2017 and the resignation of the Vice Chairman and four other executives has also been made public.

## Doctor blamed again over the death of patient

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** Doctors at Bishnupur District Hospital are blamed again for the death of a lady patient at the hospital yesterday evening. Relatives and friend of the deceased lady vandalised the hospital and demanded immediate punishment of the doctor whom they said is responsible for the death of the patient. Report said that a lady identified as Naorem Ongbi Premila Devi (Aged about 48 years), wife of Naorem Rameshwar of Thoubal Mayai Leikai in Bishnupur district was admitted yesterday evening at around 6.20 pm. The husband of the deceased lady said that doctors assigned on duty did not attend her wife even though they reported it to be serious. The lady died at around 7 pm.

## Thoubal District Polling Personnel Reach Stations, Voting to begin at 8 am tomorrow

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct.6:** Polling personnel of Thoubal District detailed for duty of the 5th General Panchayat Election have reached their respective polling stations. Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal L.Nabakishwor has appealed to all the voters to exercise their right to adult franchise ethically without any sense of fear. Adequate security measures have been taken up in and around all the 310 polling stations in Thoubal District where polling would be held from 8 am to 4 pm tomorrow. The election will be conducted at two block Lilong Block and Thoubal Block. The official source said that at Lilong block a total of 17155 male voters and 18,496 female voters

will exercise their franchise. For Thoubal block the total voter is 129444 of which 45421 are female voters and 48372 are male voters. At Thoubal block a total of 23 Zilla Parishad candidates, 56 Pradhan Candidates and 346 member candidates are in the fray. For Lilong Block 10 Zilla Parishad Candidates, 23 Pradhan candidates and 178 members candidates are in the fray. Voting will be conducted at 310 Polling Station for the district. Out of this 101 are declared hyper sensitive, 144 are declared sensitive and 65 are normal. A total of 1860 polling personnel will be utilised, 6 each at each polling station. Its said that all preparation for strong room and counting has been completed. On the other hand police are

apprehensive of outlawed organisation interfering the poll. Police Source said that security measures has been beefed up following information about the possible intervention by outlawed. It's said for each polling station 10 police personnel including two unarmed women police, 2 unarmed male police and 6 armed police will be deployed. Meanwhile, a control room has been opened in the office of the state election Commission at DC Imptnl West office complex, Lamphelat. Said a release All communication related to the 5th general panchayat election may be made at the control room telephone numbers 0385 2414983 and 0385 2414984, it's said.

## ATUM clarifies, says no criminal activities by NSCN-IM at Pallel area

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** Reacting to a statement by RT. Akhel Aimol, Tuikhang Village, Bishenpur district through local media President of Aimol Tribe Union Manipur (ATUM) S. Munthureng and his collective Staff today said that there wasn't any sort of alleged criminal activities like, demand, extortion, ransom, etc. perpetrated on the innocent villagers, esp. the Aimol employees allegedly by the NSCN (IM) cadre at Aimol Villages of Pallel and Tengnoupal, as claimed by TR. Akhel. "In fact, the former (employees) have no idea about such harassment committed on them. The statement was totally false and baseless. It is warned that he shouldn't continue to act or

spew venomous propaganda under the instigation of some vested interests. By doing so, he is only keeping the lives of the innocent villagers and Aimol employees at risk, also crippling and entangling their liberties—to be seen, as if they are challenging the nation. Besides he is inviting unnecessary trouble and confusion to tarnish the image of the Aimol populace and disrupt the calm and still atmosphere within the Aimol area, Pallel. He is trying to mislead the general public esp., the state Govt. in the wrong light", a press statement of the Union said. The statement also alleged TR. Akhel of self contradictory when he said that community cannot be altered—neither Naga nor Kuki as he has been

elected/appointed Vice President of Kuki Inpi, Manipur (KIM), on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, current year.

## Nungba bandh

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** Vehicular movement along the Imphal-Jiribam road (NH-37) was severely disturbed as villagers from Rengam Village under Nungba Police station today blocked road in front of the Nungba Police station demanding arrest of the truck which hit a father and son while riding a two wheeler bike yesterday evening. Dominic - a school teacher succumbed to his injury while his son survives. Vehicles at both sides were stranded till late evening today.

## SEACO to observe Sanamahi revivalism day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 6:** South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) is observing Revivalism movement of Sanamahi Religion and paying of tribute to the ancestors who were awarded by the then Brahma Sabha for following indigenous Sanamahi religion on October 31 at Pakhangba Community Hall at Luwangsangbam. SEACO in a press statement appeals all civil bodies of individuals not to call any bandh or blockade on Oct 30 and 31. The organisation also appeals individuals or organisation to extend monetary help for organising the event.

## The forbidden love between a Bangladeshi and a Rohingya

**Siam Sarower Jamil, IT Correspondent**  
**Dhaka, Oct 6:** Foyzul Islam and Hafsa Bibi fled from the Rakhine state of Myanmar to Bangladesh with over 500,000 other Rohingyas, including their 18-year-old daughter Rafiza. Lost and afraid in the hustle and bustle of the camp, they decided to try their luck elsewhere in the country. They fled to Singair in Manikganj, near the capital on September 14. The family took up shelter in the house of a local Muslim cleric. But as word spread of Rohingyas refugees hiding in the village, people flocked to see them—the victims of ethnocide in a neighbouring country. Shoaib Hossain Jewel was among the curious onlookers. A 25-year-old who was teaching at a madrasa in Jatrabari of Dhaka, he felt his heart stirring at the sight of Rafiza. As per the regulations, the Rohingyas were rounded up by law enforcement and sent back to the refugee camp in Kutupalong. Little did they know, they were driving away with the heart of this lovestruck madrasa teacher. Shoaib followed his love to Teknaf. He searched camp after camp, spoke to hundreds of people, and finally tracked down Rafiza. He asked her parents for her hand, and in



defiance of the 2014 ban on marrying Rohingyas by the government, he married her. But of course, like every cliché love story, theirs had to have an overwhelming obstacle to overcome. How does one sneak a Rohingya bride out of the camp, when the army had been tasked to take over administrative duties? On September 21, a teacher coalition from Singair went to

Teknaf to provide relief. Shoaib hid Rafiza under a burkha and joined the group on their way back to Manikganj on September 23. But the thrill was not over just yet, Shoaib and Rafiza went into hiding after returning, afraid of government retribution. Shoaib's family, although delighted by the prospect of their son getting married, remained quiet. A teacher who was part of the aid group that sneaked out Rafiza admitted to the matter. The local UP chairman also confirmed the matter. Singair police now remain on the lookout for this couple on the run. This is the first known marriage between a Bangladeshi and a Rohingya after the August 2017 crisis broke out in Rakhine. The military crackdown by the Myanmar army has forced over 507,000 Rohingyas to flee to Bangladesh and thousands more are feared dead in what is being called a modern-day genocide or ethnic cleansing. The marriage ban was issued by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs in July 2014 after the Cox's Bazar district administration proposed a legal measure to prevent Rohingyas from assuming Bangladesh citizenship by marrying into the country.